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Judge part B at the WUSV WC 2019

Description by judge's assignment

In five days I judged a total of 118 dogs in part B, obedience.

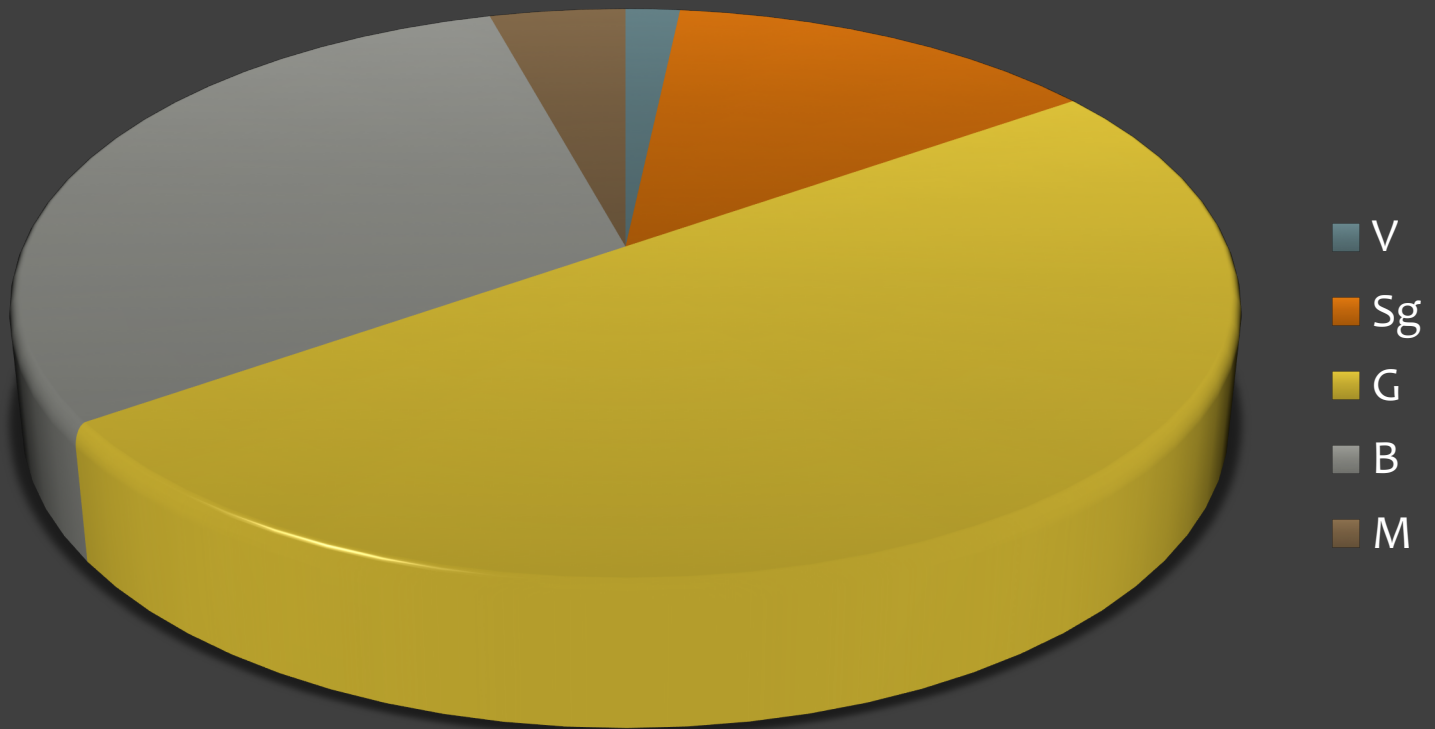
Overall:

2 teams (V) received excellent scores, 16 (Sg) very good, 59 (G) good, 36 (B) Satisfactory and 5 (M) insufficient.

The majority of the teams worked very well and I could clearly see common thread with open and happy dogs, clearly indicating that the training methods around the world are consistently positive which I am very happy about.

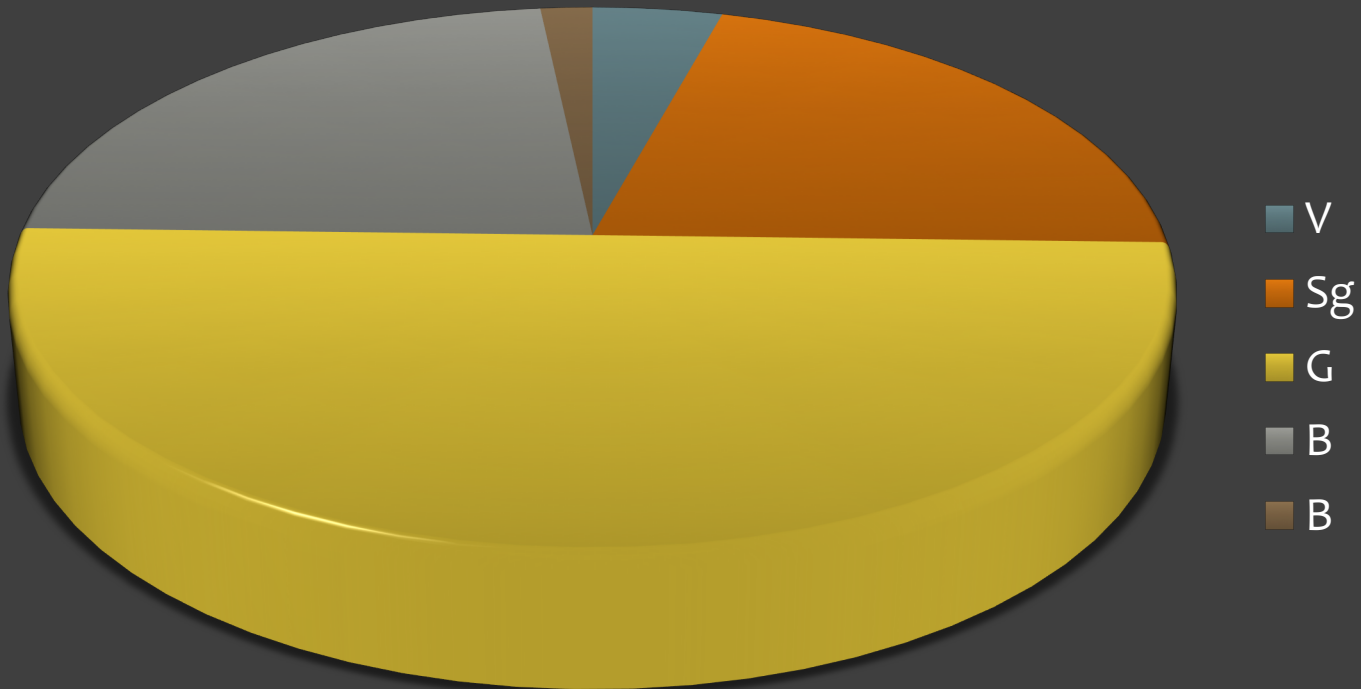
Total grades for the 118 participants in obedience					
118		2	1,7%		V
118		16	13,6%		Sg
118		59	50,0%		G
118		36	30,5%		B
118		5	4,2%		M

