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Spinone Overseas for Adoption

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Dear SOFA

Re: Request for Support

Please find below our responses to the points you have raised. We ask for a copy of any letters or statements you send out which state our opinion on these points.

Docking in this breed abroad is for working use, not fashion - We agree with this point

There is no demand for cosmetically docked Spinoni in the UK -We believe that there is a very limited demand for cosmetically docked Spinoni in the UK.

The UK has virtually no Spinoni in shelters - We agree with this point

Spinoni in Italy face genuine welfare crises due to lack of rehoming options for hunting dogs - We have no data on this so cannot provide a judgement.

A small, registered, tightly controlled rescue like SOFA serves a real welfare need - We agree with this point.

An exemption is essential to allow a workable solution - We agree with this point.

Yours sincerely

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