

Rescue Dog World Championship 2009:

Austrian wins gold medal at the Rescue Dog World Championship in Romania

Big success at the “15th World Championship for Rescue Dogs” held in Craiova/Romania. Gerlinde Oberascher from Salzburg (Austria) wins gold medal in rubble search with her 4 year old Belgian Malinois Athos vom Lindwurmnest. This means a winner within a competition of 36 other colleagues!

Another satisfactory result also for Hermann Kranz (A) in rubble search on 8th position with his dog Rebell vom Satansberg.

The world championship, sponsored by Royal Canin, was held from 02. – 06.07.2009 in the following disciplines: Rubble Search, Area Search, Tracking and Water Search. Above there is a team-score within the end-result.

There were 76 rescue-dog teams from 13 nations taking part in the World Championship. Austria was represented by 6 teams, whereby only Gerlinde Oberascher and Hermann Kranz got into the ranking. The weather in Romania was hot and very sticky which meant an enormous strain on the dogs and their handlers.

Also pleased with the results was the president of the International Rescue Dog Organisation, Dr. Wolfgang Zörner: “It was a very well organised World Championship with 120 friendly volunteers and 200 policemen who guaranteed a smooth event. There again was a noticeable increase of quality at the competition. The level of training increases yearly.

The next International IRO World Championship will be held in the Czech Republic in 2010.