Total predicates for the whole obedience



Total grades for the heeling of leash					
118		5	4,2%		V
118		25	21,2%		Sg
118		59	50,0%		G
118		27	22,9%		B
118		2	1,7%		M
Heeling of leash day one					
30		2	6,7%		V
30		7	23,3%		Sg
30		14	46,7%		G
30		6	20,0%		B
30		1	3,3%		M
Heeling of leash day two					
30		0	0%		V
30		6	20,0%		Sg
30		16	53,3%		G
30		7	23,3%		B
30		1	3,3%		M
Heeling of leash day three					
22		2	9,1%		V
22		3	13,6%		Sg
22		12	54,5%		G
22		5	22,7%		B
22		0	0,0%		M
Heeling of leash day four					
20		0	0%		V
20		5	25,0%		Sg
20		11	55,0%		G
20		4	20,0%		B
20		0	0,0%		M
Heeling of leash day five					
16		1	6,3%		V
16		4	25,0%		Sg
16		6	37,5%		G
16		4	25,0%		B
16		1	6,3%		M

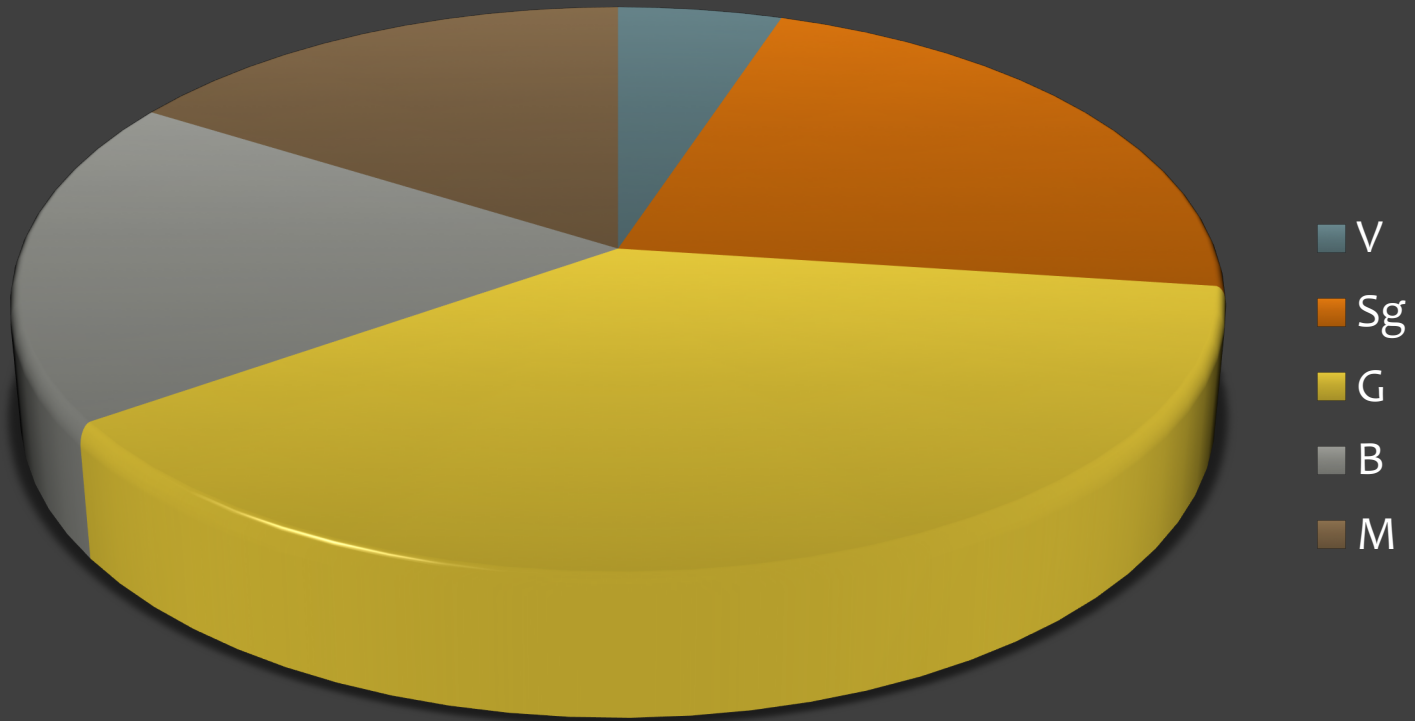
Total predicates heeling of leash



The heeling of leash: Predominantly positive dogs with some forging positions. Several dogs lagged when changing directions and some dogs need to crowd the handler less in left turns and in the group. I also saw a trend in the fact that some dogs were restless in the basic position.

