

## Report of the FISTC veterinarian

Dear delegates,

This year I was only present on the championships in Donovaly, and there there were no real problems with the dogs, so my report could end here.

But I'm afraid I will take some more of your time! I was very disapointed, or may be angry is the better word, when I heard of the complaines of some mushers about the race in Donovaly. How is it possible that people are so ungrateful for all the work that was done there to make the race happen! Hundreds of people have worked their ... off to make the race possible, and still those complains? I can only hope that we realise ourselves that we are depending on the weather, and if that does not cooperate we have to do our best, and that is what Donovaly did: more then their best, and I want to thank them again for all their efforts!

Another issue that has taken a lot of attention is, how to keep up with the possibilities of the new techniques. The purebredness of our dogs is allways the heart of the FISTC, and there is allways friction between this and having too many rules for the mushers . As you will see in the proposals of the board, we have been thinking a lot about this, and we trying to find a way to guarantee the purebredness of the dogs and at the same time, give the mushers as much certainty as possible without limiting them. This is a proces that is not cleared in a day, and your input in this proces is warmly welcomed.

Hope to see you this winter,

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