

HUNGARIAN KUVASZ BREED ASSOCIATION

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First International Kuvasz Breeding Conference

INVITATION

*The government-endorsed Hungarian Kuvasz Breed Association (MKFE) will hold its first International Kuvasz Breeding Conference from **September 13 to 15, 2019***

The Hungarian Kuvasz Breed Association (MKFE) kindly welcomes all domestic and foreign Kuvasz breeders, experts, and also dog breeders who are planning to breed Kuvasz dogs.

The programme will include discussions on timely issues regarding Kuvasz breeding, from health issues (relative breeding, in-breeding, cancer screening, natural and artificial reproduction) through feeding and keeping practices and raising a litter to sharing negative experiences and news on socialising and training as well as the question of the utility and usability of the Kuvasz.

A common strategy must be drafted at the international level in order to promote the Kuvasz and raise its stock levels. Constructive cooperation (e.g. events) with breeders, associations and organisations from Hungary, the birthplace of the Kuvasz breed, Europe and other continents.

Genetic research adds science to breeding. How can genetics and science in general help in passing on favourable traits such as good health or cognitive skills? The question will be answered by a researcher well versed in the field.

The International Kuvasz Breeding Conference may facilitate a preservation of the Kuvasz breed for present and future generations, both through disclosing scientific achievements and by making use of the breeding experiences of others.

The Kuvasz is a dying breed and needs a broad cooperation in Hungary and abroad to survive. We are looking for new jobs for the Kuvasz as a working dog where it could be used with success.

The misconceptions and bad publicity surrounding the breed must also be dispelled. The International Kuvasz Breeding Conference could also gain some ground in this respect.

We are respectfully and kindly calling upon foreign speakers who would hold a presentation on the breeding results and experiences of their respective countries, on the progress of relevant research, and on the general situation of the Kuvasz in their country (with regard to *health, training, keeping, feeding, working, etc.*) or on any other topic connected to breeding.

Our Association will provide accommodations for two nights and full catering (full-day on the 13th and 14th and breakfast and lunch on the 15th) for one speaker per country.

Please submit your application along with the topic of your talk by **March 31, 2019**

at: talizman848@gmail.com

Location and venue: Kincsem Equine Park, Tápiószentmárton, 2711 Sőregi út 1,

We are of course gladly welcoming all other guests and interested parties, who can reserve accommodations by calling

Gábor Bozsik on the phone between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on +36 20 595 2058

E-mail: kincsemlovaspark@gmail.com

If you would like to bring a dog along, please let Mr. Bozsik know at the time of making your reservation.

Catering for guests will not be provided and is available individually in the excellent restaurant on site.



Planned programme of the International Kuvasz Breeding Conference

September 13, 2019 /Friday/ Arrival

At 5p.m. standing reception to welcome domestic and foreign speakers, breeders and other invited guests. Introductions, networking.

Free participation!

September 14, 2019 /Saturday/ Professional day /Continuous talks in the morning, afternoon and evening/

9 a.m.: Opening speech, introducing domestic and foreign speakers, outlining the daily programme.

From 9:15: Talks

13.00 to 14.45: break

14.15: *talks continue* /Roundtable discussions, debates on talks/

19.00-19.45: break

20.00: Screening a film made about the work of the Kuvasz. /Original environment, sports, popular demonstrations/ Q&A session.

Participation at the professional day costs EUR 20 including lunch.

The programme may be attended with a ticket. Payments to be made at the event.

Participation requires registration in advance at: talizman848@gmail.com

Information in English can be given at: pischoffkati@gmail.com

September 15, 2019 /Sunday/

Free attendance

9.00: Kuvasz demonstration /agility, obedience, bravery/

From 9:30: Detailed practical demonstration of the breeder parade of the Hungarian Kuvasz Breed Association, *with voice-over* in Hungarian, German and English. The judgements will be interpreted and explained.

Measurements /e.g. weight, height, depth and width of chest, length and width of head, etc./

Appearance: Detailed evaluation of appearance, in standing and moving postures, with an eye to the breeder parade.

Behaviour: Evaluation of Basic Temperament with the eight prescribed tests and the two bravery trials, as well as demonstrating relaxation skills. Guests will also have an opportunity to discuss the spectacle.

In case a foreign guest brings along a Kuvasz, it can be entered into the breeder parade, but please let us know beforehand. We can admit a maximum of five applications, as examinations take considerable time.

Optional programmes on site include: the Kincsem Equine Park, horseriding, horse carriage rides in the countryside, traditional equestrian demonstration.

On behalf of the board of the Hungarian Kuvasz Breed Association,

Ferenc Pischoff,

President of MKFE

December 9, 2018