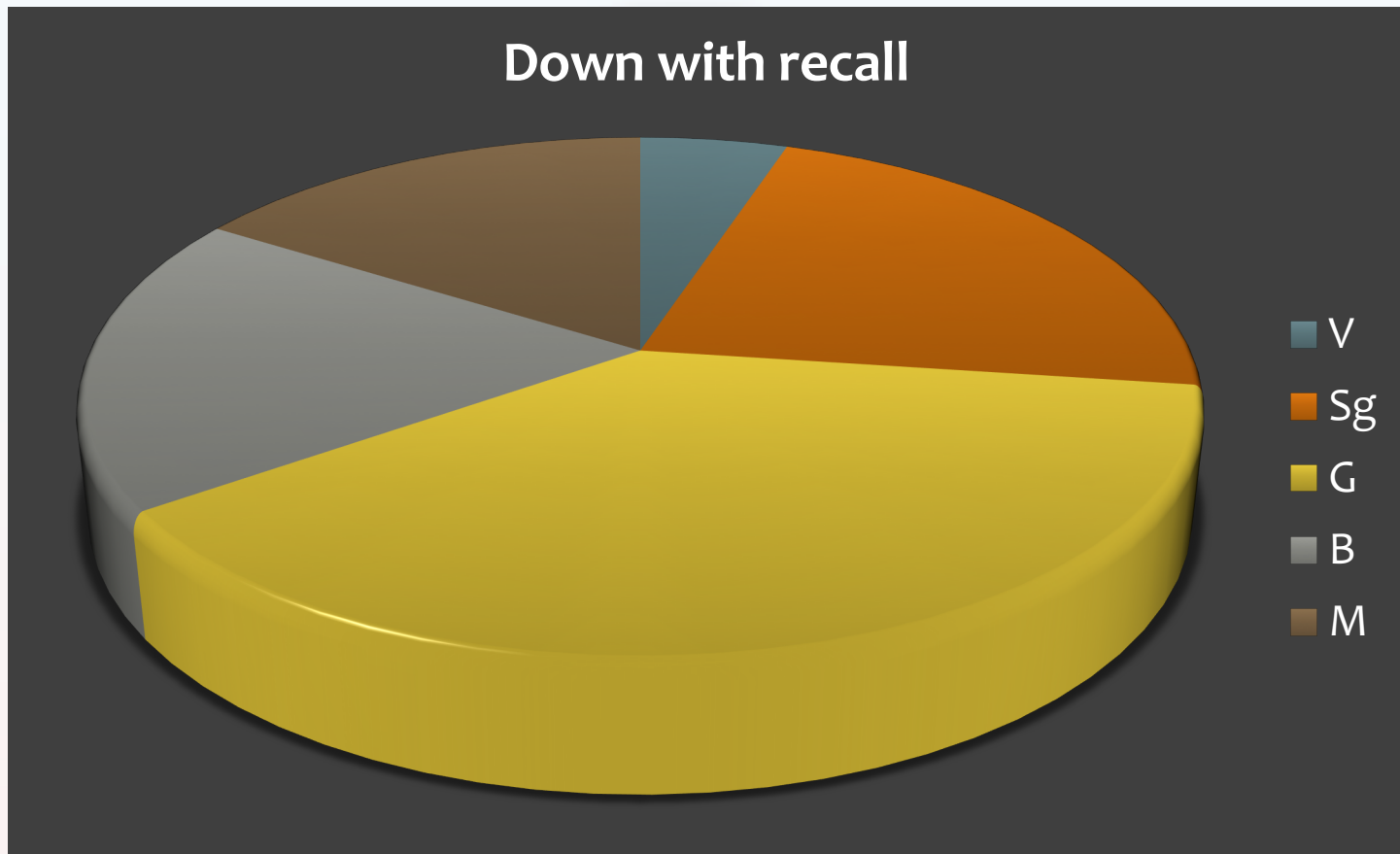
Total grades for the sit during motion					
118		6	5,1%		V
118		26	22,0%		Sg
118		45	38,1%		G
118		22	18,6%		B
118		19	16,1%		M
Sit during motion day one					
30		3	10,0%		V
30		5	16,7%		Sg
30		13	43,3%		G
30		1	3,3%		B
30		8	26,7%		M
Sit during motion day two					
30		1	3%		V
30		7	23,3%		Sg
30		13	43,3%		G
30		7	23,3%		B
30		2	6,7%		M
Sit during motion day three					
22		2	9,1%		V
22		7	31,8%		Sg
22		8	36,4%		G
22		3	13,6%		B
22		2	9,1%		M
Sit during motion day four					
20		0	0%		V
20		3	15,0%		Sg
20		6	30,0%		G
20		7	35,0%		B
20		4	20,0%		M
Sit during motion day five					
16		0	0,0%		V
16		4	25,0%		Sg
16		5	31,3%		G
16		4	25,0%		B
16		3	18,8%		M

Total predicate sit during motion



Sit during motion: Good attention from the majority of the teams, several dogs showed a delay in the execution of the exercise and several dogs did not execute the proper position

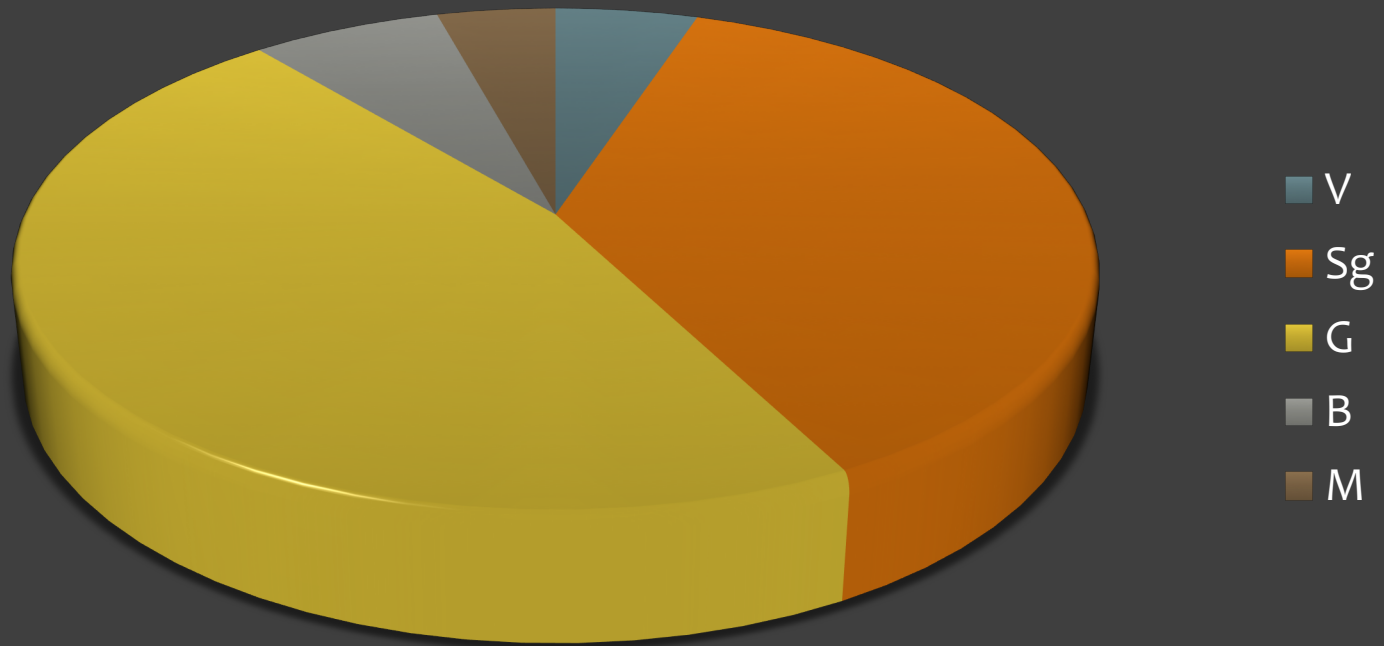
Total grades for down with recall					
118		6	5,1%		V
118		26	22,0%		Sg
118		45	38,1%		G
118		22	18,6%		B
118		19	16,1%		M
down with recall day one					
30		1	3,3%		V
30		7	23,3%		Sg
30		16	53,3%		G
30		5	16,7%		B
30		1	3,3%		M
down with recall day two					
30		0	0%		V
30		12	40,0%		Sg
30		12	40,0%		G
30		4	13,3%		B
30		2	6,7%		M
down with recall day three					
22		1	4,5%		V
22		7	31,8%		Sg
22		10	45,5%		G
22		2	9,1%		B
22		2	9,1%		M
down with recall day four					
20		0	0%		V
20		4	20,0%		Sg
20		13	65,0%		G
20		2	10,0%		B
20		1	5,0%		M
down with recall day five					
16		0	0,0%		V
16		3	18,8%		Sg
16		9	56,3%		G
16		4	25,0%		B
16		0	0,0%		M



