



Dear FCI delegates,

I hope this mail will find all of you and your family in good health.

The whole world is seriously influenced by the Covid-19 virus pandemic. Nevertheless the Estonian Kennel Union and the 2021 FCI Agility World Championship organizing team has continued with preparation to welcome participants and spectators from all over the world to Tallinn, Estonia.

The situation worldwide changed dramatically in March 2020. We were very sorry to postpone AWC 2020. We were optimistic and hoped for news of the situation improving this year, but unfortunately this is not the case. Almost all European countries have some kind of restrictions for competitions and travelling. In many countries the agility competitions have been not allowed since last fall. There are also restrictions for dog training or it is not allowed indoors at all.

The Criteria for qualification for the FCI Agility World Championship differs in each country. Normally the qualification is based upon some tournament or a series of tournaments. For all of the countries it is impossible to complete them now and we even do not know at this moment if they can be held at all.

Most of the teams that would come to the FCI World Championship are without proper training and tournaments practice. We also see that some countries are stricter in quarantine than others, this doesn't provide fair conditions for all possible participants.

The countries are vaccinating their population against Covid-19. Those are first real steps toward normal conditions. But any new Covid-19 version could invoke new restrictions.

*Taking into account all of the above mentioned the organizing team and Estonian Kennel Union have decided that **Estonian Kennel Union will not host the FCI Agility World Championship 2021.***

I hope you all will agree with our decision that in the present situation we cannot host FCI Agility World Championship that is worthy of its name.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and we hope to see you all safe and healthy soon.

*On behalf of 2021 FCI Agility World Championship organizing team
Best regards,*

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