

International Aptus 2007 in Helsinki

The Helsinki Kennel Club held their international show in May.

After many difficulties, the show committee obtained from Helsinki Council a completely new ice hockey hall for the use of the exhibitors, not in the city centre but about 15 kilometers from the city. Parking was a great potential problem, because it was the first time this big show was arranged at this venue. The show committee solved the problems and the show received splendid feedback from the exhibitors – the clients of the show committee. Very often many show committees forget that the exhibitors are the ones who actually pay to make everything possible when shows are arranged. That's why it is very nice to hear positive feedback from the exhibitors.

The show was happy to have two main sponsors – Orion Pharma Ltd and Royal Canin Finland Ltd. The name of the show – Aptus – comes from one of Orion's products. As always, the panel of judges was very international, as also were the exhibits. The entry was 3000 dogs – the maximum for the hall.

It was a great pleasure for the first time to have the final Royal Canin Junior Grand Prix. This means that all those junior exhibits which had won the title of best junior in shows which were sponsored by Royal Canin had an invitation to participate in the RC Junior Grand Prix at the International Aptus Show 2007. Mr Göran Bodegård from Sweden had the honour to be the first judge of the final. His winner was the most lovely, well shown Bichon Frisé male Fine Design It Happens.

BIS was judged by the Norwegian Mr Per Iversen, whose winner was the Portuguese Water Dog male Int/Finnish/Swedish/Norwegian/Danish/Estonian Ch Leve Leve Do Monte Do Catula, by Cha Das Cinco do Vale Negro ex Beira Mar Da casa D'alandra, bred in Portugal by Mercedes Geraldés, and sent to the final by Mrs Elina Tan-Hietalahti, who judged FCI Group 8. The breed was judged by Mrs Eeva Rautala, the well known Finnish Labrador Retriever breeder under the prefix Wetten.

Mrs Elina Tan-Hietalahti judged amongst many breeds the Samoyeds and RUBIS was the most picturesque Samoyed male Int/Finnish/Estonian/Russian/Norwegian Ch Ikiliikkujan Eddie of Voyage, by Anatina Voyage-Voyage ex Ikiliikkujan Marie Louise owned and bred by Mr and Mrs Rainer Lehtinen. He is always handled by their daughter Heidi. This male has had such a successful springtime, because he recently won BIS in Lahti and in Hamina. Group 5 at Aptus was judged by Mr Rafael Malo Alcrudo from Spain.

Third in the final was the lovely Papillon male Finnish/British/Swedish/Danish/Norwegian Ch Gleniren Premier League Sunshoo, by Kinshaven Principal Boy at Gleniren ex Sunshoo Imatouch of Class, judged in the breed ring by Mrs Monique Van Brempt, Belgium and in the Group by our Danish judge Mrs Hanne Laine Jensen.



Int/Fin/Swed/Nor/Dan/Est Ch Leve Leve Do Monte Do Catula



Int/Fin/Est/Russ/Nor Ch Ikiliikkujan Eddie of Voyage



Fin/Brit/Swe/Dan/Nor Ch Gleniren Premier League Sunshoo



FCI Group 4 (Dachshunds) was judged by Mrs Monique van Brempt and her winner, the Smooth-haired Dachshund male Kan Trace Bad Luck (what a name for a successful show dog!) by Manolo Di Willahermosa ex Bossa od Bencica was 4th in the final. Honestly I have to say that this Dachshund showed so well all the time that he was like a clock.

The Best Veteran was judged both days by Mr Tapio Eerola, the editor of the Finnish Club magazine "Our Dogs". With his wife Kaija he has bred with great success, Hovawarts and now they also have at home some other breeds. The best Veteran on Saturday was the Maltese bitch Int/Finnish/Swedish/Danish/Norwegian Ch Straight Fire Hot Glittering Lady, by Cinecitta Breve Incontro ex Straight Fire Hot Killing Lady. On Sunday the winner was the Pharaohound bitch Finnish/Swedish/Danish Ch Magicway's Min for Siphra by Siphra's Summernight City ex Chefren Min Mut.

The International Aptus 2007 now belongs to history and the show committee has started to plan the shows for 2008 and 2009!

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Kan Trace Bad Luck