

Dear all,

in preparation of the Tibetan Terrier World Congress which takes place in 2014 (see link for more info) www.ttcongress.com, we are planning to organize facilitated workshops around some breed specific topics. The social media tools actually allow us to reach out to a broader community to ensure that we cover the most relevant topics.

Please do note that we will be limited in regards to the amount of workshops we will be able to organize and thus we might not be able to cover all the topics which might be suggested and so we will make a selection of the topics, so that we can prepare the sessions as well as the facilitators. This is a starting point and our aim is to create an open & constructive discussion around the topics as well as identifying actions/decisions related on the topics.

We appreciate that there might be more topics than what we will be able to cover and if that is the case will make sure to cover all of the relevant topics so that these can be carried forward to the next world congress.

To give an example of a potential topic - during our specialty the judge highlighted that there are actually only few criteria/recognized faults within the breed standard that would result in excluding the specific dog from the ring. Some areas within the breed standard are too open for interpretation. One might infer that this could lead to some of the discussion that are currently taking place within the community and build upon the discussion that were elevated during the previous world congress.

Another topic could be the follow-up of the Swedish database to ensure continuity in information availability.

In order to effectively gather ideas we would like to propose to share an idea and provide a/the rational(s) why this would be a good topic for workshop and how this would help the breed in the future.

You could either send it to us privately Belgian.TTclub@gmail.com and mention *congress topic*, or share it in the breed forum so that other people can have a look at the topic(s). In case of the latter, please respect each other's ideas and rational. You do not necessarily need to agree with the listed topic or rational, but in that case we would like to ask you to keep a constructive mindset and build upon the topic rather than providing just criticism. This will allow for a good discussion and in the end we all love for our breed & share the common goal to make the best possible choices & decisions for our dogs.

Looking forward to your support and constructive suggestions, the BTTC team