

OD International - Czech Republic

The 30th Euro OES Show



This was the 30th annual Euro OES Show. This is not just a show but it is whole long weekend full of events for Bobtails, owners, breeders and lovers. There is almost nobody among the Bobtail people who won't at least have heard about this truly international event with a long tradition and very high support among the Bobtail lovers.

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For many years breeders and lovers of the Old English Sheepdog had felt the need to have contact with each other on a European level to discuss the clubs, activities, development of the breed, etc etc. The ultimate aim: improvement of the breed. This also was the item which was discussed by some European breeders, the night after the International Show in Trieste 1987. On that night the foundation was laid for further European co-operation. It was the idea of Roberto Arcion (I), Joachim Pilz (D), Barbara Muller (CH), Claude Ritter (F), Eef ter Mors (NL) and Pedro Frea (E) embraced this thought and promised each other to stand strong together to keep this movement going. At first the idea was to establish an European OES club, but that thought was quickly abandoned. The various national clubs in Europe are too busy in their own country with organising everything and besides that there are overall national and international organisations. There was the fear - in case of starting an European OES Club - that administrative and bureaucratic procedures would mean the end of the initiative. The first thing the forum came up with was to have the show in a different European country each year to guarantee the continuity of this show and to give it a personal quality. The national clubs cannot organise this European show unless they have agreed to respect the rules as much as possible. The Italian club was the first club to organise this show in 1988 and it was a great success. From that moment on, the organisation was growing and growing. The host country this year was the Czech Republic, the organising team has chosen as a venue the beautiful baroque Castle Valtice located in the south east of the Czech Republic, very close to the borders with Austria. The place is marvellous and very unique for this kind of occasion. The whole area is very well known for producing high quality wine. The Euro OES Show is not only about the show itself but there are many formal and informal meetings and also other events organised by the hosting

country. This year the Bobtail Club of Czech Republic held a Seminar about the hip dysplasia named "Hips Dysplasia - breeder versus owner" undertaken by the veterinary specialist Mrs Eva Vavrova. Then there was a guided tour through the Valtice Castle and on Saturday evening there was a dinner with the wine specialties in the Valtice cellars. Besides the show the highlight of the whole event was the gala dinner that took place on Sunday evening/night with lots of fun. The OES people proved themselves to be really fun makers and entertainers. They prepared gave us a dancing performance throughout the ages - dancing which we could have seen during the past century. The performance was prepared by the international team and was a surprise for most of the guests. The weekend was not just about fun, wine and entertainment but the main thing was the show. The organising committee with the leader Mrs Petra Marova, President of Czech Bobtail Club had decided to place the show inside of the historical castle in the riding hall built in 1713, it protected dogs and people from too strong sunshine and some rain. The decision finally showed up as a very smart one as we have experienced both types of weather not good for long haired breeds - high temperatures with a lot of sun and later on a thunderstorm with a rain. The hall was beautifully renovated and it has provided an extraordinary place for the dog show. Petra's team was so well organised during the show as well as when the show finished. They cleaned the place after the show and then with the catering staff from the castle prepared the place for the gala dinner just a few hours after the show. The judge of the show was Mrs Pauline Barnes and her husband Colin Barnes (Macopa OES) from UK. The judges for the Euro OES Show are fixed by the rules of the Euro OES Show Committee and the judges are those who are going to judge the breed at Crufts in 2 years time. This system was very smartly chosen by the Euro OES Committee years ago when there was no travel pet scheme to the UK as it exists nowadays and for the continental people was actually impossible to show their dogs at the prestigious Crufts show. This year there were 120 dogs entered from 22 countries all over Europe as well as from the UK and the USA. There were also visitors representing the Anglian East Bobtail Club who donated some prizes for the winners as well as the Belgian bobtail club, OES Club of Denmark, German Club - DOESC and many other individuals supported the show



