## **Swedish breeding rules - brief information**

The club would like to inform of the rules that apply to all Swedish Papillion breeders who register their puppies.

In Sweden there is one kennel club, where all Swedish breeders of all breeds are members, otherwise they cannot register their puppies. The club is called The Swedish Kennel Club, shortened SKK. Papillon-Ringen (The Swedish Papillonclub) is associated with the Swedish Kennel Club (SKK) through the special club Swedish Toy Dog Club (SDHK).

If a breeder doesn't follow the Swedish Kennel Club rules, they can be excluded until further notice or receive a warning, depending on the degree of the offense.

## In broad terms, this applies to every SKK-registered papillon breeder

- 1. Female dogs are not to be mated before 18 months of age.
- 2. A female may not give birth to more than five litters in her lifetime.
- 3. If a female has two litters within 12 months, she has to rest at least 12 months before her next litter.
- 4. A female more than seven years old must not be used in breeding if she hasn't had a previous litter.
- 5. A female more than seven years old must always have a clear Health Certificate prior to mating. The veterinary certificate is sent to SKK attached to the litter's registration application.
- 6. A female more than seven years old must always rest 12 months between her litters.
- 7. Dogs are not allowed to be kept in crates, except for certain activities. For example in the car on the way to competitions and at competitions. Never at home.
- 8. For kennels there are certain measurements required depending on the size of, and number of dogs inside the kennels.
- 9. From January 1st 2016 the Papillon-club have new health program about pap-pra1. Testing for pap-pra1 has to be done with DNA testing. All papillons have to be tested before mating or be free from pap-pra1 through heritage.
  - Free/Clear can be mated with free/clear or carrier
  - Carrier can only be mated with free/clear
  - Affected are not allowed in breeding

It's also recommended doing a regular eye-check when the dog reached an age over 3 years.

If you want to know more about Papillon breeding in Sweden, please contact our breeding committee. Contact information is available on the website.