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Judge report protection phase

Hereby I would like to give a short evaluation of the protection phase on this event.

Again, it was for me a real honour and pleasure to judge on this world championship. Therefore, I want to thank the WUSV-board for the invitation to judge this event.

My thanks go out also to the entire organisation headed by Shirley Hutchinson. They have done everything possible to make this event enjoyable for everyone, competitors, spectators and the entire technical staff. With a limited but hardworking group of people they got everything very, very well organised. Super work!

My appreciation also goes to Henriette Bohnstedt and her team, in charge of ensuring that everything went smoothly throughout the protection phase. Every little detail that was involved in the protection phase was taking care of.

There was a choice out of 4 helpers which had to be reduced to 2 helpers for the start of the competition. The following choice was presented to the public:

- Helper part 1: Mark Rigby
- Alternate helper Part 1: Ross Heron
- Helper part 2: Nick Warman
- Alternate helper Part 2: John Padden

Helpers Mark Rigby & Nick Warman worked all the dogs in the championship. They filled in the asked work as good as possible and worked every dog in a fair way and with the same intensity. They were for sure a great help for me to make the right decisions in my judging. Alternate helpers Ross Heron & John Padden didn't come in action, but were ready and standby during the whole championship in case anyone should have fall out.

In this championship I judged in protection 40 dogs. Remarkable is that with this number of dogs we got no disqualification in protection and only one

abort. The dog mentioned last was clearly not ready or prepared for a trial at this level. The following grades were given:

- Excellent: 0
- Very good: 7
- Good: 26
- Satisfactory: 6
- Insufficient: 1

I want to thank all handlers for the excellent sportsmanship they showed to me and I want to give also a special thank to head judge Egon Gutknecht for the help, support and cooperation before and during this championship.

Next year the WUSV US is going on in France and I hope to see you all there.

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