Down with recall: Some dogs were slightly out of position and forging or out in the buildup. Several dogs also crowded the handler. When the command is given, the dogs should be more positive in the execution of the down. I observed several dogs with avoidance behaviors. However, the majority of dogs were positive about coming to their handlers in the recall portion of the exercise, and several dogs showed explosive speed and power. Significant number of dogs sat slightly crooked in front and in basic position. Significant number of dogs should get to the basic position faster.

Total grades for stand with recall					
118		6	5,1%		V
118		44	37,3%		Sg
118		55	46,6%		G
118		8	6,8%		B
118		5	4,2%		M
stand with recall day one					
30		1	3,3%		V
30		12	40,0%		Sg
30		15	50,0%		G
30		0	0,0%		B
30		2	6,7%		M
stand with recall day two					
30		2	7%		V
30		12	40,0%		Sg
30		13	43,3%		G
30		3	10,0%		B
30		0	0,0%		M
stand with recall day three					
22		1	4,5%		V
22		8	36,4%		Sg
22		9	40,9%		G
22		3	13,6%		B
22		1	4,5%		M
stand with recall day four					
20		1	5%		V
20		7	35,0%		Sg
20		11	55,0%		G
20		1	5,0%		B
20		0	0,0%		M
stand with recall day five					
16		1	6,3%		V
16		4	25,0%		Sg
16		8	50,0%		G
16		1	6,3%		B
16		2	12,5%		M

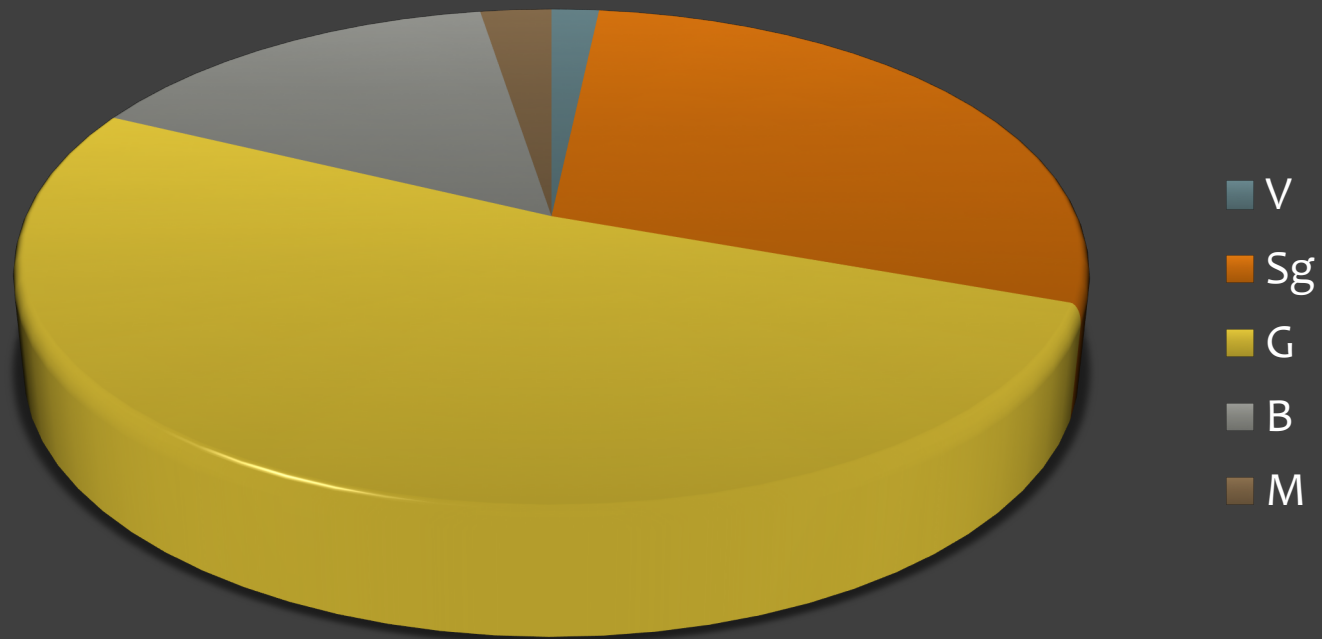
Stand with recall



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Retrive 2 kg					
118		2	1,7%		V
118		34	28,8%		Sg
118		61	51,7%		G
118		18	15,3%		B
118		3	2,5%		M
Retrive 2 kg day one					
30		1	3,3%		V
30		9	30,0%		Sg
30		14	46,7%		G
30		6	20,0%		B
30		0	0,0%		M
Retrive 2 kg day two					
30		1	3%		V
30		10	33,3%		Sg
30		17	56,7%		G
30		2	6,7%		B
30		0	0,0%		M
Retrive 2 kg day three					
22		0	0,0%		V
22		6	27,3%		Sg
22		11	50,0%		G
22		4	18,2%		B
22		1	4,5%		M
Retrive 2 kg day four					
20		0	0%		V
20		4	20,0%		Sg
20		12	60,0%		G
20		3	15,0%		B
20		1	5,0%		M
Retrive 2 kg day five					
16		0	0,0%		V
16		5	31,3%		Sg
16		7	43,8%		G
16		3	18,8%		B
16		1	6,3%		M

