



**Statement with Regards to the
Hungarian Puli Club of Great Britain Welfare Fund**



The HPC of GB (Hungarian Puli Club of Great Britain) Welfare Fund was set up at the inception of the HPC of GB in 1971, when it sought Registration and Recognition with our KC (Kennel Club). The 'Area of Operation' was defined, as the name implies, solely within the borders of Great Britain and this is embodied in the HPC of GB Constitution.

The HPC of GB Welfare fund may only be spent on dogs residing within the Area of Operation, i.e. Great Britain, and is ring-fenced for that purpose alone, save except in very exceptional circumstances, and cannot be used for any other purpose within the club's activities.

The HPC of GB is aware of the plight of a number of Pulis in Hungary, and other areas within Europe, which are in 'Kill Stations' and are in need of rehoming. The HPC of GB wishes to make it very clear it does not, and cannot, condone the unnecessary euthanasia of any Puli based on the fact that it is unwanted or has found itself without a long term home.

A great deal of thought and consideration has been given to the plight of Pulis which have been deemed by the HPC of GB as being genuinely imported into GB as a pet, or to have been imported for resale via commercial websites or commercial organisations selling puppies. This is a scenario which is more likely to have occurred since the relaxation of Quarantine laws. Under these circumstances, the HPC of GB would be willing to offer advice, information and financial support. However, clear evidence that the appropriate criteria has been met would be needed before the financial support was given

With regards to Pulis brought to the UK with the specific purpose of them being rehomed, no matter how emotive the issue of their circumstances, in that potentially they may have been euthanized had they not been brought to Great Britain, the HPC of GB would be in breach of the terms of our own Constitution as it was written at the time of the 'Registration and Recognition' with our KC Club. The HPC of GB would still be at liberty to offer advice and information in respect of such cases, but there can be no financial support in direct terms.

We hope this clarifies our position and the restrictions under which we operate, and governs the administration of the HPC of GB Welfare fund.

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