



## WUSV World Championship UNIVERSAL 2022

or

The Best out of both Worlds

This year's WUSV World Championship UNIVERSAL was held in the town of Schwanenstadt in Upper Austria, and as newly assigned WUSV Public Relation Officer I was more than happy to visit one of the WUSV top events for the first time. I would like to use this opportunity to thank the WUSV Board of Directors for having entrusted me with this very special office.



And this is the first report I would like to deliver from my new office.

Even though the Corona Pandemic still limited the WUSV member countries in their activities in terms of training and travelling, still a total of eleven teams arrived with 25 males and 11 females to participate in the competition. The teams from the USA had the longest getting there. The weather and temperatures were just ideal for the World Championship – partly cloudy at moderate temperatures with rain only after the daily competitions were already finalized. On Sunday, we enjoyed temperatures up to 30 °C/ 86 ° F and lots of sunshine but with a cooling and constant wind in our backs.

From Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, the competition offices under the leadership of SVÖ Secretary General Claudia Strasser – well supported by Ms. Birgit Hofmann (WEBSITE & Organization) – was opened and registrations as well as veterinary check ups could begin. From Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 on training opportunities in the stadium were offered and the judges- and team meeting took place as well as the selection of the helpers for protection work. The colourful opening ceremony – folkloristic style – as well as the parade of the teams and the drawing at the end of that day became the icing of the cake.

On Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and at perfect weather the competition events began. The individual sections were guided by the following judges:

- Tracking Work: Ernst Riegel (Austria) and Peter Mayerl (Austria Commissioner for Tracking Work),
- Obedience: Clemente Grosso (Italy) and Jürgen Schmidhuber (Austria, down position judge),
- Protection Work: Wolfgang Rook (Germany),
- Show (individual examination and free gait): René Rudin (Switzerland).



## Summary of the WUSV World Championship UNIVERSAL winners in the individual categories:

### Universal Winner 2022 Males:

First Place: GER-1, Santina Sommer with Dobby vom treuen Kamerad

Second Place: USA-3, Jackie Camp with Yankee vom Kaltwasser

Third Place: NED-3, Jorret Westerbaan with Charlie van de Zeelberg

During the show part the rankings 8 x Vorzüglich/ Excellent, 10 x Sehr Gut/ Very Good and 3 x Gut/ Good were granted.

- V1 went to Hassenkam's Jusi, DEN-2, Tina Hassenkam
- V2 went to Bijan vom Land der stolzen Löwen, HUN-1, Dr. Klaudia Tódt
- V3 went to Firlefanx aus der Königshöhle, AUT-1, Johannes Eitler

### Universal Winners 2022 Females:

First Place: SUI-1, Tanja Lutz with Polly vom Ratsenheim

Second Place: AUT-2, Stefan Kohlfürst, with Globe Büttgen

Third Place: SUI-4 Aline Hinder, with DC vom Hunnenkönig

During the show part the rankings 8 x Vorzüglich/ Excellent and 5 x Sehr Gut/ Very Good were granted – in detail:

- V1 an Polly vom Ratsenheim, SUI-1, Tanja Lutz
- V2 an Globe Büttgen, AUT-2, Stefan Kohlfürst
- V3 an Sari von der Sigisliebe, GER-4, Jasmin Hepp





In the field of protection work the following rankings were granted.

Vorzüglich/ Excellent: 3 dogs, Sehr Gut/ Very Good: 14 dogs, Gut/ Good: 13 Dogs, Befriedigend/ Satisfactory: 1 dog, Mangelhaft/ Insufficient: 2 dogs, termination of exercise: 1 dog and disqualification: 4 dogs.

Further details can be found on the event homepage at

<https://www.wusv-wm-universal2022.at/index.php/de/blog/239-ergebnisse-wusv>

I would like to emphasize two issues in particular:

- The examinations for protection work took place in compliance with the Austrian Animal Welfare and Protection Law and the dogs were never touched with the soft stick. Despite this fact thrilling presentations of protection work gave spectators and competitors alike goose pimples. The high level of education and training of the dogs as well as the impressive professionalism of the protection work helpers – who featured extremely precise work – were met by high enthusiasm from everybody present. This way, IGP sports could be well promoted – even in times of higher sensitivity in terms of animal rights protection and this really served as a role model for future events.

I would particularly like to mention the performance of TEAM ITA-2, Tonino Benassi from the city of Maranello who led his dog Axel with astounding routine at the age of 71, and who achieved 98 points in total.

- Many breeders presented dogs from their own kennels. Two dogs from the first litter of the kennel “*von der Siegermacht*” took part in the competition. While Patrick Müller, GER-5 started with his female *Aika von der Siegermacht*, Frank Philipps, USA-1 started with the male *Asko von der Siegermacht*. And Dr. Klaudia Tóth, HUN-1 presented her male – long stock hair – Bijan vom Land der stolzen Löwen out of her show line breeding kennel. Bijan was even presented during the last year’s WUSV World Championship IP. All breeders shall be encouraged to also take part in this very demanding competition.

The grand finale of the event was the award ceremony of the WUSV World Championship UNIVERSAL. The SVÖ presented us an unforgettable World Championship. Many thanks for this and we will happily come back to beautiful Austria!



At the end of the event the WUSV flag was solemnly passed on to the host country of next year's WUSV UNIVERSAL CHAMPIONSHIP in Switzerland that will take place from July 13<sup>th</sup> to July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Sursee/ Switzerland



The WUSV World Championship UNIVERSAL offers dogs from all varieties (working dog or show-line) the chance to participate in a uniform competition. The ratings include performance according to IPO-3 rules, the dogs' health and anatomy, and all three categories are combined. All participants are combined and ranked regardless of their respective ages. The dogs are only differentiated according to their gender.

That way, this competition offers **the Best of both Worlds** and is of particular interest for dog breeders. For details and information in terms of the qualification please refer to your national club or association. We look forward to welcoming you again at next year's WUSV World Championship UNIVERSAL in lovely Switzerland – both as participants and spectators.

"I'd like to now propose a toast - **To the best of both worlds**"  
(Best of both worlds von Robert Palmer, Musiker)

With sporty greetings!

Yours very truly,

Wolfram Behrendt



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