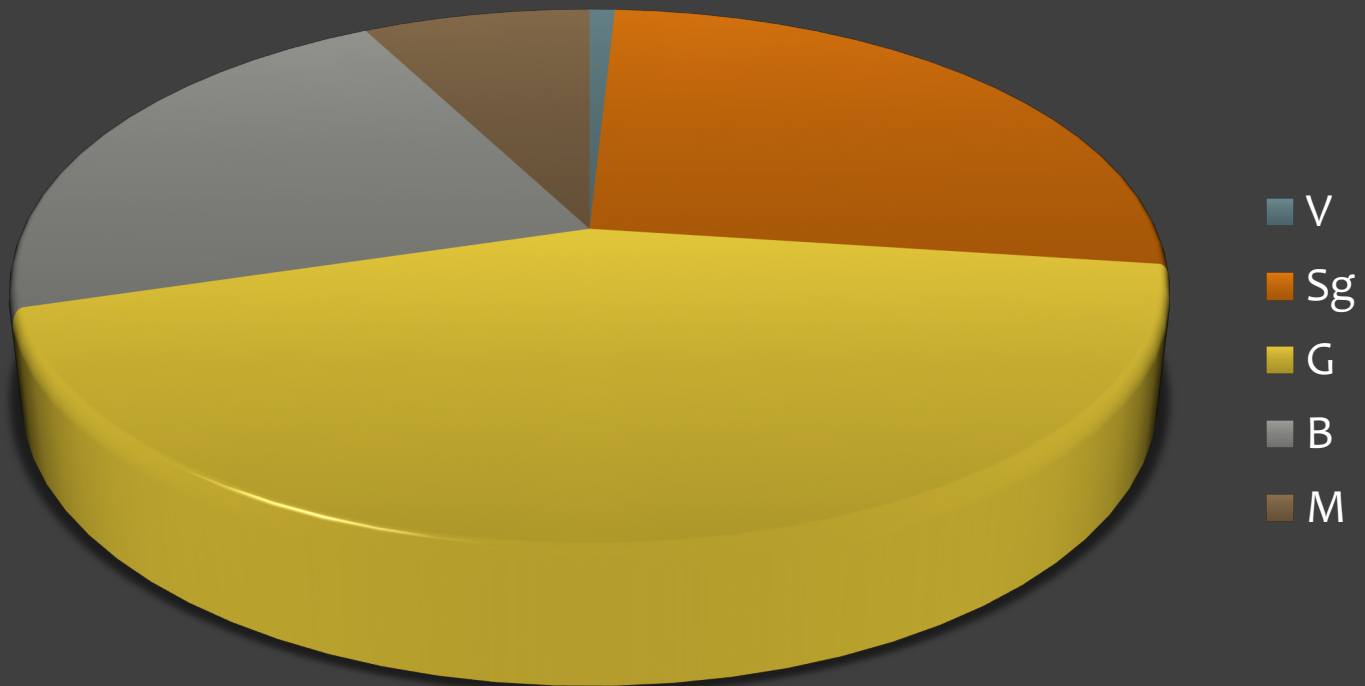
Retrieve 2 kg



Retrieve on flat (2kg) Here I saw a trend in several dogs that showed a restless and anxious behavior in basic position. I also saw handlers throwing the dumbbell too far. When the dogs are sent, the dogs should show more energy and, above all, be more power in the pickup of the dumbbell. Speed and power should also be demonstrated on the return. The holding of the dumbbell in front of the handlers must be considerably calmer and firmer throughout.

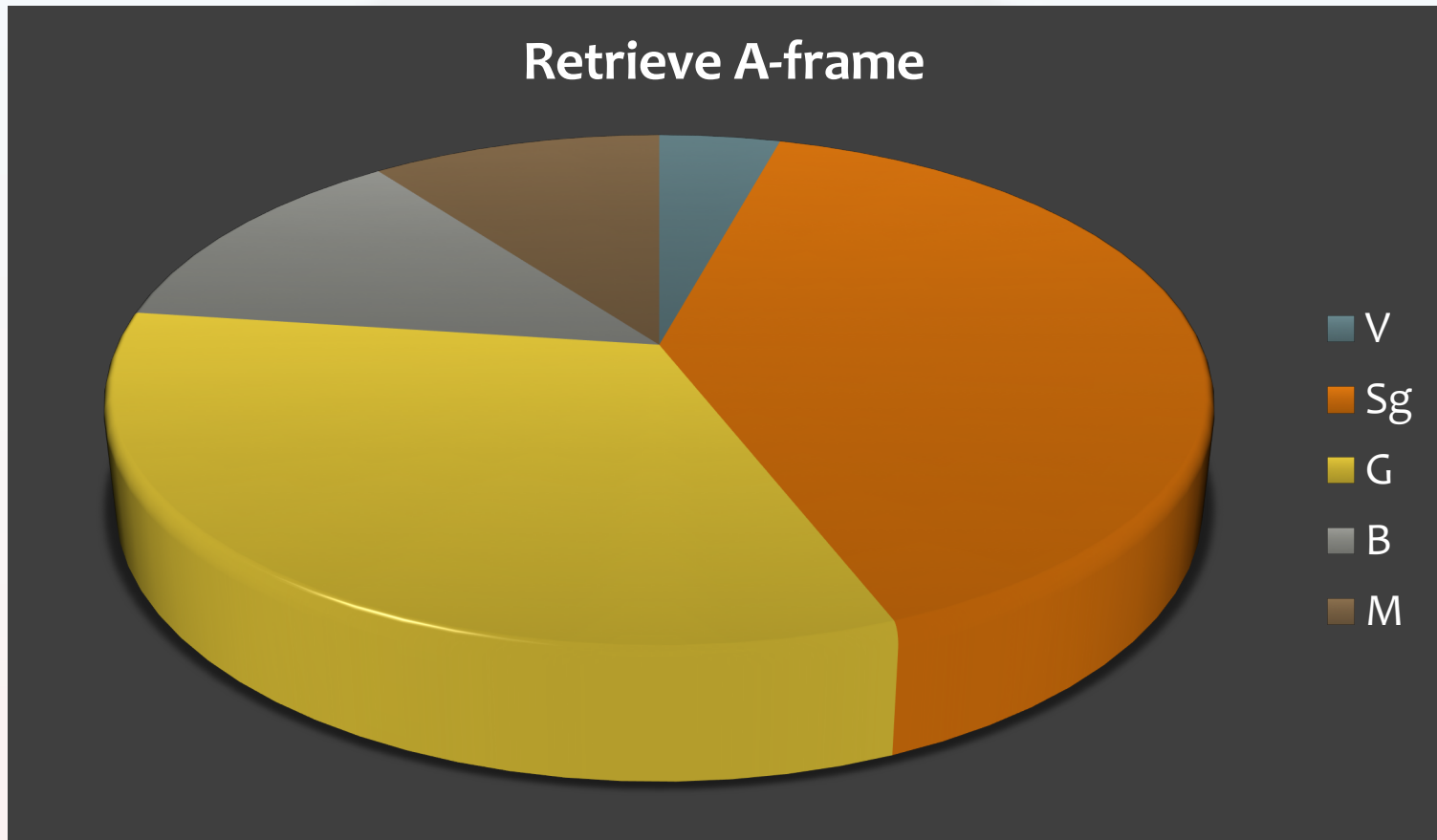
Retrive 1 meter					
118		1	0,8%		V
118		31	26,3%		Sg
118		51	43,2%		G
118		26	22,0%		B
118		9	7,6%		M
Retrive 1 meter day one					
30		0	0,0%		V
30		9	30,0%		Sg
30		11	36,7%		G
30		8	26,7%		B
30		2	6,7%		M
Retrive 1 meter day two					
30		0	0%		V
30		6	20,0%		Sg
30		15	50,0%		G
30		7	23,3%		B
30		2	6,7%		M
Retrive 1 meter day three					
22		1	4,5%		V
22		6	27,3%		Sg
22		9	40,9%		G
22		5	22,7%		B
22		1	4,5%		M
Retrive 1 meter day four					
20		0	0%		V
20		5	25,0%		Sg
20		9	45,0%		G
20		4	20,0%		B
20		2	10,0%		M
Retrive 1 meter day five					
16		0	0,0%		V
16		5	31,3%		Sg
16		7	43,8%		G
16		2	12,5%		B
16		2	12,5%		M

