

Dear Mr Kincvaj

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Thank you for your email.

As explained in my letter to Ms Pankova, a dispute involving a contract of sale in the UK is a civil matter between the two parties concerned. The English Shetland Sheepdog Club, or any other breed club in the UK, cannot get involved in such disputes. The contract was made in England and as such is subject to English law.

As indicated in my letter, the Czech Republic Kennel Club may be able to intervene and lodge a complaint with the UK Kennel Club. If the UK Kennel Club eventually & successfully takes action against Mrs Bendelow then the ESSC will be able to reconsider taking action. Alternatively, you could contact the UK Kennel Club directly. Should you follow either course of action, please keep the ESSC informed.

The other option would be to pursue a civil action through the Small Claims Court in Mrs Bendelow's locality, but we are advised that the costs may far exceed any sum awarded and, regardless of outcome, would not result in the ESSC being able to take action.

The ESSC is unable to take a stance on whether we believe Ms Pankova's allegations or not and the personal feelings of the Officers & Committee of the Club, individually or jointly, cannot be taken into account. As a breed club, affiliated to the UK Kennel Club our powers are limited.

You may like to consider contacting Ms Ann Harpwood of the UK organisation Justice For Dogs. She may be able to offer you further advice. Her phone number is +44 (0) 1544 370213 and she is usually available between 10:00 & 15:00 UK time.

Yours sincerely  
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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Lukas Krincvaj](#)  
**To:** [Stuart Gruszka](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 02, 2011 7:16 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: ESSC

Dear Mr. Gruszka,

Thank you very much for your email. Unfortunately, the attached letter has never arrived which is why I've proceeded to contact Mrs. Moody again. I will direct all future correspondence to your email.

Please let me get this straight. A member of your club has violated terms of a sale contract (which in the Czech Republic is a criminal offence), used intimidation (which is also a criminal offence) and has ordered a forbidden and health-unnecessary surgery on one of her dogs (classified here as a criminal offence and grounds for immediate removal of all animals from ones possession and a ban on owning animals) - and you will NOT revoke her membership? I am seriously disturbed by the lack of action on your part.

Please be completely honest with me: do you think that Ms Pankova lies? That the documents and veterinary examinations attached in the original letter have been falsified? Because that would be the only case in which I could understand that you are hesitant to take action. As a human being, as a dog lover and a breeder, I would imagine you would be horrified that something like this has happened! The animal suffered because of selfish actions of Mrs. Bendelow!

Thank you for your time.  
Regards,

Lukas Krincvaj