

# *Economic Aspects of Trade in Dogs*

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- FCI EUROPE SECTION cares about all dogs.
- FCI EUROPE SECTION promotes dog activities and dog sports.
- FCI EUROPE SECTION furthers the breeding and keeping of healthy pedigree dogs.

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Breeding pedigree dogs is a costly matter. Initially you buy a pedigree puppy which has been vaccinated and is well-stimulated, and has been treated with love and care and has been brought up under hygienic and physically controlled conditions – either by a private person owning one or two dogs, or in a controlled and supervised kennel with educated staff and good conditions.