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## Travelling instructions for Finnish judges at dog shows, trials and competitions during the coronavirus outbreak

The timely travelling advice of [the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Finland](#) and [the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare](#) urge to avoid unnecessary travels to epidemic areas affected with the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Mainland China, Iran, South Korea, and Italy are currently considered as epidemic areas. Those travelling to epidemic areas are advised, among other things, to *avoid close contact with wild animals, domestic animals, and livestock as well as bodily secretions of these animals.*

According to the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare, elderly and people with a primary disease, such as diabetes, cardiac disease or lung disease, are at a higher risk for severe illness if infected with the coronavirus. Even though the person himself or herself would not get ill, he or she can carry the disease and infect other people with severe consequences.

The Finnish Kennel Club has an obligation to ensure the safety of its officials and operations. We do not recommend that our officials travel to risk areas and advise them to carefully consider also other travels abroad. The Finnish Kennel Club does not impose sanctions against its judges who belong in the risk group for the coronavirus and have cancelled their appointments abroad for this reason. The Finnish Kennel Club does not bear the costs caused by cancellations of trips.

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