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Dear Breed Club Secretary

Perhaps you may be aware that there is an **Independent Inquiry into Dog Breeding**,
Chaired by Professor Sir Patrick Bateson.

Details of this can be accessed through www.dogbreedinginquiry.com. Within this
website you will find an extremely technical questionnaire which you are requested to
complete.

The Scottish Kennel Club consider that this survey may be against the interests of
pedigree dogs. We are concerned with the direction and bias of the questions in this
document and would urge you to simply refer to the terms of reference contained
within the website.

The Scottish Kennel Club will not be replying to this survey other than responding to
the terms of reference. We would ask you to join us in this action.

However should you consider replying to this survey, before doing so we would
recommend that you first read www.actavetscand.com/content/50/S1/S6 this
document is contrary to the survey and more in the interest of pedigree dogs.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Myra Orr
Secretary

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Terms of reference for a Review Board

The overall objective of the Review Board is

“To consider whether the health and welfare of dogs, and particularly pedigree dogs, is affected and/or can be improved by reference to the registration, breeding and showing of dogs.”

The Review Board will take evidence from a wide field including dog breeders, dog show representatives, members and officials of the Kennel Club, veterinary organisations, governments (including devolved administrations), animal welfare charities, and other appropriate bodies.

The Review Board will take evidence to determine in relation to the breeding of all dogs:

- a) Whether there should be compulsory registration of all dogs used for breeding and if so how the minimum standards should be set and enforced for those who breed dogs, for the dogs used for such breeding and for those organisations that maintain such registers.
- b) Whether current breed standards for pedigree dogs are appropriate to protect the health and welfare of pedigree dogs;
- c) What is currently being done to improve the health of dogs being bred and by whom;
- d) How efforts to research and control inherited disease should be led and how these should be paid for;
- e) Whether specific government legislation or other mechanisms are required to protect the welfare of all dogs being bred from.
- f) Whether registries should be obliged to refuse registration in the event that required minimum standards are not met.

and recommend actions to be taken.

The Review should advise on and take full account of the available evidence and of the practical aspects (including the funding) of enforcement and implementation of the recommendations presented.

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