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Official communication FMDBB Championship 2020

We regret the decision to have to cancel the FMDBB 2020 world championship in May. Following the current pandemic (COVID-19), and the health measures taken by all official instances which are only getting stronger every day.

France is declared as a contaminated country. For the moment, gatherings of more than 1000 people in France are prohibited. Following the evolution and spreading of the "coronavirus", the coming days, weeks, months, it will spread further and further over the world. A consequence is that we will have few competitors present due to the current and future restrictions imposed by the different authorities in many different countries.

Since we normally receive over 40 countries from different continents, we would put everyone at high risk. The FMDBB acknowledges and assumes its responsibility in this matter. That is why the world championship is canceled.

We fully agree and confirm the views of our French organizer, the French Belgian Shepherd Association. They do not have to put their technical staff, volunteers (often elderly) at risk, whom we will put in contact with competitors, supporters, a large part of which will have crossed Europe and more.

It is therefore preferable to make this wise decision to cancel or postpone.

The FMDBB governing body meets on Tuesday March 17 at its headquarters in Ostend (B) to define the possible solutions that could be brought for this 2020 Championship.

A new press release will be sent to you following this meeting.

Thank you for your understanding.

The FMDBB governing body