



NGEH

Nordic Group for Eurasier Health

Ethics:

Breeding of healthy, typical Eurasiers according to the FCI Breed Standard No 291 and, wherever possible, following the specifications of IFEZ
International Federation of Eurasier breeding/ World Union for Eurasiers FCI).

I. General Rules

A. Aims

1. Support and promotion of breeders and owners of Eurasiers, belonging to a club recognized by or cooperating with the FCI, and who are strongly working towards following the ideals/aims of the Nordic Group for Eurasier Health (NGEH and thus IFEZ) and who support its organization (see C).
2. First and foremost the Rules of the FCI/ FCI-recognized club or the FCI-cooperating umbrella organization have to be followed; the NGEH's Rules and Recommendations are supplementary.
3. The NGEH is a federation of breeders and owners of Eurasiers, who want to work together and who communicate in an open, honest and direct way as a matter of course .
4. NGEH will involve breeders in any breeding-specific decisions to a large degree.
5. Eurasiers of members of NGEH are considered members of the family and are living in the house in close contact with their family.
6. NGEH seeks IFEZ membership by fulfilling their minimum criteria regarding breeding of Eurasiers by its members. It would like to offer its interested members the possibility of IFEZ certification for their litters (sample of certificate in the appendix).

B. Membership

1. Membership is free. Any expenses incurred (e.g. webspace) will be charged separately after agreement has been sought from the representatives. The costs for litterinspections correspond only the real expenses of the inspector and has to be paid the inspector directly
2. Basic requirement to become a member of the NGEH is to follow the general Rules of NGEH, as well as its breeding recommendations. Repeated disregard of those will result in exclusion.
3. Members agree to submit the health results (minimum of HD, PL, Eye lid

- checks and checks for hypothyroidism) of their Eurasiers to the NGEH.
4. Membership lasts a year and will be automatically continued if there is no application for resignation or ground for exclusion.
 5. Members have to be 18 (or older) or submit written permission signed by their parents.
 6. Membership has to be applied for in written form using an NGEH form.
 7. The Representativegroup can refuse membership.

C. Organisation

1. The official language of NGEH is English.
2. The Principal Representative together with the representatives of the countries constitute the Representativegroup.
3. The Principal Representative of NGEH, bearing the main responsibility (elected by the representatives of each country), is responsible for the recording and administration of health data and the submission of those data to IFEZ. S/he keeps the NGEH database.
4. Each member-country selects up to 2 representatives, who supply the NGEH Principal Representative with health data and other information. Those representatives bear the responsibility and lead the breeding amongst the members in their country.
5. Representatives liaise at least once a year.
6. Representatives are elected for a period of 2 years of the members in his country. The representatives are responsible for the elections (elections can also be carried out by Skype or Mail). The Representativegroup controls the election.
7. There will be one webmaster

The organizational structure can be adapted to new developments at any time.

D. Methods of Operation

1. Every 6 month, breeders try to catch up on any health developments and health results of their puppies, and send the information to their representatives.
2. As soon as a breeder has the pedigrees/registration numbers of their puppies, they will send them to their NGEH representative or directly to the Principal Representative (in this case s/he they will pass the information onto the relevant country's representative/s).
3. Members submit significant change in the health of their own dogs immediately by contacting their breeder or the relevant representative/s.
4. NGEH collects all information and makes it accessible to all NGEH members.
5. NGEH supplies a form, which makes it easier for breeders to supply the required information.
6. With their signing of the application form, Members agree for the information to be incorporated into the NGEH and IFEZ Databases and shall keep the NGEH-datas confidential.

E. Services to Members

1. NGEH organizes 1 breeders' convention per year. Other interested members can participate.
2. At least once a year, NGEH issues a health and litter statistic and makes it available to its members
3. NGEH supports its breeders in the search for a suitable sire(s).
4. NGEH promotes international collaboration and supports its breeders by the mating.
5. According to members' suggestions, NGEH organizes informative seminars on health and breeding topics.
6. NGEH organizes breeder seminars adapted for Eurasiers.
7. NGEH takes an advisory role (health, behavior, breeding).
8. Within 2 years, NGEH develops an educational program with a view to enable NGEH breeding assessments.
Amongst these are:
Training as a Breeding Assessor-NGEH for the Eurasier
Training as a Behaviourist-NGEH for Eurasiers
9. NGEH develops a Eurasier-specific behavioural assessment.
10. NGEH does everything necessary to enable its members to obtain IFEZ certification. It also supports breeders who are striving for such a certification. This includes furthermore the training of interested breeders/members in litter and kennel inspection (to become Breeding Advisors), necessary for the IFEZ certification.
11. NGEH provides thyroid tests at a specialist laboratory as cheaply as possible.
12. NGEH publishes planned and actual litters on its homepage, this will help with puppy placements.
13. Publication of NGEH (accredited) sires.
14. NGEH helps to acquire puppies from abroad.

