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Dear Mrs. Hurabova,

At the end of July and beginning of August the Tervueren female Nathalia Mia Sixty Six born in the Czech Republic at kennel "Sixty Six" from breeder Mrs. Kuncmanova and owned by Mrs. Tihelkove has been mated to the male Multi Ch. Storm de Bruine Buck. Breed by my parents and me and owned by Johan and Anita Neervoort (official owner on pedigree is J. Neervoort).

A few days ago we got an email from the owner of Nathalia that there had been born 6 Tervueren puppies. We were very shocked by this result because we know that Storm is homozygote for his black colour and cannot produce Tervueren. This is what I answered to the owner and also told her that I was very sorry for them because they took much effort for this mating and now they have a litter that is not from Storm. Because I was feeling sorry I offered them a new mating from Storm without paying stud fee. I also did this because the first mating Storm didn't produce puppies with Nathalia. I also told them that these puppies can not be registered as Storm puppies without DNA test.

I thought we could easily clear this matter by doing a DNA test and asked the foreman of your breeding committee Hana Picarsikova to contact the owner/breeder of this female to arrange this. At first I didn't want to get involved in this and thought the breeder would take his responsibility for his breeding and doesn't want these puppies registered with the wrong pedigree, what would be fraud.

To my extremely big surprise I heard that the breeder is not willing to cooperate with DNA test only under absurd conditions. In stead of that she was saying nasty things about us, that is fantasy from me Storm is homozygote and that we would probably changed males etc. and that they are the ones that are victim in this case.

Unfortunately they messed up by (probably by accident and even without knowing) letting another male mate with Nathalia. Both I and the owner of Storm can not do anything about that and now I have to take a lot of effort to clear things out. The fact that the breeder of Nathalia doesn't want to cooperate in this means that she knows something is wrong and they don't want the truth to come out. I heard from Hana that the club even wants to pay for the test so there is nothing in the way to clear this matter. I have nothing to hide so I want to cooperate with DNA testing where I can, but I am not going to pay for this test because of the mistake of someone else.

I will tell you why I am convinced Storm is homozygote for his black colour. Storm has done a lot of matings and three of them are with females that proved to be heterozygote because they produced Tervueren with other males.

- Ginger de Bruine Buck (5 black females and 4 black males)
- Ivy Cleo du Bâton Tiroir (5 black females and 2 black males)
- Black Hawkwind's Onatop (1 black male and 1 black female)

So Storm produced 18 black puppies and no Tervueren with proven heterozygote females. With some knowledge of genetic and math there is a change of $(3/4)^{18}$ that all these puppies are black without Storm being homozygote.

When Storm would be heterozygote and the father of this litter (what he is not) there is only a change of $(1/2)^6$ that all puppies of this litter are Tervueren. You understand that the change that both events would happen is out of the question.

Above that Storm has mated several females that have only been mated to Storm or other homozygote black males that for the lines might be heterozygote. From these females normally a certain percentage is heterozygote what the change for Storm being the father of those puppies only makes smaller than it already is.

Unfortunately the breeder does not have this knowledge otherwise she would realise that it is foolish to think these puppies can be from Storm. I can not understand that this breeder doesn't take her responsibility in this. We also have pictures of the mating what proves that Storm is the dog that mated Nathalia.

I want to ask you very urgently to make sure there will not be given pedigrees to these puppies with Storm being the father without DNA test. If this is out of your possibilities as a club please let me know than I will inform the Czech kennel club to take necessary measures. I think there also will have to follow some disciplinarian measures for this breeder because she deliberately want to register these puppies with wrong pedigree and doesn't want to cooperate in any way.

Thank you very much in advance.

Best wishes,

Tom Roozen (breeder of Storm)

J. Neervoort (owner of Storm)