Winners of the 30th Euro OES Show in Valtice was (left) the BOB winner, GUDENKO's Amor Day Of Abigail Grace from Russia, and the BOS winner (right) was BILSHEIM's Sugar Aus Dem Rotmaltal from Germany, pictured here with the President of the Czech KC, Mr L. Siroky, President of the Czech OES Club, Mrs P. Marova and Judges Colin and Pauline Barnes from the UK.

by their donations. The main sponsors of the show were ONTARIO Dog Food, Frontline and Hunter. The show was held also under the auspices of the Mayor of the Valtice town Mr Trojan as well as President of Czech Kennel Club Mr Lubomir Siroky who proudly presented the main prize - the trophy made from crystal glass decorated by typical local technique - for the BOB winner. Mr Siroky was very pleased by the organisation of such a great event by a club who is one of the smallest in our country with

only 40 members. He appreciated very highly all the work of the organising committee and he was glad to know they are ready to help with the possible organisation of the World Dog Show in 2021 in Brno where Czech republic is one of the candidates. The next Euro OES Show in 2018 takes place in Italy and also it was announced that the host country for 2019 was to be Hungary.

Judges for the 30th Euro OES Show - Pauline & Colin Barnes (UK)

The Euro OES Show recently took place in the Czech Republic, the 30th year of this wonderful event. With Bobtail enthusiasts from over 22 countries meeting up for a weekend of showing and fun.

Colin & myself would like to thank the Committee of the Czech Bobtails Club & the Euro Committee for the wonderful event that they put on for us all.

The venue at the Valtice Castle in the grounds of the National Cultural Monument was absolutely out of this world for this dog show. We were honoured that exhibitors had travelled as far afield as Russia, Italy, Belgium, France to show their dogs under us. In total 120 dogs were shown.

The quality of the dogs was excellent with not one bad mouth, excellent eye colours, well groomed and shown to perfection. Colin judged the Baby Puppies, Juniors & Veteran classes, & Breeders Group. Whilst I judged the Intermediate, Open class, Winners Class.

Colin awarded his top places as follows:- Best Baby Male - Angel Kenne, Apple's Angel Ernest Hemingway. Best Junior Male Class winner, Karina Grigorian - Griland Grand Style. Best Veteran Male, Engelen Van - Youandi Pampidou. Best Baby Female Andrea & Gerald Semmelroth Shaggy Blue Bob's Walking In my Shoes. Best Junior Female Chris & Jan Van Beirendonck-Lembrechts Pippa's Secret of Snowboot Bears. Best Veteran Female, Anja & Mario Stein Angel Giggles from Stone's.

Whilst I awarded Best Intermediate Male to Eleonora Jamborova Dustin Hoffman Shaggy Edition. Open Male Heidi English Niedersachsen's Pride Just Remember. Winner Male Andry Peskovatskov - Amor Day Of Abigail Grace. Who I awarded Best In Show. Intermediate Female Class Andrea & Gerald - Shaggy Blue Bob's Umberta At Blue Zottel's.

Open Class Anja & Mario Stein Angel Quantobella From Stone's

Winner Class Heike Bilsheim Sugar Aus Dem Rotmaltal Res. Best In Show.

I would like to thank the Stewards in both rings for the excellent work they did, plus our scribes who undertook translating the critiques for us.

It makes such a difference when judging when you have good stewards running the ring for you.

Once again I would like to thank everyone for accepting the placings and the friendly atmosphere at this show.

Also again to thank everyone involved in organising and running this show especially Karolina Morrison for all her hard work. Also Lenka Klimova for her help in the show rings on the Sunday.

I look forward to meeting everyone again next year in Italy who our judges will be Ann Hodgson judging Males & Chris Thomas judging Females.

Pauline & Colin Barnes (Macopa Bobtails)



Bobtails in front of the Valtice Castle.



The OES people at the gala dinner gave us a performance of dancing through the ages during the last century.



Best Veteran, from Germany, Stein's Angel Giggles From Stone's.



Best Puppy, from Germany, Semmelroth's Shaggy Blue Bob's Walking In My Shoes.



Best Junior, from Russia, Grigorian's Griland Grand Style.



Best Baby, from Italy, Grabar's Apple's Angel Ernest Hemingway.