Retrieve 1 meter



1 m Retrieve 650gr: Here I saw a trend in several dogs that showed a restless and anxious behavior in basic position. When the dogs are sent, the dogs should show more power in the jump and, above all, be more intense in the catch the pickup up of the dumbbell . The return jump should be with even more energy and power to present the dumbbell to the handler. The holding of the dumbbell in front of the handlers must be considerably calmer and firmer throughout. After the release, the dogs could show a faster reactions and movements to the basic position.

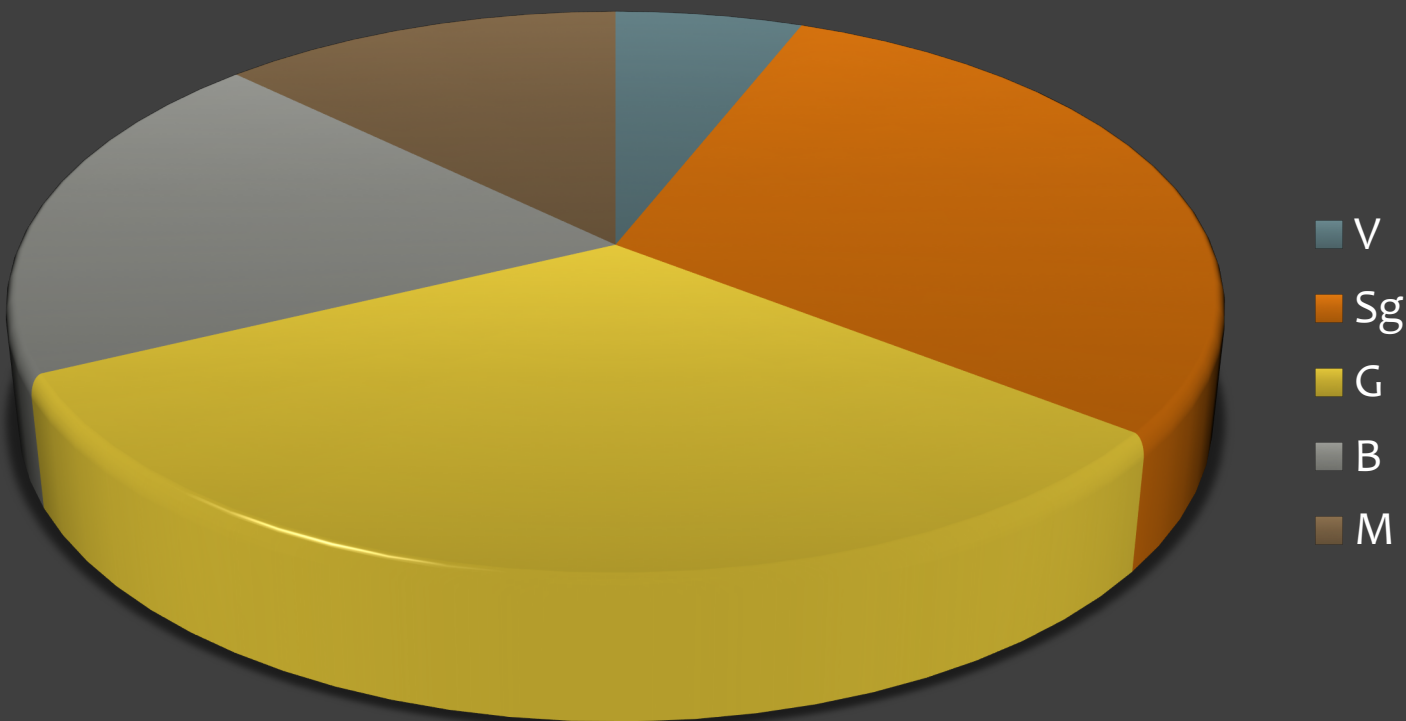
Retrive A total					
118		5	4,2%		V
118		47	39,8%		Sg
118		39	33,1%		G
118		15	12,7%		B
118		12	10,2%		M
Retrive A day one					
30		1	3,3%		V
30		11	36,7%		Sg
30		11	36,7%		G
30		5	16,7%		B
30		2	6,7%		M
Retrive A day two					
30		0	0%		V
30		15	50,0%		Sg
30		7	23,3%		G
30		4	13,3%		B
30		4	13,3%		M
Retrive A day three					
22		2	9,1%		V
22		10	45,5%		Sg
22		5	22,7%		G
22		4	18,2%		B
22		1	4,5%		M
Retrive A day four					
20		0	0%		V
20		6	30,0%		Sg
20		10	50,0%		G
20		2	10,0%		B
20		2	10,0%		M
Retrive A day five					
16		2	12,5%		V
16		5	31,3%		Sg
16		6	37,5%		G
16		0	0,0%		B
16		3	18,8%		M



A frame Retrieve 650gr, Here I saw a trend in several dogs that showed a restless and anxious behavior in basic position. When the dogs are sent, the dogs should show more power in the climb and, above all, be more intense in the catch the pickup up of the dumbbell . The return jump should be with even more energy and power to present the dumbbell to the handler. The holding of the dumbbell in front of the handlers must be considerably calmer and firmer throughout. After the release, the dogs could show a faster reactions and movements to the basic position.

