

## ATIBOX-Breed Show 2008 at Piestany/Slowakia

For the third time, after Sirmione/Italy, in 1992, and St. Gallen/Switzerland, in 2001, I had the honour to officiate as a judge on the occasion of the most important boxer breed show. For that I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the organizers, the Slovakian and the Czech boxer clubs. My special thanks go to the "Master" of the show, Mr Jozef Suster, for the successful organization and the friendly care. A perfect lady translator, who was well versed in the cynological technical vocabulary, as well as a very experienced secretary, guaranteed a smooth course of the judgements, which was rather important, considering the high number of boxers.

I was allotted the brindle bitches, as well on Saturday, for the Youth and the Young Classes, as on Sunday, for the Open, the Working and the Champion Classes.

In the **Youth Class**, 20 bitches had been entered of which 16 were present in the ring. 11 bitches obtained the qualification "Excellent", 5 obtained "Very Good". The overall impression of this class was one of significant discrepancy, the top bitches being of high quality. The winner was **Felissia Black di Villa Giulia/Italy (Yugo della Cadormare - Asia)** preceding **Via Aveling Dragonda/Russia (Ego de Joanxichcan - Forza Roma)**; the third place went to **Uganda del Colle dell'Infinito/Croatia (Segundo del Colle dell'Infinito - Berta del Colle dell'Infinito)** before **Via Aveling Daytona**, sister of litter of the second place bitch.

About twice as many entries as in the Youth Class had been made in the **Young Class**, i.e. 39, and I judged 30 bitches: 21 obtained the qualification "Excellent", 7 "Very Good" and 2 "Good". This result very clearly shows the discrepancies in quality. The most frequent points of criticism in both the Youth and the Young Classes were oversize, lacking back firmness, weak angles and resulting problems in movement. On the whole the heads were correct, but this is not sufficient to keep the breed on the right track. If boxers want to live up to their reputation as working dogs, they must be able to run well. And they will only be able to run well if the angles and the firmness of the back, of the joints and of the ligaments are flawless. Rather clearly and without much effort **Gloria Schiwa's Imperium/Slowenia (Gem Top Weinstand - Faa Schiwa's Imperium)** obtained the top position. She asserted her position in the "jump off" against the best bitch of the Youth Class and won the title of ATIBOX Young Champion. Finally she also won against the fawn bitch ATIBOX Young Champion and became Best Young Bitch of the show. The second place of this class went to **Ananda die Veteris/Spain (Boreas di Casa Diocletiano - Maxima do Sul)** before **Ettmare's Lerua/Russia (Jacinto D'Jandilla - Elmonte's Amaridge)** and **Elodi dei Centurioni/Germany (Warrior dei Centurioni - Elena di Solgimar)**.

47 entries had been made into the **Open Class** thus making this class the most important one in number. Unfortunately, there also was the greatest number of no-shows and only 32 bitches were present in the ring, of which 28 were qualified "Excellent" and 4 "Very Good". The overall impression was one of very good quality with, in the top range, some outstanding bitches.

At the first place, I put **Tarragona v. German Dream/Germany (Future v. German Dream - Irish Coffee v. Fausto)** because of her very typical head, her slightly more than medium sized body with beautiful lines, clean and firm, with much feminine expression. I was extremely glad that my Italian colleague, in the Ring of Honour, absolutely confirmed my decision in designating this bitch as Best Bitch of the Show. The second place was awarded to **Phetra de Lareanus/Portugal (Oliver-Jones v. Bispus - Fiona des Grands Fonds des Abymes)**. The impression of this bitch is one of a remarkable "presence" in the ring, a noble neck and a faultless build with a lean head. She was inferior to the winner only because of her lesser muzzle width. Came in to the third place **Piotrusia Sweet Glogiosa/Poland (Grappa Glogiosa - Virginia Optima Grata)**. She impressed by a

faultless build and first class gait, with a very typical head. **Nea dell`Ars Amandi/Italy (Hard del Roxius - Coppelia dell`Ars Amandi)**, was fourth, on the whole a very typical bitch with very good movements..

The absolute highlight of these two days was the **Working Class** with 22 entries and 19 brindle bitches present, all of whom obtained the best qualification "Excellent". I do not recall having ever judged during all my 26 years of activity as a judge a class that came near to the quality of this class. For my decisions in placing these bitches of champion quality, I did not need to look into details but I could concentrate, besides on the head proportions, especially on their femininity, the correction of their build with the desired medium size, and their movements. These conditions were fulfilled to a very large extent by **Ginger-Ale della Cadormare/Italy (Yugo della Cadormare - Cassiopeia della Cadormare)**, which consequently gave her the victory, and this meant winning the title of ATIBOX Champion, as unfortunately the winner in the Champion Class did not have a working title. The second place went to **Cosma-Shiva v. Hochkamp/Germany (Merlin v. d. Sembacher Flur - Clara v. d. Morre)** with her typical head and a wonderful feminine expression, although her front leaves somewhat to be desired. **Isamora del Colle dell`Infinito/Italy (Ego de Joanxichcan - Quinta del Colle dell`Infinito)** obtained the third place. She impressed by her very typical head and expression and her square build with beautiful lines. A lack of firmness after some time of movement resulted in giving away the first two places to the bitches above. The fourth place was won by **Demonia Inferno/Poland (Imbir Benignus - Tamii Escurial)**, with a typical head and a body with beautiful lines.

The last class to be judged was the **Champion Class** with 14 entries and 9 presented champions from 6 countries. The winner was **Tortilla Sweet Glogiosa/Poland (Grappa Glogiosa - Virginia Optima Grata)**, a full sister of the third placed bitch in the Open Class. Like her sister she also had a faultless build, and even had a slightly better head and expression. Unfortunately, as already mentioned above, she has no working title and could thus not compete for the title of ATIBOX Champion. The second place was obtained by the already 6 1/2 years old **Oriella v. Elsavatal/Germany (Future v. German Dream - Gilette v. d. Morrequelle)**, who was presented in top form and has lost nothing of her presence and type; followed by **X of Space Kett Box/Czech Republic (Balu v. Hause Romeo - Blaze of Glory Kett Box)** and **Rus la Fler Arriva-Arriva/Russia (Poseidon di Noi Vincere - Elmonte`s Shantal)**, both of them very typical bitches with very good body proportions.

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