



Czech Republic Rottweiler Championship 2011

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I was invited, together with judge Stanislav Ševčík, by the Czech Republic Rottweiler Club to oversee the Czech Rottweiler Championship which took place on October 10, 2011 in the small village Probluz, about 10 km east of Hradec Králové. The championship was organized by the local canine organization for the categories IPO1 and IPO3. My responsibility was the marks for obedience and defence in both categories.

Fourteen competitors were enrolled to the lower class and six to the higher. I find the inclusion of the lower category very beneficial as it promotes competition for the new Rottweiler trainers and also comparison of the young dogs from the same breed.



Cirrus Hamon Black Touch

When judging obedience for the IPO1 class, several promising pairs emerged, showing accurate presentation and execution of the exercise. However, none of the pairs managed to achieve a rating of very good or better. The best ones were Marcela Makovíniová with Cirrus Hamon Black Touch and Pavlína Fialová with Derrick Bonnapo. Both received 87 points. The very good mark was not achieved as the dogs did not manage the position sit. Both of these dogs work willingly and attentively to their handlers. Another advantage of the two ladies was correct presentation of their dogs without using any auxiliary

commands, gestures or body correction which for the other pairs I was forced to penalize very often. Most competitors in this category are less experienced with training and some of them are also inexperienced with the competition setting. This was proved especially by their use of auxiliary commands. The verbal command was often accompanied by a hand motion, changing the motion rhythm, turning the body or posture to facing exercises, especially for retrieving, but also a posture to comply with the basic posture before and after the exercise ended. Several times I also had to assess the posture of some exercises. Even high quality trained dogs in obedience today cannot do this without close cooperation with the coach or instructor. Dog handlers, particularly the less experienced, are unable to fully control the preparation of a dog, and therefore it is necessary to train with an experienced person who understands the proper needs of training and

inappropriate implementation of the obedience.



Arco_Fei_z_Benateckeho_dvora

Radka Flášarová and Ora z Tyrosu with Iveta Kučerová both obtained C 92 points. Their main advantage was the implementation of certain and convincing performance with only some minor deficiencies in the search for helper. The dog must not only carefully circle the fifth hiding place, which was also examined, but also demonstrate good response to the command by the handler, who calls him and while the dog is in motion sends him the command to check the sixth blind where the helper is hidden. The three dogs showed reliable grips with some inaccuracies in the completeness of bite and in guarding the helper after releasing him. At this stage of the exercises it is required to thoroughly guard the helper until the dog handler comes.



Amadeus_Biramo

have also shown lack of force when they should arrest the helper, when he or she is running and also subsequent readiness to confidently perform the attack on the helper. Several dogs also



Derrick_Bonnapo

Defence category IPO1 showed slightly better results in the scoring compared against obedience, and I was able to place three very good ratings. Amadeus Biramo with Ladislav Šťastný obtained C 93 points, and Diablo Ford Black Touch with

Many of the dogs which received satisfactory evaluations showed shortages when they checked the last blind where the judge was standing. When the handler sent them to the last blind they had problems with the judge standing there. They avoided the blind and some ran to check the fourth blind instead. The dogs were apparently responding to the presence of judge at the last hiding place, manifesting massive maneuvers. I believe that this act was caused by the dogs' inexperience in training, when they do not know that at last someone is hiding. They



Diablo_Ford_Black_Touch

showed signs of incomplete training during the attack of the dog out of motion and the detention of the counterattack. Many dogs are unable to cope with situations where the helper runs against the dog and the dog has to bite. Dogs are trained to handle only the attack to the standing handler with following attack afterwards and not the other way around which caused a lot of

