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FCI Conference Recordings – Illegal Puppy Trade in the EU

Dear NCO President,

I am pleased to inform you that the recordings of our online conference, *Illegal Puppy Trade in the European Union – Causes, Consequences, and Solutions*, will be released weekly on the official FCI YouTube channel starting **26 March 2025**. You can access it at the playlist's link:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1dOO6aeahLIMXB6oXpRy20GPMCcofX2>

The conference was a great success, receiving highly positive feedback from participants. Although the topic is emotionally challenging, we must address it openly and continuously. The illegal puppy trade affects not only animal welfare but also the integrity and reputation of ethical breeders.

This makes the topic **especially important for the breeding community**, which is too often blamed for the consequences caused by illegal and irresponsible practices. For this reason, we sincerely hope that the conference materials will be **actively promoted and shared** by our National Canine Organisations throughout their countries.

The presentations will be published as follows:

- **26 March** – *Opening Speeches & Overview of the Illegal Puppy Trade* by Nick Weston
- **2 April** – *Welfare Issues and Struggles in the “Producing” Countries* by Dr Gabriella Markus
- **9 April** – *Health Risks of Being Born on a Puppy Farm* by Dr Lilla Balatonyi
- **16 April** – *Future Behavioural Problems of Puppies Coming from Illegal Trade* by Dr Ágnes Sători
- **23 April** – *Cultural Differences and Human Tendencies Affecting the Illegal Puppy Trade – Based on the FCI Survey* by Attila Márton

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All videos are available with **subtitles**, and viewers may enable **automatic translation** into their preferred language. Should your organisation wish to create or correct subtitles in your national language, please get in touch with Mr Attila Márton at public.relations@fci.be.

We thank you for your continued support in promoting responsible breeding and advancing canine welfare worldwide.

Kind regards,



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FCI President