

# *The English Shetland Sheepdog Club*

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Dear Miss Pankova and Mr Krincvaj

Thank you for your letter addressed to Mrs Moody, which has been passed to me for action.

The committee has considered your letter and the enclosed information and I have been instructed by the committee to let you know that the UK Kennel Club rules are quite clear that clubs must not get involved in matters of a civil nature. This is a private matter between the two parties involved.

The Club can only revoke membership if the person concerned has been convicted in a court of law or has been banned by The Kennel Club.

In response to your request that we inspect Mrs Bendelow's premises, I must advise you that no-one has a right of access to private property in law, without permission or a court order and it would be highly unlikely that that a court order be granted to a private individual.

I have, however, been instructed by my committee to suggest to you that:

- a) If you want restitution, then your complaint should be lodged with the Czech Republic Kennel Club and ask them to report it to The Kennel Club in this country.
- b) You have a right of action through the Small Claims Court without legal representation but you would need a local agent to act on your behalf. Such action would have to be lodged in the vendor's locality and any hearing would have to take place in that locality.

In an effort to help we have taken legal advice and it would seem that, because of the terms of the contract, any claim that you make would be limited to £675.00 and that the costs of trying to obtain this sum would outweigh it.

It is a pity that we did not know about this matter at the outset as we could have put you in touch with our legal advisor who may have been able to assist you.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Gruszka  
Hon Secretary