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For the attention of the Member of Parliament,

Subject: Proposal for canine breeding reform aimed at breed preservation and animal welfare (Distinction between LOF and non-LOF)

Dear Member of Parliament,

As President of the French Bulldog Club — a non-profit association affiliated with the Société Centrale Canine (French Kennel Club) — and on behalf of the responsible breeders, owners, and members residing within your constituency, I wish to draw your attention to the critical situation of purebred dog breeding in France, particularly regarding brachycephalic breeds.

As highlighted by La Dépêche Vétérinaire in its editorial of June 12, 2026:

"Stigmatization has shifted. In the early 2000s, dangerous dogs were in the crosshairs of authorities and, through misinformation, the general public. One law and several implementing regulations later, with nearly 30 years of hindsight, it is clear that while the targeted dogs are fewer on paper, in reality [...], they remain part of the landscape when they have not been replaced by new 'breeds' that are significantly more problematic."

This feedback highlights a troubling reality:

Faced with pressure at both the national and European levels, current debates suffer from a major statistical confusion between dogs registered with the LOF (Livre des Origines Français / French Studbook) and non-LOF dogs resulting from unregulated breeding. This widespread confusion deeply distorts health and abandonment data, unfairly penalizing the rigorous selective breeding carried out by the passionate breeders I represent.

Claiming that selective canine breeding systematically produces health defects is scientifically false, as the majority of dogs in France do not come from the LOF system.

Data from I-CAD for the year 2024 provides factual proof: **of the more than 20,000 French Bulldogs (or similar types) identified, only 3,186 were registered with the LOF**. **This means that approximately 85% of these dogs are without pedigree (non-LOF)**. There are therefore two distinct sectors that cannot be conflated:

The LOF framework (Société Centrale Canine): a highly structured system guaranteeing DNA identification, traceability (LOF Select), and rigorous health testing (genetic tests, pulmonary stenosis screening, BREATH respiratory evaluations, etc.);

The non-LOF sector: a total absence of oversight, health guarantees, and genetic tracking.

The problem does not lie in the existence of breed standards, but rather in the lack of control over the mass production of non-LOF dogs. This is why the debate must urgently refocus on breeding conditions.

On behalf of our breed club and the responsible professionals in your constituency, I submit for your consideration a structured action plan built around 5 key measures, aimed at cleaning up the sector, combating undeclared work, and guaranteeing animal welfare:

Measure 1: Restriction of non-LOF production, by reserving non-LOF production exclusively to major facilities subject to ICPE declaration (facilities holding more than 49 dogs), in order to end the diffuse and untraceable production of unregulated small-scale breeding, while preserving developing breeds (such as the Pomsky);

Measure 2: Mandatory statistical distinction, by imposing a strict separation of LOF and non-LOF data across all official statistics (veterinary, scientific, I-CAD, and abandonment metrics) to prevent harmful generalization;

Measure 3: Promotion of the LOF system, by recognizing and valuing the institutional framework of the SCC and LOF Select as the official working basis for public policies on animal welfare;

Measure 4: Economic and fiscal fairness, by combating undeclared labor and tax fraud through draining untraceable non-LOF production, thereby ensuring economic equity among industry actors;

Measure 5: 10-year experimental phase, through applying these measures on a trial basis over a decade in order to scientifically evaluate their actual impact on canine health and abandonment rates.

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In conclusion, I would like to share an essential consideration with you: various legislative proposals and anti-purebred dog propaganda often rely on the premise that humans have denatured the animal instead of letting nature take its course. Their proponents consequently call for an end to purebred dogs in favor of crossbreeds.

Yet, does this not simply create brand-new breeds out of whole cloth, without any regulatory framework or traceability, while potentially accumulating the health issues inherent to both crossed lineages? Is the true goal genuinely animal welfare? If so, let us continue to improve and support the framework of French LOF breeding, rather than attempting to manufacture new crossbreeds whose ultimate outcome and future health are completely unmanaged.

The preservation of our canine heritage must rely on rigorous, scientific, and responsible selection, rather than on bans or the planned demise of purebred dogs.

On behalf of all our members and the committed breeders in your constituency, I thank you for the attention you will give to this proposal. I remain entirely at your disposal for any discussion or meeting at your constituency office to present our approach in greater detail.

Yours sincerely,

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President of the French Bulldog Club

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