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Ruth Weidrick, President  
United States of America Coton de Tulear Club  
200 Greenview Lane  
Danville, Ky. 40422

Dear Ms. Weidrick,

This letter is to notify you of the decision of the AKC Board of Directors regarding the Parent Club designation for the Coton de Tulear breed.

We have reviewed all the available information that was submitted for the United States of America Coton de Tulear Club and the American Coton de Tulear Association. Both clubs have compelling arguments to support their club as the logical choice for this responsibility.

The decision has been made to recommend the United States of America Coton de Tulear Club as the Parent Club for the breed as it progresses towards the Miscellaneous Class and full AKC registration status. This club has proven that they are best prepared to complete the work necessary to reach the goal of full AKC recognition.

Ideally the AKC would like to see the two clubs work together, combine their resources, and establish one strong Parent Club for the Coton de Tulear breed. The best interests of the breed would be best served by this unification; however, it is realized that this may not be possible.

I will be in contact regarding the standard to be utilized for the Miscellaneous Class and all other club activity.

The American Kennel Club hopes that the United States of America Coton de Tulear Club will extend membership opportunities to all owners and fanciers of Coton de Tulear with the goal of forming a strong National Club and improving the breed.

Sincerely,

Mari-Beth O'Neill