Me

Current Situation

- Growing importance of dog welfare

- Extreme and unrealistic ideas and requirements

- Mass-production of trending breeds & breeds losing popularity

- Missing identity

- An utterly changing society

Why Don't We Like Uncertainties

- Future predictions on the consequence of decisions, events, actions, whatever are important

- The known path versus constant alert

- Old rules do not apply

Sources of Uncertainties

- No predictability or trustworthy and obvious patterns in the environment to forecast future outcomes

- The individual cannot
  - understand the environment,
  - has no influence on radical changes,
  - no resources or experience in how to adapt to changes.

When We Make Everything Even Harder

- Denial – what does not exist, I do not need to bother about

- „I'm absolutely perfect"

- Someone (but definitely not me) should do something to make things better.

- The comfort of nostalgia – everything is good as it has always been

Different Uncertainties

- Individual (or even a group of individual)
    - Am I enough?

- Environmental
    - Do I understand what's happening?
    - Can I influence?

Further Triggers

- Technology
- Generation differences
- Tremendous amount of information

Breeders Are…

- Complex society
- Own norms [as a society]
- Own motivations [as a society]
- Complex dynamics, interactions

Breeding

Domestic

- Mentors & Mentees
- Generation gaps
- Various stakeholders
- What is knowledge?

Environmental

- Segregation
- Someone needs to be blamed
- Emotions versus Facts

In a Nutshell

- Change is inevitable
- Consciously understand the frustration and anxiety caused by uncertainties
- Understand the mechanisms, causations, dynamics, and interactions behind a situation causing uncertainties
- Evaluate the situation: either influence or adapt
- How to apply it in breeding?
- Nothing solves itself