

## **Bio data of Mr. Stefano Beggiato**

**Mr. Stefano Beggiato** was born in September 1967 in Italy. At a young age of 8 he started the passion with his father **Mr. Francesco** with his first German shepherd dog and soon after he began to breed with some success. At 10 years old he participated in his first obedience and protection trails (class A-B-C, current IGP 1-2-3). He was just 14 years old, when he won his first Italian German shepherd dog club (SAS) breeding championship with a bitch he bred and raised. At the age of 18, with the teachings of his master, the late judge, head of training sector and great IPO host worldwide **Mr. Sesto Carmelo**, he became an official Italian German shepherd dog club (SAS) - Italian Kennel Club (ENCI) figure.

He has personally prepared dozens of German shepherd dogs for selections at all levels of schutzhund and IPO in both Italy and Germany. Mr. Stefano has been breeding German shepherd dogs for more than 45 years, initially with the affix "**di Val del Lambro**" and then with the affix "**di Casa Beggiato**", with the latter he presented the breeding group for 15 consecutive times in the (SAS) Italian sieger show ( 3 time 1' place, like the 2 last years) and this year 2024 in Germany too (4' place). He has raised, trained, prepared and presented 12 VA Auslese Sas, Auslese Sv, 4 Auslese Svo, siegers and dozens of excellent top German shepherd dogs in (SAS) Italian Sieger shows and (SV) German sieger shows. In 2005 he was appointed as a judge in the Italian German shepherd dog club (SAS), with this qualification he judged about twenty large Italian German shepherd dog club (SAS) shows, judging more than 2000 exhibits.

Stefano's work as a handler started since he was a child and his knowledge of the German language from a very young age helped him develop great friendships with passionate Italian and German GSD breeders who has become very successful of the GSD sport worldwide. Since 2009, after having held Italian German shepherd dog club (SAS) sectional and regional positions for almost 15 years, he has become Italian German shepherd dog club (SAS) National vice president, and a breed warden, a position he held until the death of his great friend and Italian German shepherd dog club (SAS) president, **Mr. Luciano Musolino**.

In 2012 he was appointed as the expert judge of breeding, (SAS) Italian German shepherd dog club, (ENCI) Italian kennel club and (FCI) International Canine Federation, he has already judged numerous shows and championships both in Italy and abroad. In 2014 he judged his first Italian German shepherd dog club (SAS) breeding championship. In 2017 he was appointed to the Central Technical Committee, ENCI (Italian Kennel Club). In 2018, after taking a course, written,

oral and practical exam he was appointed as the WUSV judge in Germany. His mother tongue is Italian, but he speaks German fluently, knows English and French.

“His passion for the German shepherd dog breed, as we all know, was inculcated since he was just a child, it can be said that he grew up with the leash in his hand and the German shepherd dog in his veins. “As a judge he considers it as a mission in favour of the race, for this reason he always questions himself and try to do his task with utmost commitment, impartiality, sense of responsibility, and always trying to motivate all competitors, from beginning to end”.