



**First announcement  
of the First World Championship IPO of  
the International Hovawart Federation**

**09-10 July 2016**

**in 44799 Bochum, Germany**

In 2016 the first World Championship IPO of the IHF will take place. It will be organized by the German member Club of the IHF, the *Rassezuchtverein für Hovawart-Hunde e.V. (RZV)*, Regional Group NRW.

The aim is to encourage the Hovawart in its original ability as a working dog.

**Mode of assessment:** International Regulations of the *Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI IPO)*

**Authorized participants:** Teams, who have fulfilled the the national requirements for qualification; owner/competitor must be member of an IHF member Club and their Hovawarts must be officially registered in that Club. Teams can only enter the special IPO class, which they have already successfully passed.

**Mode of qualification:** Each IHF country is responsible for its own mode of qualification.

**World Champion:**

**The title of World Champion will only be awarded in the IPO 3 class. The best teams in class IPO 1 and IPO 2 will be champions of their group.**

The IHF World Champion can be registered for the FCI World Championship by its responsible national organisation.

**Selection procedure for the participants:** There will be several steps:

**Step 1:** Each IHF member country can enter two teams for IPO 3 (i.e. a maximum of 30 teams).

If there are less nominations the start numbers 25-30 will lapse.

**Step 2:** In case there are, according to step 1, less than 24 IPO 3 entries, the countries can enter additional IPO 3 teams until there is a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 IPO 3 teams all in all.

**Step 3:** Spare capacities will be given to IPO 2 teams, preferably to clubs, that didn't enter any IPO 3 team. In case there are more entries than the maximum number of participants, the teams are chosen by lot.

**More information will follow soon.**