

42nd Dr. Kleemann Prüfung Laa an der Therma, Austria

by Frank O'Leary



Mike & Georgina
Kennedy with Jurek KS
von Kings Crossing

Congratulations to Western Region Member Mike Kennedy who successfully lead his Rüde **Jurek KS von Kings Crossing** to his Kleemann Sieger title at the 42nd Dr. Kleemann Prüfung, in Laa an der Thaya, Austria, September 22nd – 25th. Mike and “Duke” received prefer scores during the test. At the Schausuche (Show Search) “Duke’s” performance was evaluated as excellent by the judges.

This was “Duke’s” second attempt at the Kleemann but Mike’s first. The team’s success is a tribute to Mike’s commitment to succeed and confidence in “Duke’s” ability. Congratulations Mike and “Duke”.



Frank O'Leary & Birgitta Hofstetter-
Krause receive Maggie’s “V4” Award
from DKV President Michael
Hammerer

During the Zuchtschau on Thursday, **Maggie vom Trocken Bach** was selected as the “V4” Hündin. Competing against 74 females “Maggie” was one of the last left standing. Lead by Mr. Siegfried Hofstetter and owned by Frank & Marianne O'Leary the two year old is the daughter of Darwin KS vom Hege-Hof x Dakota KS vom Trocken Bach. During the evaluation process it was both exciting and nerve racking. We have owned six different dogs that

have reach the top twenty at the Kleemann (Darwin, Bessie, Dakota, Graci, Indy, and Maggie); four have gone on to be included in the top ten (Darwin, Bessi, Graci, and Maggie). Only once before, with Darwin KS vom Hege-Hof, had we had a dog in the final five. However, this time it was different, we raised Maggie and selected her from what we feel was our most uniform litter to date. “Maggie” started her testing career in the Western Region receiving a Derby Prize 1 at the age of six months. We are very proud for Maggie and Mr. Hofstetter.



Maggie vom Trocken
Bach “V4” and Mr.
Siegfried Hofstetter



Rüde Ring #1 Judging Group (L to R)
Wilhelm Sohst, Marcel Krenz, and
Dr. Francois Aldrich (Blue Blazer)

A special honor was bestowed on a NADKC Member during the 42nd Kleemann. Dr. Francois Aldrich was selected to be one of the three judges in Rüde Ring #1 as well as a field/water Judge. During the Zuchtschau, Francois and his judging group were responsible for evaluating half of the sixty-four males. Following the initial evaluation all those receiving “V’s” again entered the ring to determine which nine from Ring #1 would move forward to the top eighteen and as the candidates for the top five. It should be noted that the V1, V3, and V4 males came from the group that Francois and his

Judging Group evaluated. Francois your selection and participation made the NADKC very proud.

Other NADKC Members participating in the Kleemann were Tom Skinner who served a field/water Judge as well as inspected the Hündin’s prior to evaluation in Hündin Ring #1. Szafir z Czarnego Dworu participated for Jim Deppen and was one of the Top 10 Rüde at the Zuchtschau.

All and all it was a very well run event held at a very nice venue. The host club did an excellent job. The fields where plentiful and game was present. The water opportunities were vastly different in size, quality, and degree of difficulty.

Participation from the NADKC was light but there were some members in attendance as spectators. Additionally, getting to see old friends and make new ones is always a special part of the event. The 42nd Dr. Kleemann Prüfung is in the books and we look forward two years to the event hosted by Schleswig-Holstein.



John & Bennita Kennedy, from Indiana,
enjoy the Zuchtschau