Association Technique Internationale du Boxer



To the Danish Boxer Club

November 4, 2019

Dear Madam/Sir,

We have noticed that false and/or untrue information about the ATIBOX organization and about elected persons in the ATIBOX organization have been published on the Danish Boxer Club's website. The Chairman of the Danish Boxer Club is responsible to ensure that factual information is published and not information such as "we have heard" ("vi har hørt"), which your Chairman admitted had subsequently been mailed. It is regrettable if you do not understand how serious this is?!

The same post has been published four times under "News Atibox" ("nyheter Atibox). The first one on 30.09.2019 and thereafter with content adjustments on 04.10.2019 and 6.10.2019, but without the date of 30.09.2019 being updated. The fourth and most recent adjustment was published on 10.10.2019. Under the heading "Atibox 30.09.2019" one could read false and/or untrue information, which for anyone who reads it, will be perceived as criticism of the former Treasurer and Auditors of ATIBOX. After a strong reaction from the Treasurer and the Auditors via email to you, the content of your article was adjusted four times!!! This, without publicly stating that the criticism was not directed at them!

One can read in the first article dated 30-09-19; quote: "For years we have seen Atibox crumble, general assemblies which have not been held, messed up the accounts, countries being able to vote on behalf of each other, and there has been corruption and a whole lot of other things that would have been totally unacceptable under the auspices of the BK" ("Vi har i årevis set Atibox smuldre, der er generalförsamlingar som ikke har varet avholdt, rod i regnskaberne, lande kan stemme på vegne af hinanden og der er tale om korruption og en hel masse andre ting som ville have vaeret helt uacceptabelt i BK regi"). These serious allegations are not only an accusation directed against the former ATIBOX Presidium, but also against the former Treasurer and Auditors as well as the entire ATIBOX organization.

One might ask the question, why your delegate at ATIBOX General Assembly has not previously pointed out and acted on the above statements? Furthermore, your delegate left the General Assembly in Oradea 2019 in protest! This, if anything is a case of having withholding information from the Danish Boxer Club and a misconduct of a trust assignment for the Danish Boxer Club. Or, the Danish Boxer Club was perhaps already informed about your delegate's activities in the spring prior to and during the General Assembly in Oradea? If so, is this a democratic approach of the Danish Boxer Club?

We are really concerned about your unfounded statements with false and/or untrue information about the ATIBOX organization, the former Treasurer Knut Persen and the Auditors Maritha Östlund Holmsten and Rediun Grätz. No, your claims are groundless and unacceptable, but also insulting. During their period, the ATIBOX account was secured and its financial management became orderly and fully transparent, which may not have been the case in previous years!

We have had sight of the email exchange between you and Maritha Östlund Holmsten, Knut Persen and Reidun Grätz. All three have taken great offense at the allegations and false statements of them as Treasurer and Auditors. We expect that they will receive a public apology from the Danish Boxer Club for the serious allegations, that we perceive as an accusation from you that they have been negligent in their roles as Treasurer and Auditors. Maritha Östlund Holmsten is a Member of the Swedish Kennel Club Central Board, as well as SKK's second Vice-Chairman and now also the SKK's delegate in the FCI Show Commission and in the NKU, and to be under the suspicion of any of the above is very serious.

We would like to point out that this is also a violation of the EU General Data Protection Regulation, and we hope you understand the seriousness of what you have published on your website!

Finally, in the introduction of the last edition of the article dated 10.10.2019, information was published from a meeting on September 20 with the BK Munich, including the following statement: "In other words, Atibox has existed for many years without approval by the FCI. It is now the question whether FCI will still continue to support Atibox, now that the breed's parent country Germany is leaving Atibox, as stated in the Convention " ("Altså har Atibox eksisteret i mange år uden "godkendelse" af FCI. Spørgsmålet er nu om FCI stadig vil støtte Atibox når nu racens hjemland Tyskland træder ud af Atibox, hvilket fremgår af Konventionen").

For your information, there is an existing agreement between the Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI) and the Association Technique Internationale du Boxer (ATIBOX) and there is no requirement to have BK Sitz Münich as a member of ATIBOX mentioned at all.

We understand very well that in the dark ages, ignorance and misinformation's are ruling. We do not want that in ATIBOX nor in the boxer world. Therefore, we deeply believe that you should consider assessing and seriously evaluate Danish Boxer Club's delegate's activities prior to, during and after the General Assembly in Oradea, especially in regard to the untrue and/or false information published on Danish Boxer Club's webpage.

With best regards,

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