

# ST GALLEN'S T SHOWS AND VICT



In the beautiful surroundings of St Gallen the 2nd Victor Grand Prix ( the Supreme Champion of Champions) was arranged 25 May 2003. There were also two international shows – one on Saturday the 25 May and one on Sunday the 26 May in the quality halls of Olma in St Gallen.

Almost 80 champions were entered for the Grand Prix and many of them came from different countries. A panel of semi finalist judges firstly gave points to every single dog and the highest scoring 16 could then compete in the evening at the final, where the Victor figures (the beautiful small statues) were presented to the three top winners who then emerged from the exciting knockout competition.

Among the semi finals judges there were many famous international judges including , Mrs Ferylith Somerfield from UK, Mr Hans Lehtinen from Finland, Mrs Elsbeth Clerc and Mrs Barbara Müller from Switzerland, Mrs Martha Heine and Mr Uwe Fischer from Germany, Mr Guido Vandoni from Italy, Mr Javier Sanchez from Spain, Mrs Wendy Slatyer from Australia and many other famous canine names.

At the Grand Final, the local Cobana Big Band took care of music during the evening and Mr Kurt Radnetter from Austria was the excellent commentator for the evening as well as the shows.

The committee had invited Mrs Marisa Brevio Chellini from Italy, Mrs Elke Peper from Germany and Mr Kari Järvinen from Finland to judge the final.

The Golden Victor Grand Prix was won by the Black Giant Schnauzer male, Dgentli Bon Chaikonsky, bred, owned and handled by Ms Anna Vlasova from Russia. The dog was so sure of himself and he managed the whole stage very easily. It is world throughout the world that the Russian Schnauzers have quality and this handsome Giant was no exception, He had won the Group earlier the same day at the show, so the young and enchanting owner, Anna Vlasova, made a really good decision to enter her dog in St Gallen.



(above) St Gallen: 25 May 2002. Show Master: Hans Muller  
235 different breeds from 22 different nations

Judge Best in Show: Rafael de Santiago: Puerto Rico  
BEST IN SHOW, Welsh Corgi Pembroke, Ninacorte 'DJ Miami Vice  
Breeder: Kurniawan, Owner: Haberli & Kurniawan, Switzerland  
#2 BIS, Shih Tzu, Rhumor Me de Morganan 'Dho  
Breeder: Iriart, Owner: Maraolo, Fareri, Italy  
#3BIS, Irish Red Setter, O'Ceallaigh's Yolookatme  
Breeder: Groenen, Owner: Ljuba, Hungary

and top right, present for the FCI meeting held that weekend,  
from the left: Rafael De Santiago, Puerto Rico, Stefan Stefik, Slovakia,  
Hans Muller, FCI President, Karl P. Reisinger, Austria, Miguel A. Martinez,  
Argentina, Kari Järvinen, Jörgen Hindse Madsen, Denmark, and  
Yves Declercq, FCI General Secretary.

# TWO INTERNATIONAL FOR GRAND PRIX 2002

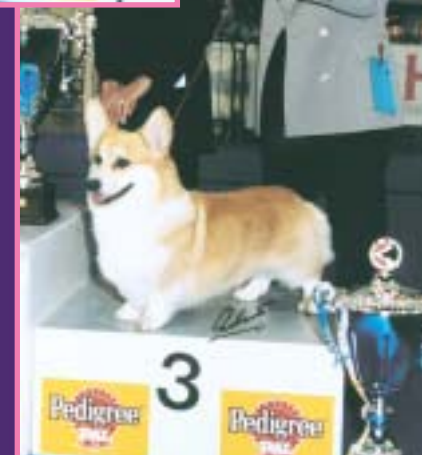


The Silver Victor figure stayed home in Switzerland, and was won by the American imported Welsh Corgi Pembroke male, Ninacorte 'DJ Miami Vice, owned by N Kurniawan. He must be the top winning dog of the weekend, because under Mr Rafael de Santiago, Puerto Rico, he was BIS at the international show on Saturday and under Mrs Lisbeth Mach, Switzerland on Sunday he was 3rd in the final of that show as well. The car was packed with several big trophies to go back home, because the committee had really showy trophies for all the winners.

The Bronze (3rd) dog in the Grand Prix this year was the Siberian Husky bitch from Germany Hightower's Fire and Ice, bred and owned by Guido Schäfer. This elegant, well moving Husky also took BIS on Sunday, when Mrs Lisbeth Mach gave her the biggest trophy in the final of that show and placed in the Group on Saturday.

The Italian black Miniature Schnauzer male Harold was 4th in the hot competition of the Grand Prix, bred and owned by Roberto Corteggiani. He was also placed in the hot Group competition of the show both days, so his journey from Italy was well worthy of the trip.

The Swiss kitchen offered a very delicious dinner and the atmosphere of the event was great. The evening showed that Champion contests can be interesting and the quality of breeds can be – let me say it – rather different in different countries. It was an excellent public relations event to promote purebred dog and most of those present agreed the best dogs won and that they handled the somewhat difficult "show" conditions on a small stage with a great deal of noise and many bright lights very well indeed. It is expected that next time there will be even more new, high quality champions to compete for the beautiful sculptured Victor figures, which were designed by Heidi Rohrer, Switzerland for the first Victor Grand Prix event in Basel in 1997.



(above) St Gallen: 26 May 2002.

1462 entries  
Judge Best in Show: L Mach, Switzerland

**BEST IN SHOW**  
Siberian Husky, Hightower's Fire & Ice  
Breeder & Owner: Guido Schäfer, Germany

#2 BIS, Labrador Retriever, Amber  
Breeder & Owner: Barberi, Italy

#3 BIS, Welsh Corgi Pembroke  
Ninacorte 'DJ Miami Vice  
Breeder: Kurniawan  
Owner: Haberli & Kurniawan, Switzerland

and top left,  
some of the judges for the Semi Finals,  
Wendye Slatyer, Rafael de Santiago,  
Uwe Fischer, and Hans Lehtinen

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