

FRIBOURG

Saturday judge
Mrs L Mach (CH)



Swiss Top Dog Award



1st

Kumamatata Awesome Boy for Lionslord
(Leonberger - GB)



2nd

Moima Cream Bonbon (Chow Chow - IT)



3rd

Paloma Picasso (Greyhound - CH)



Habibi v.d. Vliegende Kiep
(Standard WH Dachshund - NL)



Sunjoy's Here Comes the Sun
(Dandie Dinmont Terrier - IT)



Wolerlow Single Malt (Basset Hound - IT)



Vagabond le Foyerdusetter (English Setter - CH)



Top Gun de Ria Vela (Golden Retriever - F)

This year the Swiss kennel club celebrates its 125th jubilee. For this event they organised a special competition: the Swiss Top Dog Award 2008, sponsored by Eukanuba. It is an honorific title. All the dogs with a pedigree recognised by FCI can compete. In the Swiss shows it is no longer possible to exhibit dogs with cropped ears or tails. This since the 1st January 2006.

This Swiss Top Dog competition had started with the show of Lausanne 2007. At that time we have to say that the rules of this Top Dog event were still not very clear. The sponsor distributed a sheet speaking about this jubilee competition but at the stand not many people exactly knew what was the event. Exhibitors had to wait a bit to know the rules. We had the impression that the Lausanne show "had arrived too early", before all the details were ready. In Fribourg things were really more set out. Exhibitors received a more detailed sheet describing this award. Each winner of CAC, CACIB, RCAC, BOB and placed in the main ring receives points. Exhibitors had to calculate the total and send it to Eukanuba. Even now they do not know which is the deadline to send the results. It is not an automatic calculation done by the kennel club or the sponsor. So only people, who wanted to participate in this award, compete for the Top Dog. They only need to fill in a form with all the results and send it to Eukanuba. To compete they have to participate in at least four shows. Lausanne and Fribourg already had taken place. There are still St Gallen (17/18 May), Luzern (21/22 June) and Bulle (CAC) (12/13 July). On 18 October 2008 a special dinner will be organised in Lausanne. The best 24 dogs will be judged by a jury that will be kept secret until the last minute. Who will be the champion? If in Lausanne we did not see a great change of exhibitors, in Fribourg we saw more foreigner exhibitors arriving from the other side of the border even from Hungary. This award even though it is not an official title is drawing the attention of exhibitors to the Swiss dog show life.

The BIG winners of the third "Jubilee" appointment were the Polyani Gyalu (Komondor - H), Kumamatata Awesome Boy for Lionslord (Leonberger - GB), Sunjoy's Here Comes the Sun (Dandie Dinmont Terrier - IT), Habibi v.d. Vliegende Kiep (Standard WH Dachshund - NL), Moima Cream Bonbon (Chow Chow - IT), Melodor Burn The Wicht (American Akita - GB/IT), Wolerlow Single Malt (Basset Hound - IT), Vagabond le Foyerdusetter (English Setter - CH), Top Gun de Ria Vela (Golden Retriever - F), Wy Not just a Country Girl (Boston Terrier - IT), Paloma Picasso (Greyhound - CH).

Mrs L Mach (CH) after having seen the dogs in the pre-ring she assigned the first place to the Leonberger, the second to the Chow Chow and the third place to the Greyhound.

For the fourth CACIB (Sunday) the 10 stars of the main ring judged by Mrs E Clerc (CH) were: Paloma Picasso (Greyhound - CH), Gleniren Premier League Sunshoo (Papillon - D), Very Vigie Vamos a la Playa (American Cocker - CH), Grey Classics Fox Multer (Weimaraner Smooth - B), Wolerlow Single Malt (Basset Hound - IT), Kimura's Frida (Norwegian Buhund - CH), Ivan v.d. Vliegende Kiep (Standard WH Dachshund - NL), Raoul Diva vom Deipen Brook (West-Highland White Terrier - D), Island's Princelionheart of Midnight Lady (Newfoundland - IT), Tokory Incognito (Border Collie - IT).

Mrs Clerc gave first place to the Westie, second to the Newfoundland and third to the American Cocker Spaniel.

Among the Group winners interested in the Swiss Top Dog Award we already felt a small amount of tension. Is there already among the winners of this weekend the winner of the Top Dog Award? It is surely too early to mention a few names. Be patient! Next appointment will be St Gallen.

Report and photos Roberto



Wy Not just a Country Girl
(Boston Terrier - IT)