surprises. In other words, the dogs are not shy, but it is their ignorance causing helplessness and thus, as they passed the helper they were going to bite immediately. In the best cases they get the grips immediately and technically correctly executed. Still I saw some very young Rottweilers with quality work and confident nature of behaviour, for which I named the first winner of this category, Diablo Ford Black Touch with Radka Flášarová, Amedeus Biramo with Ladislav Šťastný, Ora z Tyrosu with Iveta Kučerová and Chunny Elsa od Kačky with Jitka Hroníková. Category IPO3 was marked by low participation with enrollment of only six dogs. It is a pity that the date of the championship does not allow the best representatives of the Rottweiler breed to participate. I consider this a flaw which detracts prestige and deducts quality from the Rottweiler Championship. However, saying that, I do not want to devalue the quality of the winning team, Varon vom Herrenholz with Jiří Janoušek. This pair clearly demonstrated through their performance that they are the best. The presentation of Varon by Jiří Janoušek was right, only with some small inaccuracies in individual exercises. Varon works in obedience and it was readily apparent that he understands his handler and that they are coordinated. However, in the defence he made an error right away in the first exercise, when he should find a helper. He checked the first hiding place and then ran to the last hiding place, where the helper was hidden without the handler being able to call him off. Varon performed confidently with strong grips and strong fighting behaviour. However, he was reluctant to let go, which cost him some valuable points. In this category it is worth mentioning the performance of Arco Fei z Benáteckeho dvora with Jan Kuncl, who finished in second place. The reason he lost points was that he did not have full concentration on the controllability exercise and delayed sitting down when he instead kept standing. Also Arco Fei made an unsatisfactory performance in the defence exercise. When he should find the helper he ran away after the first blind. In his biting grips he also made errors, in particular fullness and strength. However, he carried out all procedures surely and confidently. But I believe that I have seen them working better at this year's CACIT.

Finally, I would like to highlight the work of the helpers Josef Kubec and Jiří Mach as responsible for the highlights of this championship. They have been working together for years and are considered the absolute top helpers not only in the Czech Republic, but their precise work is known in other European countries. Although they have different body types they are still characterized by excellent dynamics and movement coordination, focus and conviction in their absolutely correct and safe work when fighting with the dog, and both accurately prepare the sleeve to allow for the grips. The setting for the championship was nice with many spectators and the Rottweiler club did a solid job organizing the event. For me personally it was another good event after experiencing the so-called evaluation of tracking at the Rottweiler World Championship 2009 in Hradec Králové.

About Luboš Jánský

How long have you been dedicated to sports cynology? When did you start to train your first dog and where?

I have been devoting my time to sports cynology since 1966 when I bought my first German Shepherd – Don z Dankova dvora, with whom I finished in second place in the youth championship in 1968.

Did you stay with one breed? Which breed?

I train German Shepherds, but I also had a Doberman for 10 years and when I was in the army I had a Rottweiler, too.

How often do you exercise with them and how often do you think it is ideal to practice?

It depends on the time, but I train twice or four times a week. However, I devote time to the dogs a few times each day.

How long have you been a judge of sports cynology?

In 1975, when I was 25 years old, I passed the exam for national judge to assess the breeds. Today the same exam covers judge II class. Since 1981 I have been a national judge and in the early nineties CKS appointed me as international judge.

Could you please comment on the current situation of sports cynology, particularly in relation to the Rottweiler breed? Are you able to recognize any changes in this breed? How would you compare Rottweilers in the context of the working breeds: do they have some advantages or disadvantages?

I believe that I am not knowledgeable enough to evaluate the Rottweiler breed. However, generally I can say that it is similar to the other breeds. Some are good for training, others are good companions. In 2009, when I was in Hradec Králové reviewing the Rottweiler World Cup, I can say that quality performances by Rottweilers match the level shown by other breeds of working dogs, like German and Belgian Shepherds.

At what level could you compare the Czech cynology with the world?

The sport cynology in the Czech Republic is at an average world level, with the occasional individual being better. (I believe that average is low, we could do far better than that!)

To what extent do you find the work of judge interesting? What do you enjoy most about this work?

For me, the judge work is interesting because I get to meet people with the same or similar interests as mine. I have the opportunity to become familiar with new methods of training and the performance of dogs and approaches of dog handlers. Not only am I able to judge them, I can make my own opinion and even implement it into training.

What would you wish for with regard to all those who want to start in sports cynology? What advice would you give to the experienced dog breeder? And do you have any wishes for the future?

To all dog breeders, I would wish that they enjoy the work with the dog and handle the dog as a sport partner and that they are very correct with the dogs. After all, the mistakes of the dog are not really his, but the mistakes of his master, because if the orders given to the dog are not clear enough, the dog may not understand you. My wishes for the future: be fair to the dogs, tolerant and work with them so that you can feel good about your work with them, even if you do not have ambitions to become world champion.



Chunny_Elsa_od_Kacky