I never imagined that I would have to write this comment, but I believe it is necessary to make a few clarifications regarding a statement issued by a dog magazine.

I cannot understand how anyone can think that an event has been unsuccessful when it has not even begun. I do not understand what is meant when they say that “it is a great disappointment.”

In this regard, I would like to make a few comments. From the very beginning of the conversations that led to this event, the idea was precisely to create an event like this one. From the outset, this event generated great expectations. Not only in North America, but also in Central and South America, and throughout the world. People talked about it, are talking about it, and will continue to talk about it. Translated into benefits, that is already a gain. This is understood by those who do not think only about money.

Let this be clear to those who believe that everything is about financial matters.

If the American Kennel Club chose Mexico, it was because it knows that the Federación Canófila Mexicana has something that money cannot buy: commitment, tradition, hard work, knowledge, and a genuine love for dogs.

Behind this event there was a great deal of time spent in negotiations, extensive planning, and tireless effort. Everyone involved worked extremely hard, day and night, to ensure that this event would come to a successful conclusion. None of this was improvised, nothing was easy, and nothing happened by chance. Thanks to everyone involved. I cannot mention everyone by name because I would not want to leave anyone out.

What truly matters is not the number of entries received, which, incidentally, is not a low number when we consider that the economies of all countries have declined and that most events do not exceed 700 entries. We have surpassed that number when combining all the disciplines that will be presented there. Of course, this is not understood by those who only look at figures and fail to understand what they represent.

What truly matters are the bonds of friendship, solidarity, and mutual recognition that are now there for everyone to see. That is what has been built, that is what remains, and that is what no detractor can or will ever erase.

And there is something those who are already talking about failure seem to forget: you cannot call an event a failure when it has not even begun.

The event will take place from November 12 to 15 in Mexico City. The first whistle has not yet sounded, the first dog has not yet stepped into the ring, and there are already those who want to declare it a failure. That is not criticism; that is bad faith.

The results are yet to be seen, and we are confident they will speak for themselves. High-quality dogs, respected judges, serious organization, and a community that will rise to the occasion.

We are proud and grateful to the AKC for having placed its trust in Mexico, and we are also very pleased with everything that has already been accomplished.

And best of all, we will spend some extraordinary days in Mexico City, celebrating who we are and coming together as the great dog-loving family that we are.

When history is written, it will say that Mexico was the first country chosen to host this great event. It will say nothing about those who criticized it from the sidelines before it even began.

Sincerely,

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