

GERMANY

The re-admission of white boxer in breeding finds obstacles by opposers who are leveraging on a decision taken by the Boxer Club in Munich beginning 2012 and this by abusing of such a decision. In fact according to this resolution the opposers declare that Germans would have closed the matter of the white boxer.

We, Italian Boxer Club (I.B.C.), are firmly convinced that the question of the white Boxer is still opened until a solution will be found; since we cannot accept that a breed like the Boxer has 25% destruction of its genetic just BECAUSE OF THE COLOUR, since a quarter of puppies are sold to families hence precluded by the chance of breeding, in addition to the fact that they are sold to an deflated cost.

According to these rumors the Italian Boxer Club, insisting on the futility to maintain this exclusion that sounds anachronistic, would be against Germany. So, let's clarify...

The re-admissions of the color white in the breed standards was put on the agenda by Germany. The conditions were fixed by evaluating 25 trial matings with one of the parent of white color (the sire or the dam). At the beginning of January 2012 (date scheduled for discussing the agenda) the matings were not been done, hence the procedure was closed and archived.

We inform you that in Germany before putting a subject in breeding the ZTP certificate is required, brevet that is rather hard and expensive, therefore it is not surprising if the professional German breeders – in reason of an uncertain result by using a white parent – have preferred to do the matings in breeding between colored Boxer; but this is not what we want to discuss.

What is important to put in evidence it is that the decision taken was not in reason of the fact that there were negative elements to avoid in breeding the mates with a Boxer of white color. Hence, it is not true to state that Germany closed the matter, that is still on, Germany closed just a procedure. Therefore, it may be possible that the matter can be discussed again and may be with different criteria.

Whilst in Germany the Boxers of white color are allowed to participate either at breed shows or competitions and are judged even at high levels, as well as in many other countries of the Central Europe such as Switzerland, Slovak Republic and the Netherlands, in Italy the situation is different, since the only breed shows and competitions which allow the admission of the Boxer of white color are those held by the Italian Boxer Club and this starting from 2006, just a little bit before than in Germany. What to say: that the Italian Boxer Club (I.B.C.) is not in accordance with the German standards!!

Whilst in Germany all the puppies get a regular pedigree, in Italy most breeders still pretend that they are not born and avoid to declare the new birth of a "non-standard color".

Also, it is not true that Germany has evaluated the matings of the Boxers with white coat better than the Italian Boxer Club (the German breeders did not reach the target of 25 matings); since in Italy the matings with Boxers of white color are in a number higher than the expected 25 trial matings. It is also true that such matings have not been done with subjects which have got the ZTP certificate, and due to this

there are harsh criticism. Not even in Italy all the subjects designated to matings have the ZTP certificate!!! Come on...

However, it is not necessary that the subject has achieved a Working Class Certification (WCC) to assess the impact of the color of coat in breeding. And then in regard to both the morphology and the health, in face of many cases now available, you can easily draw your conclusion and debunk old lies.

Also it is not true the statement that mating a Boxer of white color will bring the breed all white nor will increase the number of white litters. On the contrary the litters born by mating a Boxer with white coat are for the most colored, because the best mating is white X solid (colored whitout white marks). The mating white X solid, it is useful to underline this, results to be the only one that grants the 100% of colored puppies with the exact proportion of white color which is well appreciated either in breed shows or competitions, against the 50% in litters born between colored Boxers . It is also important to say that most breeders have a percentage from a 20% to a 30% of white puppies. Puppies born having one white parent or both parents of white color are morphologically equal to those born from colored Boxers. The welfare of the dog is the same of those born from colored Boxers. If they are colored, are not affected by genetic deafness. If they are white, they can exceptionally suffer from genetic deafness as white puppies born from Boxers said to be of standard color. We do hope that these simple evidences, which are supported by many cases can be well understood firstly from our staff, and then from those people who loves the breed, as well as the Boxer Club in Munich and E.N.C.I (The National Board of Italian cynophiles). Also may be that in the next 20 years the Italian breeders can understand this all.

Thank you for your time.

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