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We discussed the issue both in the Scientific Commission and in Standards Commission. Exaggerations in pedigree dogs was also discussed in the 3rd Dog health Workshop that was held in Paris the same week end we had our meetings. I also discussed the situation with Dr. Peter Friedrich, President of the VDH, but according to him there is not very much VDH or the breed club in Germany is able to do to control breeders in different countries. This type, which we cannot even call a Great Dane, mainly occurs in France and in Eastern Europe, but also elsewhere. And as I wrote you before, from the FCI point of view, this exaggerations does not only concern Great Danes, but are an issue in many breeds. As far as the FCI Scientific Commission is concerned, we are troubled with the possible and probable health issues this type of development is creating in different breeds and in Great Danes in this case particularly. There are some actions we have now planned with the Standards Commission, but this progress I am able to take forward only when we have more clear plans that have been accepted also by the General Committee of the FCI.

All of this has very much to do with judges and breeders education, and this issue and many others will be again discussed in a big judges meeting in Ukraine Kiev, held at the same time as the European Winner Show. We also have a plan to invite the FCI Judges Commission and Breeders Commission presidents to our joint meeting to plan the possible actions together. I am sorry all this takes time, but the FCI world is big and possible actions also take time and have to be planned carefully.