Send out total					
118		7	5,9%		V
118		35	29,7%		Sg
118		38	32,2%		G
118		23	19,5%		B
118		15	12,7%		M
Send out day one					
30		3	10,0%		V
30		10	33,3%		Sg
30		7	23,3%		G
30		6	20,0%		B
30		4	13,3%		M
Send out day two					
30		1	3%		V
30		11	36,7%		Sg
30		9	30,0%		G
30		8	26,7%		B
30		1	3,3%		M
Send out day three					
22		3	13,6%		V
22		7	31,8%		Sg
22		5	22,7%		G
22		4	18,2%		B
22		3	13,6%		M
Send out day four					
20		0	0%		V
20		5	25,0%		Sg
20		10	50,0%		G
20		3	15,0%		B
20		2	10,0%		M
Send out day five					
16		0	0,0%		V
16		2	12,5%		Sg
16		7	43,8%		G
16		2	12,5%		B
16		5	31,3%		M

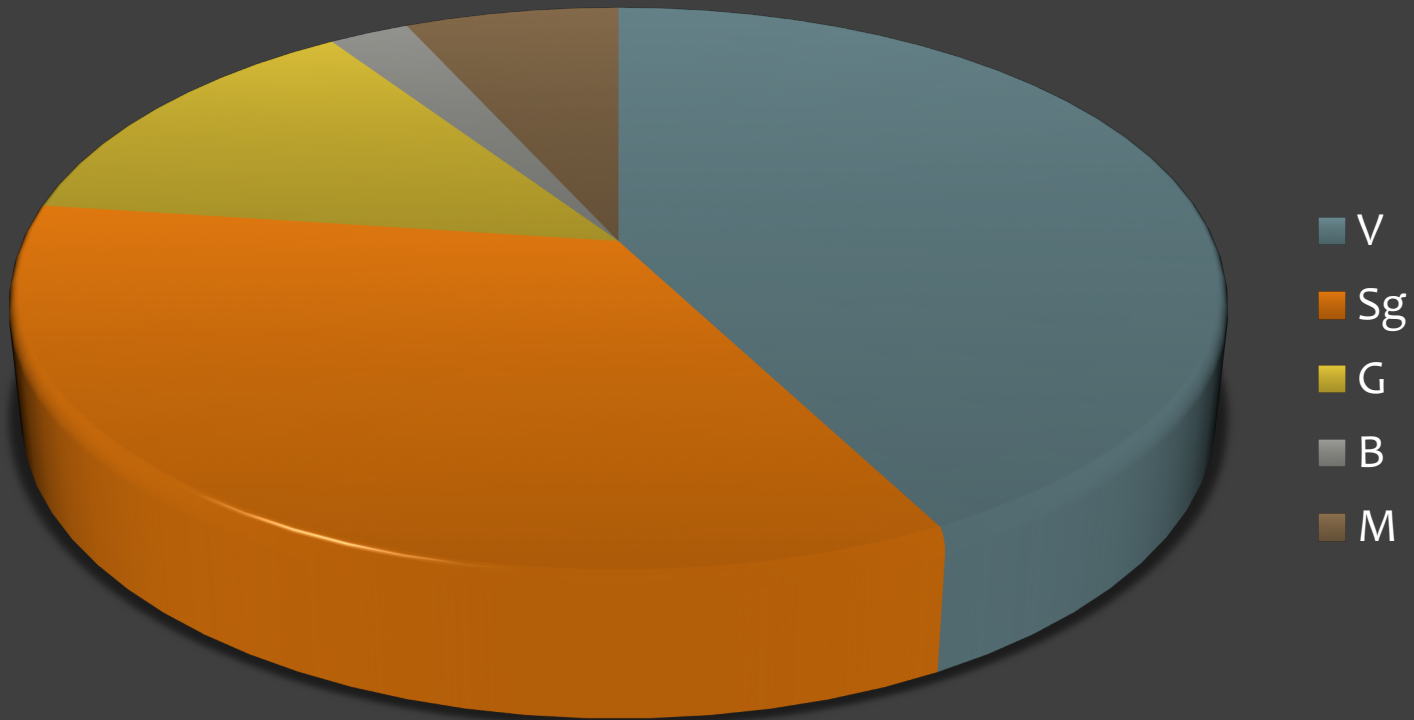
Send out



Several handlers provide extra help and commands to the dog before the exercise. The dogs should sit calmer in the basic position. During the build-up I saw several dogs that were pushing their handlers. Several dogs did not run in the direction of the send-out (not straight line) and curved away from the center line. After the command to down, several dogs show a slow reaction to lying down. When the handler approached, the dogs must be more secure and calm until the command for sit is given.

Long down total					
118		50	42,4%		V
118		41	34,7%		Sg
118		16	13,6%		G
118		3	2,5%		B
118		8	6,8%		M
Long down day one					
30		12	40,0%		V
30		9	30,0%		Sg
30		8	26,7%		G
30		0	0,0%		B
30		1	3,3%		M
Long down day two					
30		16	53%		V
30		10	33,3%		Sg
30		2	6,7%		G
30		1	3,3%		B
30		1	3,3%		M
Long down day three					
22		8	36,4%		V
22		11	50,0%		Sg
22		0	0,0%		G
22		0	0,0%		B
22		3	13,6%		M
Long down day four					
20		8	40%		V
20		8	40,0%		Sg
20		2	10,0%		G
20		1	5,0%		B
20		1	5,0%		M
Long down day five					
16		6	37,5%		V
16		3	18,8%		Sg
16		4	25,0%		G
16		1	6,3%		B
16		2	12,5%		M

