



**Press Release:**

## **International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD) Welcomes New Contributing Partner, ENCI - Ente Nazionale della Cinofilia Italiana**

5 JUNE, 2023 – The International Partnership for Dogs is pleased to announce that Italy's national kennel club, ENCI - Ente Nazionale della Cinofilia Italiana, has joined national kennel clubs from Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, and the United Kingdom as an IPFD Contributing Partner.

"We're truly delighted to welcome ENCI to our global community, and we very much look forward to working with our new partners for the benefit of dogs throughout Italy and around the world," says IPFD Chair Dr. Pekka Olson.

"The ENCI Board of Directors has strongly supported joining the IPFD because the exchange of information on genetic studies is considered a priority for the future of dog lovers in order to provide breeders with the necessary tools to protect the health of dog breeds and to promote biodiversity," says ENCI President Dino Muto.

### **About the International Partnership for Dogs**

The International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD) is a non-profit organization leading a global, multi-stakeholder effort to address issues affecting dog health, well-being, and welfare. Our main platform is DogWellNet.com. Our people include a Board comprised of individuals with respected international reputations, and a small but committed team of consultants in several countries. Volunteers from our Partners and Collaborator organizations and a network of experts are integral to what we do.

Our Contributors, Partners, and Sponsors include national kennel clubs, international cynological organizations, groups with breed specific interests, educational/academic and professional organizations, and key players in the pet industry. Together, we foster collaborative action to achieve our shared goals, support human-animal interactions, and benefit all dogs worldwide.

### **About Ente Nazionale della Cinofilia Italiana**

The Ente Nazionale della Cinofilia Italiana (ENCI) is an association recognized in 1940, which finds its origins in the Italian Kennel Club founded in 1882. ENCI is an association of breeders aimed to protect dog breeds by improving and increasing breeding, as well as regulating and promoting their use and their valorisation for zootechnical, social and sporting purposes. ENCI offers assistance to breeders and breed clubs for managing selection plans by collaborating with the main Italian Universities.

ENCI manages the herd book by registering, in recent years, about 200,000 puppies a year; it provides for the training of judges and experts whom evaluate the morphological and functional characteristics of subjects registered in the Stud Book. The dog units formed by ENCI work for the assistance to people with disabilities, assisted interventions with animals with a therapeutic, rehabilitative, educational and ludic-recreational value; they are also used for monitoring, conservation and management projects in the wildlife-environmental sector.

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