



Nordic Kennel Union

NKU/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) MEETING

15.10.2025

MINUTES

Reykjavik, Iceland

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Participants:

DKK	Lise Møller Frandsen Jens Glavind
FKK	Eeva Anttinen Pirjo Onza
HRFI	Erna S. Ómarsdóttir Herdís Hallmarsdóttir, item 1-7 Ágústa Pétursdóttir
NKK	Nils-Erik Haagenrud Linda Stensrud Ingvild Bretten Berg,
SKK	Eva Liljekvist Borg Ulf Uddman Kjell Svensson, Secretary



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Agenda items:

- 1) Opening of the meeting
- 2) Election of the persons to adjust the minutes
- 3) Approval of the agenda
- 4) Approval of the minutes from the last meeting on April 10^h, 2025
- 5) Update of the to do list
- 6) Proposal from the working group about NKU Framework for Cooperation
- 7) SKK/NKK/ Collaboration on AI development for health screening, with reference to the Swedish project
- 8) DKK/Judge allocation for dog shows
- 9) HRFÍ/Approved breeder/Breeder of merit
- 10) HRFÍ/Veterinarian certificates at events
- 11) FKK/How Anti-Doping is organized in each country.
- 12) SKK/NKU Website
- 13) SKK/EU welfare legislation for dogs and cats
- 14) Report from each country regarding welfare issues
- 15) Minutes NKU Rally Obedience Committee 10.07.2025
- 16) Reports from each country about the current situation regarding economy, members, registrations, health issues, legislations and contacts with governments and authorities.
- 17) Any other business
- 18) Next meetings 2026
- 19) Closing of the meeting



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30) Opening of the meeting

Eva Liljekvist Borg, SKK, opened the meeting.

31) Election of the persons to adjust the minutes

Each Kennel Club reviews the minutes in turn.

This time it's headed to DKK.

32) Approval of the agenda

The agenda is approved with two additions from NKU Show Group under any other business.

33) Approval of the minutes from the last meeting on April 10th, 2025

The minutes from the NKU Executive Committee on April 10th, 2025, was approved.

34) Proposal from the working group about NKU Framework for Cooperation

Herdís Hallmarsdóttir delivered a comprehensive presentation of the working group's proposal regarding the structure and guiding principles for the NKU Framework for Cooperation.

The proposal was discussed in detail, and certain adjustments were made.

A revised version of the proposal will be prepared by Herdís and subsequently presented by each country to their respective boards for formal approval. The aim is for the NKU Framework to enter into force on 1 January 2026.

Each country will submit the names of their delegates for each NKU committee to the Secretariat no later than by the end of the year.

Herdís will be responsible for ensuring that each NKU committee receives an introduction to the new framework and guidance on how the work is to be conducted in accordance with it from 2026 onwards.



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35) **Update of the to do list**

The to-do list was updated, and new items will be added from this meeting then the minutes are ready.

NKU/EC **decided** that the Secretariat for the NKU Scientific Committee will follow the country who has the NKU Secretariat from 2028.

36) **SKK/NKK/ Collaboration on AI development for health screening, with reference to the Swedish project**

Ulf Uddman presented the current status of the project being conducted in collaboration with the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) in Stockholm, regarding the possibility of reading HD X-ray images using AI.

All countries expressed a positive view of the project and will now bring the matter of contributing X-ray images back to their respective boards for consideration.

An agreement outlining the forms of cooperation, including GDPR compliance, needs to be developed based on the existing agreement between SKK and KTH.

37) **DKK/Judge allocation for dog shows**

Jens Glavind raised the issue of how the various countries regulate the proportion of judges at a dog shows who come from the home country, from the Nordic region, and from the rest of the world. Denmark applies the principal of 1/3 Danish judges, 1/3 Nordic judges, and 1/3 judges from the rest of the world.

All countries reported that they apply similar principles for quality assurance purposes.

NKU/EC **expressed** a positive view of the countries applying this type of recommendation.

38) **HRFÍ/Approved breeder/Breeder of merit**

Erna Ómarsdóttir raised the question if the Nordic kennel clubs have a system for breeders to reach a certain status/approval from the kennel club, and if so, how does your system work?



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An exchange of information regarding the current practices and systems in each country was carried out.

39) HRFÍ/Vet certificates at events

Erna Ómarsdóttir raised the question if veterinary certificates pre-approved/sent in before events? Are they just shown at the event by the owner/handler? Have you experienced falsified certificates?

An exchange of information regarding the current rules and practices in each country was carried out.

