

## **REPORT JUDGES COMMISSION WAFDAL**

The previous meeting I already had given the intention to leave the Wafdal board this year. In 2018 I was not standing for re-election in the Royal Belgian Dalmatian Club, but the committee had given me the permission to represent the club in 2019 on the Wafdal congress.

We have in this commission a good representation from several countries, but unfortunately nobody was introducing some agendapoints to discuss.

The only source of information we have are the many pictures on Facebook and some pictures we see in the national clubnews of each club. Many times I see very nice dogs winning and some other times I wonder if the judge has read the standard before he or she went in the ring,

I remark that in many countries, more and more specialist judges are rarely invited for the breed and some very young group judges and allrounders, in some countries not yet 30 years old, are taking over. Than you see many times a handler winning with putting his dalmatian in such a over angulation and sloping topline, that if no spots were present, it would be hard to recognise the breed.

So please insist in your own country, that clubshows are judged bij experienced breed judges! It is necessary to keep the correct type and spotting, the normal angulations, a nice topline without a too rounded croupe and a good tailset, with a tail of correct length. Also watch the size : last standard was very tolerant for taller dogs, but this does not mean that our dalmatians need to become giants

I regret I could not be more active, duet o health reasons. I wish you all the best and if I can help you in the past I stil lam available to collaborate.

I especially want to thank Ursula Voitle, who really has done an enourmous work for Wafdal.

Best regards

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