

WORLD DOG SHOW STOCKHOLM 2008

The big Stockholm show last weekend was a real dress rehearsal for the World Show, which will be held next summer in the same premises. Now this show was bigger and more international than ever, 10 000 dogs in two days, representing 18 different countries.

Obviously the coming World Show had inspired dog enthusiasts to come, and also the fact that the Nordic Winner titles were to offer. There is every year a new theme in the main ring decorations and layout, and this time it was "we are building the World Show". The speaker Kenneth Edh and all the stewards in the main ring were dressed as building constructors, with hard hats and overalls and there were building scaffolding here and there in the ring. The colours were yellow and blue as in the Swedish flag.

In this show all the "of the Year" award were given, not only the Dog of the Year, which means the top winning showdog, but also the Breeder of the Year, the Hero Dog of the Year, the Police Dog of the Year and the Drug Sniffer Dog of the Year.

Best in Show was the Finnish-born Pharaoh Hound Ch Northgate's As You Like It, owned by Jenny Hall and Annica Lundqvist Hemström. He was also crowned as the Dog of the Year in Sweden. The BIS judge, Mr Nils Molin, experienced Swedish allrounder, said that when he saw this dog for the first time, he realised how a Pharaoh Hound should look like. He also said, that to choose the winner was easy, but the next placings were more difficult to decide.

Reserve BIS was the famous Bracco Italiano from Italy, Multi Ch Axel del Monte Alago, owned by Bitte Ahrens and Salvo Tripoli. He is the leading showdog in Italy, a multiple BIS winner and well remembered for his wins in the last few European and World Shows.

Third was the Afghan Hound from Spain, Int Ch Khafka's Exotic Spice, Philippe Gallardo and Felix Duque, fourth the Australian Terrier Int Ch Jaskarin Bravo, Saija & Markus Wallden, Sweden and fifth the Basset Hound Ch Swede Sun's Adam, Paula Sunebring. The remaining Group winners were the top dog of Denmark, the Australian Shepherd Int Ch Thornapple Aftershock, Bitta Wöhliche, the Giant Schnauzer Refrain Bodybuilder, Frances Fabergé from Finland, the Miniature Smooth Dachshund Seidemann's Canasta, Markku Moilanen & Claes von Zeipel, Sweden, the Portuguese Water Dog Int Ch Leve Leve do Monte do Catula, Eija Suomela, Finland and the Lhasa Apso Ch Chic Choix Sky's the Limit, Lauryna Rubikaite from Lithuania. The Lhasa just won BIS at Helsinki a week ago. So a really hot gang from various countries was present in the BIS final.



BIS and Dog of the Year in Sweden,
Pharaoh Hound
Ch Northgate's As You Like It



BIS 2, Bracco Italiano, Int Ch Axel del Monte Alago



BIS 3, Afghan Hound, Int Ch Khafka's Exotic Spice



BIS 4, Australian Terrier, Int Ch Jaskarin Bravo



BIS 5, Basset Hound, Ch Swede Sun's Adam



Australian Shepherd,
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Dachshund Miniature Smooth
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Portuguese Water Dog
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