40) FKK/How Anti-Doping is organized in each country.

A discussion took place concerning the anti-doping work in each country.

NKU/EC **decided** to give the CEO-group an assignment to find ways of an increased cooperation between the NKU countries concerning the anti-doping work.

41) SKK/NKU Website

The development of the NKU website was discussed.

The NKU Communication group will also see how the NKU website can be used and developed. The group's recommendations will be handled by the CEO-group.

It was clarified that SKK has responsibility for the website platform, but the NKU Secretariat has the duty to provide updated information to the website.

42) SKK/EU welfare legislation for dogs and cats

All countries reported on their work with the new coming EU legislation.

43) Report from each country regarding welfare issues

Denmark

DKK reported the implementation of new national legislation based on coming EU regulations, which now apply to all dogs, not only pedigree dogs. DKK has already aligned its practices with the EU legislation.



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Sweden

SKK highlighted a constructive dialogue with both governmental authorities and animal welfare organizations. SKK will have a meeting with the Swedish Board of Agriculture about how to implement the new coming EU legislation. The Agriculture Board has a special focus on the BOAS problem.

Iceland

HRFÍ held its first meeting with the national animal welfare organization. The club's internal regulations are stricter than current national legislation. It has become more difficult to import dogs from abroad, and there is a ban on transporting dogs in cabin on flights.

Finland

FKK reported ongoing engagement with the Ministry regarding the coming EU legislation. Collaboration within the K8 group continues, focusing on harmonizing approaches to the coming EU regulations on animal welfare.

Norway

NKK seeks better cooperating with animal welfare organizations and governmental bodies. Work is underway to integrate a new database combining dog identification and veterinary record systems. NKK is positioning itself as a national dog owner association and is responsible for registering all dogs.

44) Minutes NKU Rally Obedience Committee 10.07.2025

The content of the minutes was noted, and no questions were asked.

45) Reports from each country about the current situation regarding economy, members, registrations, health issues, legislations and contacts with governments and authorities.

Denmark

DKK is engaged in strategic development aimed at enhancing welfare and modernizing the organization. While income has declined, participation in activities and dog sports is increasing significantly.

Finland

FKK is conducting strategic planning for the period 2027–2032, with a focus on welfare and breeder support. The General Assembly will be held in November. Membership numbers have decreased, and cost-saving measures are being implemented.



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Iceland

HRFI reported a positive financial situation and an increase in membership. Electronic membership cards have been introduced. The club maintains active contact with authorities. Discussions are ongoing regarding housing regulations, with hopes that the current ban on pets in apartments will be lifted.

Norway

NKK is developing a strategic plan for the next four years. A survey has been distributed to member clubs to gather input on responsibilities at both club and central levels.

Sweden

SKK has elected a new board at the General Assembly in September. The European Dog Show will be held in Stockholm the first weekend in September 2026. The financial situation is now stable, and significant IT investments have been made in recent years.

46) Any other business

a) Proposal from NKU Show Group

NORDIC SHOW CHAMPION FOR THE PROHIBITED BREEDS.

We need to specify the rules for the prohibited breeds regarding becoming Nordic Show Champion, applied in Finland and Sweden.

NKU Show group decided that they need to win a new certificate **after** 1 January 2026, regardless of if they already have 3 certificates in 2 countries.

This applies to breeds that are prohibited in Norway and Denmark.

NKU/EC **decided** to approve the proposal.

b) Proposal from NKU Show Group

Nordic Dog of the year

A proposal was raised by the NKU Show Group about introducing a new competition for the Nordic dog breeds.

NKU Show group has made some clarification regarding the competition for Nordic breeds.

- The competition is only meant to be at the *Nordic Winner Show*, once every year.
- The breeds that can compete are the Nordic dog breeds that has participated at the show and has won Best of Breed.
- The competition is taking place in the finale/main ring, where the judge places the best dogs 1-4.



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- The winner is announced Best Nordic Dog of the Year.
- The purpose is to market our Nordic breeds.

NKU/EC **decided** to approve the proposal and that it will start from the Nordic Winner Show 2026 in Finland.

47) Next meetings during 2026

NKU/EC **decided** on the following meeting dates for 2026.

Thursday 16 of April online at 10 am Swedish time.

Wednesday 7 October in Denmark at 9 am Danish time.

NKU/EC **assigned** the CEO-group to make plans for the meeting dates for 2027.

48) Closing of the meeting

Eva Liljekvist Borg closed the meeting and thanked everyone for a good constructive meeting.