

8 February 2016

Dear Executive, Chairpersons and Members

Kindly be advised that the Kennel Union of South Africa has put out a news bulletin on their website which essentially covers the postponement of the arbitration proceedings which had been postponed to the 8th, 9th and 10 February 2017.

There are a few points which perhaps need to be clarified, namely:

1. A late amendment of the Kennel Union's Statement of Defence, received (3) three court days before the hearing was to begin, included a reliance on the fact that the Kennel Union had been appointed as a registering authority in terms of the provisions of the Animal Improvement Act, 62 of 1998.
2. This Act, inter-alia, provides for no other registering authority in respect of a specific species, i.e. the German Shepherd dog.
3. It is correct that after consultation, an approach was made to the attorneys representing KUSA in writing requesting an agreement to postpone proceedings which was denied. They vigorously opposed the postponement and demanded that a formal application for postponement (affidavits) be served and filed on or before 08:00 on Monday the 6th February 2017.
4. This application was drafted, signed and served on Sunday, 5 February 2017.
5. During the course of Monday the 6th instant, the Respondent Attorneys sent an email in which they advised that, should we agree to pay the "wasted costs", they would agree to the postponement. At 10h58, a telephone call was made to the Respondent's attorney and the above proposal was agreed to in order to save the costs of having to travel to Cape Town to argue the formal application before the Arbitrator.

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6. The purpose of the requested postponement by the Claimant is to challenge the legality of the appointment of KUSA as the only registering authority for German Shepherds.
7. There are a number of ways this can be done and we are currently assessing the best way to proceed. We envisage launching the appropriate process as soon as possible.

We trust that this clarifies the situation and that the false social media statements put out by various members of KUSA will be discounted as utter fabrications and a ***male fide*** attempt to distort the truth.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a cursive combination of the names Frikkie van Kraayenburg and Spencer Tarr. The signature is fluid and somewhat abstract, with a large loop at the end.

Frikkie van Kraayenburg (President) and Spencer Tarr (Executive Member)