

OUR NATIONAL BREEDING EXPO - May 10th and 11th, 2008

2552 legs were officially registered for our grand' annual mass of the BEUCERON !! We could not count those of the owners, of the visitors and of the dogs come to support their congenetics...

638 beaucerons had temporarily taken possession of their territory, the BEAUCE, to take part in the National Breeding Exposition organized in CHARTRES by Chantal GURBODA - Delegate of Zone 9, her husband Richard, and all the team of the Delegation.

Superb site, green to our wishes on the edge of Eure which threads under the foliage of the trees. What a happiness for our 4 legs to take a header in water under the glance full with desire of their owners !

Chantal GURDOBA had passed a pact with the weather (*she promised it !!*)... Sun and heat were invited at the "party" and it would have almost been necessary to provide the total solar protection in the file of the participants and everybody had good tan when leaving.

With such parameters, good mood was there and it is necessary to raise the C.R.U and Judges to have carried so well their mission with so many participants who came from whole France and abroad (*Germany, Belgium, Spain, Estonia, Finland, Italy, the Netherlands, Czech Republic, Sweden, Switzerland and I probably forget some of them...*).

638 dogs, some rare growls while rubbing too close with their congenetics among the crowd, growls with no more consequences than the words or comments exchanged sometimes between the owners themselves.

Then we high and strongly can say that our Beauceron is really sociable, reliable and has a character able to face any event of life.

At the program of this week-end, **15th France Championship of RING** (sport) for the Beauceron (23 participants), **contest of Obedience** (17 participants), **contest of Agility** (55 participants), **tests on herd** where no participant was refused (sometimes simply deferred) and **tests of C.S.A.U** (Certificate of Sociability and Aptitudes for utilisation).

As usual, the final was the climax of the National with the presentation of the dogs which obtained the Excellent + (*character and morphology*) and were successful in the test of the shots for selection.

Bowls and medals glittered under the sun, hundreds of pairs of eyes were fixed on the dogs which defiled, judges and public were making their own pronostics. All around the field, encouragements of the supporters, winnings before the "great jump" and a few moving moments on the field...

Congratulations to this young presenter aged about 10 years, who ran with his 9 monthes old bitch. Owner and bitch had a good regular trot showing an obvious complicity and a good training... a corner, the bitch drew and wanted to go out of the field, taken in effective hand of its young owner and it was OK for several turns of field again... elimination of various competitors and our duet was still running... suddenly the kid stumbled, lost a shoe, fell down without releasing his bitch!

Encouragements of the spectators and the judges fused from everywhere... *"Go ahead, guy, set on your feet again... you're doing good job, you are brilliant"...* Applause for this laddie who

continued courageously his race with one foot in his shoe, and the other one only in his sock... and he reached a place really merited: CANISSE des Marais du Diable to Mr. DOBROWSKI-DEBON finished 1st in class "Debutant" Female (9 to 12 monthes old).

The bowl will probably take a good place on the racks of this young man's room. The bitch is superb and we may think that if the kid shows as much tenacity in the life than that which he showed for this excellent presentation, he will succeed ! CHEER... good luck and we wait for him next year!

In a few days, the whole results and photos will be on our website to make you share this week-end. However the Delegation of Southern-West cannot finish this small editorial without congratulating Julien RYCKENBUSCH who came back to the Pyrenees Atlantiques (dept 64) with the Males CACS bowl.

ARTZAIN du Domaine des Gardiens de la Vallée, recommended last year in class Travail competed in Ring Level 2 for the 2nd time, but it also gained the place of Best Male of this National Breeding Exposition, and we know this title of Champion will be confirmed without problem thanks to the results obtained in future expositions.

Rafaël GALVEZ presented "our" champion with this effectiveness, this humility and this discretion which the canine people recognize to him. Cheer to the team ARTZAIN - Julien - Rafaël without forgetting the parents of our winner: **SENEQUE de la Dame de Coeur (Elite A)** and **TARA des Gardiens de la Puissance(cot.4)**.

It remained to award Challenge MONTENOT... ARTZAIN du Domaine des Gardiens de la Vallée or **UFANA de la Grange Colombe (RCACS 2007 - CACS this year)**... Very difficult choice for Guy ARMATOL and Georges TRAVERS who examined the paces of the two competitors for a long while and none of them showed defaults... The public was shouting the names of the finalists and the two judges maintained the suspense up to the end...

"So, this Challenge, according to you for which one is it ?? "..." the female !!"... the male!" ..shouted the crowd... Georges TRAVERS made a small dance, a pirouette while passing the trophy between the two dogs, in front of the male, and finally he put it in front of UFANA with the hurrah of the spectators ! Sometimes it's a good thing not to be a judge because really, with these two superb representatives of Beauceron breed, it was a real brain storming !

Cheer and congratulations to Remi VIGNAUD, producer of UFANA... sister of ULKA de la Grange Colombe, Champion itself of the National Breeding Expo in 2005... **P' KOUGAR du Clos de la Cécileraie (Elite A)** and **NANOU du Pla de la Jasse (cot.5)** can be proud of their offspring!

In a few days, you'll find here all results and some photos, we invite you to come again on our website !

Should you like to receive our newsletter, send me a mail with your name, first name - postal and mail addresses - name of your dog/s - affix if you are a breeder.

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