

Vereniging Het Nederlandse **KOOIKERHONDJE**

Dear Kooikerhondje lovers,

Due to the corona pandemic we had to cancel last year's planned symposium. There are still a lot of uncertainties about the ablity to organize real-life meetings this year. Therefore, we have decided to prepare an online symposium on the <u>14th of November 2021</u>.

Save the date!

That will give us all the opportunity to share and discuss breeding the Nederlandse Kooikerhondje. **Make sure to mark this date on your calendar!** Further details and registration instructions will be announced in the coming months by e-mail and on our website (<u>www.kooikerhondje.nl</u>).

Preliminary program

Sunday morning

The morning program will contain some of the trending topics relevant at the moment. Owners of Kooikerhondjes, breeders and judges are invited to join us for this morning session.

Below a preview of the topics that will be covered:

- Population Overview (speaker Carla Snels)
- Polymyositis (speaker drs. Paul Mandigers)
- A new breeding tool Fit2Breed (speaker drs. Hille Fieten)
- The use of Fit2Breed in combination with ZooEasy and the Clubregister (*speaker Carla Snels*)
- Explanation of the breed standard (*speaker Diana Striegel*)

Sunday afternoon

In the afternoon we will organize a closed meeting between the VHNK board and the boards and breeding committees of all FCI/AKC/KC Kooikerhondje clubs. This meeting will focus on cooperation between the different countries and exchanging knowledge. Some of the topics for the afternoon:

- Population overview (with a focus on the differences between countries)
- Outcross Finland (explanation by the Finnish Kooikerhondje Association and open discussion)
- Cooperation between breeding committees (*needs, thoughts and possibilities*)



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Later this year the complete program will be announced including details concerning the registration for the symposium. The boards of foreign clubs will receive an official invitation to attend the symposium.

This symposium is a must for every Kooikerhondje-lover, it is *the* place to meet people online from all over the world who have put their heart and soul into our beautiful breed. As well as, the opportunity to catch up on new insights in the field of health and breeding practices.

We hope to welcome you all!

With kind regards and on behalf of the Symposium Committee VHNK,

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