

World Scene

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BIS at Skokloster, Pharaoh Hound Ch. Farao Anubis Golden Gait, with all the judges. BIS judge Espen Engh with ribbon far left. Photo: Hansen.

from Stockholm. In addition to the Sighthound show, which attracts exhibitors and judges from all over the world, there were specialties for Afghan Hounds, Greyhounds, Pharaoh Hounds and Salukis during the weekend, and the Swedish Whippet Club held its national specialty in the same area a few days earlier. On July 23 there was an international all-breed show at Köping, about 30 minutes away, and on July 26-27 there was an international lure-coursing trial about an hour north of the show grounds.

The judges' panel consisted of Sighthound fanciers from France, Germany, Great Britain, Norway, Sweden and the U.S. Of the total entry of 550 dogs, Salukis, Whippets and Afghan Hounds drew the biggest entries, followed by Greyhounds, Borzoi and Pharaoh Hounds.

Well-known Sighthound specialist Espen Engh of Jet's Greyhounds, Norway, had the honor of judging Best in Show. For the first time, a Pharaoh Hound won the top award at Skokloster: 2-year-

Two of the world's largest and most prestigious Sighthound events are held in Europe each summer. The Swedish Sighthound Club's show in late July is still called "Skokloster" after the beautiful castle grounds where the show originated in the 1970s, and the German Sighthound Club's big event is held the following month at Donaueschingen in the Black Forest.

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SKOKLOSTER SUMMER SHOW

By Simon Tien Hansen

The Swedish Sighthound Club held its annual Skokloster Summer Show July 24-25 at Lövudden outside Västerås, little more than an hour's drive



BIS 2nd, Saluki Ch. Yashars Basmira Bint Qadaa. Photo: Hansen.



BIS 3rd, Afghan Hound Ch. Tells Chills N'Thrills. Photo: Oinonen.



Ch. Borzoi Ch. Borzowski's Phenomenon.
Photo: Oinonen.



BOB Greyhound, Sobers Orianne.
Photo: Oinonen.



BOB Italian Greyhound Ch. Py's Lemetto.
Photo: Oinonen.



Junior in Show, Whippet Courtborne Hera.
Photo: Hansen.

old Ch. Farao Anubis Golden Gait ("Roger"), owner-breeder-handled by Maria Westman. BIS-2nd went to the Saluki bitch Ch. Yashars Basmyra Bint Qadaa, followed by the Afghan Hound male Ch. Tells Chills N'Thrills in third and the Borzoi male Ch. Borzowski's Phenomenon in fourth place. Interestingly, all four BIS placements were Swedish-bred and owned.

The other finalist winners:

BIS Baby Puppy, judge Nicklas Eriksson, Sweden: Greyhound Epic Known.

BIS Puppy, judge Åge Gjetnes, Norway: Pharaoh Hound Farao Anubis Icarus.

BIS Junior, judge Peter Belmont, Jr., U.S.: Whippet Courtborne Hera.

BIS Intermediate, judge Janet Littell Adam, U.S.: Pharaoh Hound Sawhorse's Party All Night.

BIS Working Dog, judge Nicklas Eriksson, Sweden: Saluki Djelal Beautiful Jade.

BIS Veteran, judge David Perkins, UK: Saluki Ch. Amiyat Anakin.

BIS Progeny Group, judge David Graham, France: Saluki Ch. Shaamroc Silver Breeze.

Best Breeder's Group, judge Nicola Warner, UK: Kennel Moorflower's Afghan Hounds, Ann and Ronny Gren.

SIGHTHOUND FESTIVAL, DONAUESCHINGEN

By Olaf Krauber

With nearly 1,000 entries, the Sighthound Festival at the Donaueschingen Polo Club on August 6 and 7 was one of the largest of its kind in Europe this year. Sighthound fanciers came from all over Europe and as far as Russia. The judging panel was as international as the entries: Valerie Hamilton (Hounds of Khiva, U.S.), Knut Blütecher (Showline Greyhounds, Norway), André van den Broek (Pharaoh Hounds "of the Netherlands" and Modnyabistru Borzois, Netherlands), Irene Naarits (Oshanameh Afghans, Estonia), Beatrix Märki-Casanova (Bou Saada Afghan Hounds, Switzerland) and Ute Lennartz (Mata Salamata's Saluki, Germany).