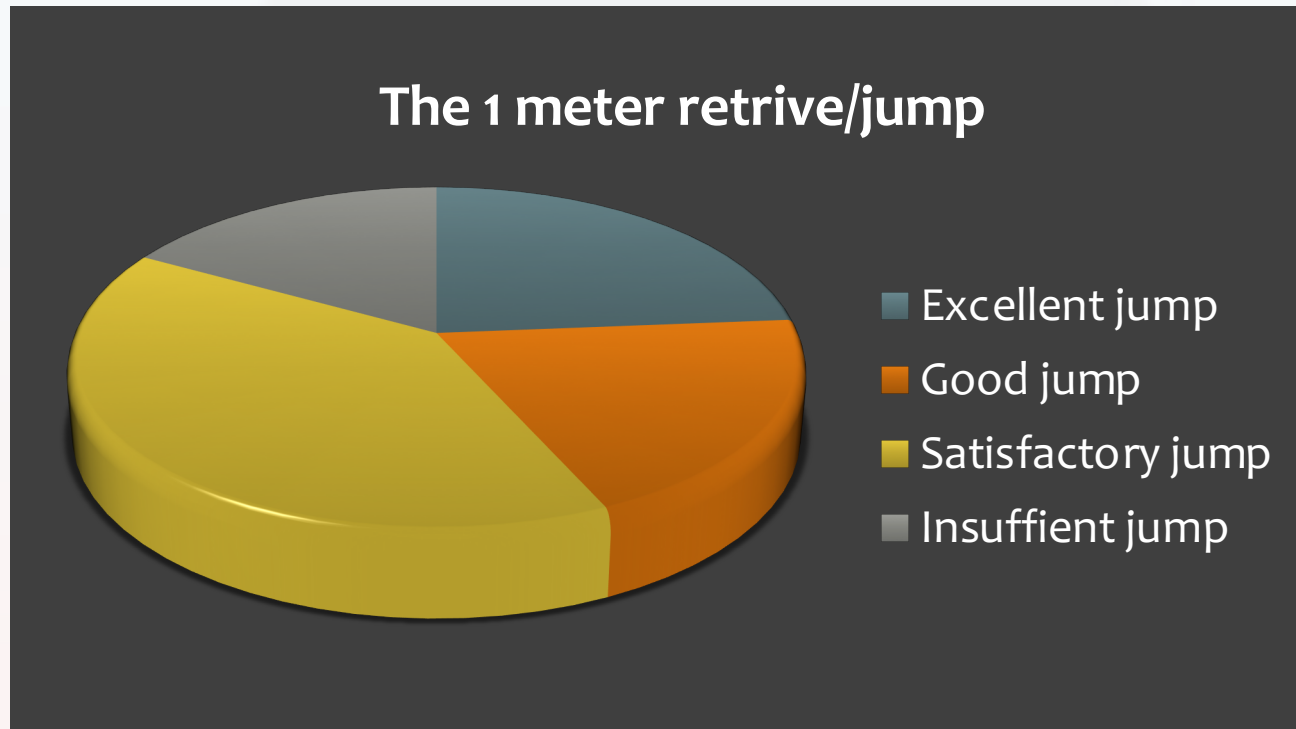
Long down total



As you can see, long down is no major problem for the German Shepherd. Several dogs receive high marks. Some dogs were anxious/worried, some moved their position frequently following their nose. Additionally, some can respond faster to the command "down" and "sit".

JUMPTechniques

WUSV WC 2019 FROM 118 DOGS



During this year's WUSV World Cup, I studied extra dogs' ability to jump. I have chosen to report the jump at one (1) meter's retrieve.

I divide dogs that jump without any restriction, they belong to the group excellent,

Dogs that have encountered the obstacle belong to the group good, dogs that have a strong impact belong to the group satisfactory and finally the group dogs that tax and have a limited timing belong to the group of insufficient jumping technique.

The reason why, so many German Shepherd dogs have difficulty jumping naturally should be researched further. But my view is that it is obviously both an influence from training and the genetics.

Detailed description of the top three at the World Cup

The World Champion, Pierre Lamarie, with Gringo Ja Na Ka, total points in obedience Sg 92.

Grades as follow: Sg, B, Sg, Sg, Sg, G+, Sg, Sg, V

A team dog and handler showed a really positive behavior. The dog had nice energy and was always ready to respond to his handler. Generally the dog should be cleaner in the buildup of the exercises. At times the dog was forging and pushing the handler. The dog should react faster in the sit and down exercises. The stand was correct. In the recalls he is fast, he can be more straight in front and not jump into the basic positions. The dogs retrieve are with good energy and very precise. He must be more free in the 1 m jump. He comes correct in front of the handler and should hold the dumbbell slightly firmer. The end of the exercise he could be more precise. For the send out, the dog pushes the handler in the build up, after the command he runs fast and straight and downs correctly. For the long down the dog was calm and without fault. Congrats to the winner!!

The Vice - World Champion, Thomas Wöginger, with Bordy Blendy, total points in obedience, Sg 91

Grades as follow: Sg, B, G, Sg, Sg, Sg, Sg Sg, Sg

A team that show up really nice energy and speed. The handler should pay more attention to the steps he takes in the buildups and extra help with the body. The dog is slightly pushy in the buildups. He is not always correct in front of the handler, there he slightly pushes/bumps the handler. The dog is fast into the front positions, but he can be faster to get into basic position during finishes. The jumps are natural, but overall should hold the dumbbell firmer in all the retrieves. The sendout command should be executed faster. The down without fault. Congrats to the Vice- World Champion.

3RD PLACE , Vincenzo Magnati, with Zeus vom Schloss Solitude, total points in obedience, Sg 90.

Grades as follow: Sg, M, Sg, Sg, Sg, G, V, Sg,V

A team that shows energy and nice speed. The dog is correct and well balanced. Demonstrates high level of attention to the handler, but could be more open in the buildups. The dog missed the sit. Very fast in the down in motion and fast recall, but are was not straight in basic position. The stand with recall was the same as the down. The dog shows intense drive in the retrieve exercises. He pushes/bumps the handler in the front, but comes nice and fast to the basic position. The send-out the dog is fast but must be more straight. Long down the dog is without fault. Congrats to the 3rd Place WINNER

Concluding Remarks

I would like to emphasize that during the entire World Cup, I saw positive and open behavior of dogs throughout the obedience phase. The majority of all teams, regardless of country, showed joy and energy in the work.

Excellent sportsmanship from all handlers mirrored the entire competition.

I can also say that there is a very positive spread of countries in the top 20.

Thank you to my colleague Silvia Marocchi for your efforts as a long down judge.

Thank you WUSV for inviting me to judge this event, and a special thanks to Mr. Luciano Musolino and his staff for an excellent well run event.

Thank you all! I looking forward to see you all again on the competition field.