

Czechoslovakian Vlcik Bonitation



“What is Bonitation?”

To combat confusion, we’ve created this little fact sheet outlining the origins, purpose & legitimacy of bonitation for those interested in presenting CSV for evaluation in the UK.

Overview of Governance

Fédération Cynologique Internationale (World Canine Organisation) - Based in Belgium, the **FCI** is the globally recognised governing body of participating member countries. Since 1911 it has officiated 364 breed standards for purebred dogs in development with each country of origin. FCI standards serve to promote & protect foundational, definitive breed blueprints - detailing ideal conformation, characteristics & traits - while providing the official reference for FCI judges.

Kennel Clubs - Each participating member country has their own equivalent of a **Kennel Club**. Responsible for registering litters, issuing pedigree certificates, organising events, training judges, Kennel Clubs provide country specific breeding requirements, such as health & genetic testing, working exams & bonitations.

Breed Clubs - Operating within the rules established by the FCI & Kennel Club, **Breed Clubs** autonomously implement additional constitutional terms which members agree to uphold upon joining. Purposes include ethical breed promotion & accessible educational avenues for breeders, owners, enthusiasts (& the public) through insured & often charitable breed club events, seminars, training days & bonitations.

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Origins - While breed specific evaluations are not exclusive to Czechoslovakian Vlcik - **CSV Bonitation** originated from physical & trainable expectations of a breed¹ then solely destined for military service. Modern bonitation continues this stringent appraisal of purebred CSV by proximity to the FCI Breed Standard² & an individuals breeding potential to improve quality of progeny, reduce co-efficiency & expand genetic diversity in health tested alignment with the FCI breed standard.

Purpose - Bonitation is not an FCI requirement. Evaluations are provided at national level by **Kennel Clubs** of member countries & by **Breed Clubs** of non-member countries who choose to respect & uphold breed standards in accordance with FCI Breed nomenclature. Where forced to adapt elements (for example in countries prohibiting discharging of perceived weapons in public spaces), bonitation still provides a valid, beneficial & future focused certification.

Autonomy - While Slovakia & Czech Republic are acknowledged for the origin of CSV, neither consider the others bonitation legitimate unless re-evaluated by their own national **Breed Club**. All countries operate under their own veterinary scope with regard to health screening for breed specific diseases, DNA, artificial insemination regulation & importation. Therefore, owners must meet the breeding requirements of the country they intend their litters to originate from - & where using international studs, ensure the correct breeding rights are in order within the resident country.

Legitimacy - As an official UK **Breed Club** we took the decision to uphold **FCI Breed Standards** during our formation (2017) while the Czechoslovakian Vlcik pends recognition by the **Royal Kennel Club**. UKCSV bonitation provides qualified evaluation of dogs presented in our events & a valid, bona fide accolade for resulting UK litters. Litters produced without UK bonitation are excluded from the UK Breed Club database & cannot later be included in the recognition efforts for breed acceptance in the UK.

¹ Acknowledged interspecies breeding of Carpathian Wolf & German Shepherd Dog for military purpose.

² FCI No332, 1999



Measuring at Bonitation