



## **The 11th IRO Rescue Dog World Championship 2005 in France**

The World Championship on Rescue Dog took this year place in the south of France in two nice cities -- La Grande Motte and Villa de Gignac. – near Montpellier. This event was organised by the Departmental Fire and Rescue Services and with support of both towns councils and also by Royal Canin.

This year June-July was very hot and for people on vacations a very nice period. Maybe someone could say that it was not good for dog teams to work under such circumstances. But – on the other hand it is just under this hot weather missions often take place. The dog teams really had to show their ability. In order to avoid any problem the organizer had medical teams and veterinaries ready if needed.

Fifteen countries with 27 different national organisations had dog teams in the Championship. It was an impressive opening in Montpellier with banners and flags from all countries when the nearly one hundred dog teams marched in and formed flanked by a band from the Fire Department and many Fire fighters with banners, dog teams and also equipment of all kinds. It was an impressive opening of the Championship with speeches of the two mayors and also the President of Royal Canine. Finally opened by the President of IRO Wolfgang Zörner.

The Championship took place in and near the Stadium of La Grande Motte -- obedience, dexterity and area search – and in Villa de Gignac. --disaster search.

Royal Canin had also arranged possibility for all to visit the Royal Canin's Campus -- an impressive factory. The Royal Canin did also present their international work in a special seminar.

The Obedience and the Dexterity were arranged in Stadium where visitor were able to sit on small galleries and from there had a good view over the dog teams. Most of the teams made good results. There where a lot of dogs having 46-48 points in the obedience and in the dexterity. Only about 10 % where did not approve. Walter Hoofman (obedience) and Gerd Hammer (dexterity) where the two judges in the Stadium.

About one kilometre from the Stadium the area search took place. It was an open terrain with a lot of small bushes. It was a very sunny place where the judge Kurt Joss had to walk in an extreme hot sunshine. Nearly half of the dog teams made a sufficient search. Among them you could see the Border collie Mawic Cap with the handler Sara Marekovic making a tremendous search with a great speed. The dog was after the search so exhausted that a veterinary had to examine her. A very good search – 192 points.

The disaster search was in Gignac a rather long way from La Grande Motte. It was a big disaster area – ca 1 300 kvm – and searching in very hot circumstances. It was a great challenge for the competitors. Martin Gut was judging. Also here it was less than half of the teams, which made a sufficient search.

The Closing Ceremony was as splendid as the opening with many Fire fighters and their equipment and dog and also horses. The same band was playing when the dog teams marched in being presented by the organizer. Speeches were held as in the opening and after that the trophy distribution.

## Results

### *Disaster Search*

1. Lenka Cvachova	Aneas Black Chevers	Zbk JmK	CZ	274
2. Gabor Szalanczi	Caristan Loves Edition "Boci"	SOS-MKE	H	178
3. Gabor Szabo	Szaba`rfalvi	MKE	H	172

### *Area Search*

1. Sara Marekovic	Mawich Cap	KOSSP	HR	277
2. Corinna van Löchten	Akarro Kappa Mersey Downs	BRH	D	276
3. Tanja Janes	Miska Certisa	KOSSP	HR	272

### *Team result*

1. KOSSP	HR	(Sara Marekovic, Tibor Lugar, Tanja Janes)	61
2. BRH	D	(Isabella Kühn, Corinna van Löchten, Verena Mayer)	45
3. BSPP	F	(Christian Capiller, Mourad Ghroum, Patrik Villardry)	44

Finally the Organiser arranged a great Dinner in the evening with about 500 persons - guests, competitors and others. This was a very nice part of the Championship with dance and song entertainment and good food and drinking.

All of the participants will remember this Championship and will thank The French Fire fighters for a very nice event. Next time France will arrange the Championship will it be in Paris – so did one of the head-organiser say during the Closing Ceremony. Why not??