
INTERNATIONALE UNION FÜR LEONBERGER HUNDE

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Dear Leo friends across the world

21 Leonberger clubs / countries (including your club) are united in the International Leonberger Union. Once a year we (the delegates) meet in Leonberg to talk and discuss on a variety of topics concerning our breed.

This year marks a very special year for the International Leonberger Union. The Union celebrated its 50th birthday. For 50 years there has been a cooperation between various nations for the Leonberger Breed. For 50 years, delegates of national Leonberger clubs have met in Leonberg to discuss important matters about our breed, like breeding and health. I hope that this cooperation will continue for years to come to safe-guard our breed.

I would like to thank you all for making this milestone possible. Your commitment to you breed club ensures the future of your club, the International Leonberger Union and most importantly our beloved breed.

This year was also special due to the fact that we gave a presentation in the Clubhouse of the Deutscher Club für Leonberger Hunde (the Clubhouse of the German Leonberger Club) on the topic “using more dogs less”. A presentation about the need to preserve genetic diversity within our breed, to stop the over-usage of popular sires and about Dog-Leuktacyte-Antigen (DLA) and the benefits of breeding heterozygote dogs.

This presentation is available to view on the website of the International Leonberger Union www.leonbergerunion.com . A recording was also made of this presentation and will be available shortly to view on YouTube.



With kind regards

Best Regards,
Niels Steinmetz
President
International Leonberger Union