

Outcrossing to Another Breed to Correct Health Problems.

When a breed runs into deep health problems, one of the ways to correct such problems is to breed out to another related breed that does not have that problem, *when there is no other choice*. The Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) allows this. I have asked a contact who wants to do this with his breed what the FCI rules are for such cases, following an official request with the FCI.

In France one needs to have the puppies of the first cross confirmed and registered in first generation (Registre Initial). They will not be able to participate in shows. The following 2 generations will be able to participate in national shows for CACs (Certificat d'Aptitude au Championat) in countries which accept incomplete pedigrees, such as France and Germany but not Switzerland. Finally the 4th generation will be able to compete in international shows for CACIBs (Certificate d' Aptitude au Championat International de Beauté), including Switzerland.

This concerns only 1 official outcross to an outside breed followed by breeding back to the breed one is working with and trying to help

So, for example, this is how it would work if someone decides to do *an officially FCI sanctioned* outcross of Sloughi to Saluki, to improve Sloughis' health.....although of course we all know there would be no need whatsoever to do such a thing as the population of genuine Sloughis still exists in North Africa.

This is the scenario for one such outcross

Sloughi x Saluki: 50% Saluki blood, 50% Sloughi blood (Registre Initial, no shows)

Generation 2: 25 % Saluki blood, 75% Sloughi blood (possible national shows CAC)

Generation 3: 12.5 % Saluki blood, 87.5% Sloughi blood (possible national shows CAC)

Generation 4: 6.25% Saluki Blood, 93.75% Sloughi blood (international shows CACIB)

The 6.25% allowed for international championship shows seems to me to be the percentage the Deutscher Windhundzucht-und Rennverband (DWZRV-German Sighthound Association) relies on to forbid breeding to "Sloughis" with too much Saluki blood in Germany.

To my knowledge, the breeders of the original Saluki x Sloughi crosses never followed these rules. They just took it upon themselves to declare the smooth Saluki to be a Sloughi, culling many feathered puppies in their subsequent litters in the process. One of the 2 Salukis in question was removed from the Swiss Studbook after it was discovered that his sister was registered as Saluki because she was feathered: Laba'An II al Khalij, bred by John Burchard in Saudi Arabia (owners Leimbacher/Oechslin)

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