II. Recommendations for Breeding

A. Breeders' Duties

1. Puppies are registered in their country of origin at the FCI umbrella organization/FCI-recognized club or the breed club recognized by those.
2. Breeders inform each puppy buyer about the importance of health checks, conformation and behavioural checks, and collects the results.
3. Breeders inform (puppy) buyers in detail about the characteristic and health of Eurasiers, as well as their needs.
4. Breeders inform (puppy) buyers that Eurasiers are family companions who need human contact. The Eurasiers needs to be with his family for a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ of it's life, meaning it can in the average be left for 6 hours per day at most.
5. Breeders check suitability of buyers for the Eurasier breed.
6. Breeders report an upcoming litter (also) to NGEH.

7. Puppies have to be born, as well as grow up in the home, with their (human) family.
8. Puppies are socialized well by the breeder (e.g. introduction of car journeys, collar/harness and lead, everyday noises, different surroundings, unfamiliar places)
9. When the puppies go to their new homes, they have had their first vaccinations and have been repeatedly dewormed.
10. Breeders keep in contact with all their puppies and their families, as long as the dogs live
11. In case a breeder strives for IFEZ certification, s/he allows a NGEH representative or trained member (called Breeding Advisor) to inspect the kennel prior to mating, as well as inspect the litter once born - at the minimum age of 6 weeks. These inspections are carried out in collaboration between breeder and inspector, which means the breeder has to be at the premises. A first check of the puppies, e.g for white faults, is carried out by the breeder by taking photographs of each puppy from all sides and by sending them to the NGEH- representative immediately. These photos have to be available for the puppy inspector later. (forms for the puppy inspection are provided by NGEH and will have to be signed by the breeder and the Breeding Advisor).

B. Breeding

1. The kennel name is registered at an international level.
2. Prior every mating should the breeder get advised of the NGEH representative/s, so as to take all known dispositions of the breeding dogs into consideration.
3. Matings with studs/dams outside of the NGEH are being coordinated with the help of the NGEH representatives via the breeding official of the relevant clubs. The final decision lies with the breeder.
4. Inbreeding Coefficient: The calculation over six generations will be made with the IFEZ program and must be less than 4.
5. Before every mating, the lines of the dogs are checked for health problems; the same health problems may not occur in the lines of both sire and dam (the NGEH will assist with the research, see paragraph 2).
6. Only HD A and B qualify for breeding.
7. AD A/ED 0, respectively, qualifies for breeding.
8. Only PL 0 qualifies for breeding.
9. Distichiasis-free qualifies for breeding. At least one, the sire or dam, must be free of distichiasis during a certain time frame (see standard 291).
10. The absence of Entropion/Ectropium qualifies for breeding.
11. Thyroid: We recommend testing as follows: the T4, fT4 and TSH values must be within normal limits; The TgAA must be negative. At the time of the mating, the laboratory results must be available in writing, and may not be older than two years. So, the results are assessed and can be explained with every owner personally by our specialist .
12. Lines with hypothyroidism or EPI (exocrine pancreatic insufficiency) in the direct line may only be bred with lines that are not affected.

13. Also the phenotype and the behavior of both parents must be examined with respect to the FCI Standard (No) 291 to prevent breeding towards extremes and in directions which do not conform with the (breed) standard.
14. Health tests and the examination of the phenotype and behavior should be conducted beginning at an age of 15 months.

Specifics concerning HD/ED/PLL

If a breeder can provide good reasons, an exception to the rule can be made and one of the breeding dogs may have HD C/ AD C (only with AD A parents) or ED 1 or PL 1. Good reasons could be: an optimal breeding value for a specific characteristic, 80% of the line HD A / AD 0 / ED 0 / PL 0. This has to be discussed with one of the breeding officials of the group.

Dam:

- The dam must at least be 24 months old at the time of the birth of her first litter.
- The dam may not be older than 8 years at the time of her last breeding. (Exceptions for a mating beyond the age of 8 years can be made if a veterinary health certificate is available which confirms that the dam is in perfect health).
- If the first birth occurs after the dam reached full five years of age, a veterinary examination must be performed.
- Dams must not be bred on successive seasons.
- A maximum of three litters is allowed per kennel within a time frame of 12 months.
- After two litters, at least 50% of the puppies per litter must have been health-checked, before the dam may be bred again.

Sire:

- A male may have a maximum of 50 puppies nationally and internationally.
- After 3 litters, a male may be used for further breeding, when at least 50% of the puppies of each litter have had health checks .

Additional Explanations

Specific conformation, as well as behavioural examinations can be performed at a NGEH Breeding Examination, as soon as these are in place.

In the meantime, conformation checks can be performed using at least 2 show results (2 different judges) and mental/character examinations of FCI clubs.