The overall quality was remarkable, with many World Show winners in competition. Well-regarded Sighthound judge Knut Blütecher stated it was one of the best line-ups for Best in Show he had seen anywhere during his long judging career.

On Saturday, Blütecher awarded BIS to the well-known light cream Saluki bitch Multi-Ch. Dakira Sawahin (Ch. Brahmani Sawahin x Ch. Shirin-Esther



**Scottish Deerhound Ch. Lehigh Fortune at
iphurst. Photo: Hansen.**



BOB Whippet Adagio Crowdstopper.
Photo Oinonen.



BIS at Donaueschingen the first day, Saluki Ch. Dakira Sawahin, with judge Knut Fr. Blütecher (left) and some of the other judges.



BIS on Sunday at Donaueschingen (and BIS overall), Whippet Ch. Hannah di Mahana, with judge André van den Broek (with ribbon). Left is U.S. judge Valerie Hamilton, who awarded BOB to both days' BIS winners.

al Firdous), winner of the 2008 Eukanuba World Challenge in Long Beach, Calif., and a multiple World Winner, bred and owned by Dagmar Hintzenberg (Germany).

Veteran BIS was the Afghan Hound Ch. Khaos Charlemagne, bred in Sweden.

Best Puppy in Show was the Whippet Sobers Mandrake at Masaru, bred in Italy but owned in Germany.

Junior Best in Show went to another young Whippet from Italy with American background:

Sobresalto Kesté.

On Saturday night was the now traditional "Eukanuba Super BIS Challenge," an unofficial competition for past Best in Show or Group winners. The five judges selected the smooth Saluki from Belgium, Ch. Hamza Har Kala Rachi.



Best Junior in Show on Saturday, Whippet Sobresalto Kesté, with judge Knut Fr. Blütecher.



Best Junior in Show on Sunday, Saluki Jamaal-Amir Djaal Lhila, with judge André van den Broek.

The second-day BIS under judge André van den Broek – and also Supreme "Best of Best Donaueschingen" – went to the Whippet Ch. Hannah di Mahana, owned and bred by Dominique Delabelle from Belgium, with Dakira Sawahin close on her heels.

Sunday's best Veteran was the 12-year-old Sloughi Ch. Xelia Schuruesch-Schams.

Best puppy was the same Whippet as the first day. Junior Best was the cream Saluki Jamaal-Amir Djaal Lhila.

The Best Brace and Breeders' Stakes winners were the same both days: Best Brace was the smooth Salukis



Sloughi BOB both days, Ch. Shakirah Schuru-esch-Schams.



BOB Borzoi on Sunday, Ch. Ninochka's Zoya by H.R.I.B. with judge André van den Broek.



BOB and BOS Azawakh on Sunday, Azamour Ayman and Ch. Ashaki Aenbel, with judge Beatrix Märki-Casanova.




Best Puppy in Show both days, Whippet Sobers Mandrake at Masaru, with judge Ute Lennartz.



Chart Polski BOB both days, Ch. Atchafalaya Halina.

Hamza and Hadise Har Kala Rachi, bred and owned by Sibylle Benoit (Belgium). Breeders' stakes were won by a group of three brindle Fionn Clann Greyhounds, bred by Katya Arhipova from Russia.

On Saturday afternoon, "Audrey," a Whippet bitch of the well-known Sobers family, escaped from her crate and disappeared in the fields surrounding the show grounds. After a night of searching with many exhibitors and friends helping, Audrey was found in a nearby field with a broken leg. Despite all the winning Bitte Ahrens and her husband Pierluigi Primavera have done at Donaueschingen in the past, this year turned out to be their "best Donaueschingen weekend ever." Their dogs did not compete on the second day of the show. As we say in German, *Ende gut, alles gut*. All's well that ends well. 



Best Veteran on Sunday, 12-year-old Sloughi Ch. Xelia Schuru-esch-Schams, with judge Beatrix Märki-Casanova.



Afghan Hound BOB both days, Ch. Al-Nacira Bint Roula von Haussman, with judge Irene Naarits.



BOB Irish Wolfhound both days, Zandra von der Oelmühle.