



April 4, 2016

Ms. Catherine McMillan
Secretary, Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada
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Dear Catherine,

The Canadian Kennel Club wishes to thank the executives and members of the Siberian Husky Club of Canada Inc. for giving an in depth consideration into any possible changes to the Breed Standards over the past few years. The CKC Committee for Ear Cropping, Tail Docking and Dewclaw Removal recently met and reviewed your file. It is the decision of this Committee and recommendation to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Kennel Club to respect your wishes not to implement any changes to the breed standard at this time.

Should circumstance or time result in any feelings amongst your membership that further enhancement of the breed standard would be beneficial to your breed, the Canadian Kennel Club will be more than receptive to your wishes. With pressure from several fronts to have breed standards reflect choice and the mounting rhetoric with respect to banning procedures, such as docking tails, across Canada by Veterinary Associations, the committee feels guardians of the breed standards, such as yourself, may want to consider a description of an undocked tail in your standard to deflect unwarranted criticism. Please also consider the impact on breeders in provinces where tail docking is not allowed and the hardship these breeders face when seeking alternatives to having procedures done locally. Many have given up breeding and we would not want to see this become a trend across the country.

Animal rights groups are very vocal and present powerful lobbying to government and Veterinary Associations. The Canadian Kennel Club will continue to support your rights. I have attached the official CKC position on the subject which was updated in September 2010 and as you can see it is consistent with the philosophy of many breeders in your breed.

Sincerely,

THE CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB

Richard Paquette
Board Member, Ontario North and
Chair, Ear Cropping, Tail Docking & Dewclaw Removal

cc: K. Deveyrac, President, Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada