

This Grand Victor show report back seeks to share the Cape Rottweiler Club's experience of hosting the 2013 Grand Victor show.

The planning to successfully host the Grand Victor Show started with the selection and booking of the Judge. Getting the services of an ADRK judge was more complicated than anticipated. The demand for ADRK judges across the world reduces their availability considerably. We had to book Uwe Peterman about 20 months in advance to our show date to ensure that we would be available.

In addition to getting an ADRK judge, trying to find a steward experienced enough to officiate at a Grand Victor show proved to be another challenge, as the depth of stewards with adequate experience is very limited to those that are familiar with the Grand Victor schedule regulations. After some discussion with Tommie and Neil it was decided to turn a somewhat negative situation into a positive one by opting to have 2 ring stewards. One very experienced person to act as the lead steward and to simultaneously train up a local assistant steward. Tommie agreed to assist with this and it worked out very well.

Budget

The total cost of hosting the show amounted to a total of R49,500. The judges cost was the biggest show expense, which included traveling, accommodation and his personal fee. This added up to an amount of R22250.

A big word of thanks to the RBC for the R3000 contribution received towards making the show a success.

Technology

For the Grand Victor show we opted to use the KUSA programme to produce the show schedule. We encountered several problems with this. The biggest being that the KUSA database used in the program was not up to date. This meant that the details on quite a few entries did not match the database or was simply missing from the database. This negated the main reason for opting for using the program. It was then a time consuming process to manually update the schedule.

We opted to use very good sound equipment with the inclusion of a roving mic. This worked well in keeping spectators and exhibitors informed of the proceedings and more importantly to clearly hear the judge's feedback and comments on his placing's.

Show Results and Gradings

A total of 18 V gradings out of a total of 39 males (incl puppies) shown was awarded, and a total of 22 V gradings out of 48 females shown was awarded.

The male CC was awarded to a dog from the Import Class and he went on to be awarded the Grand Victor and Reserve Best in Show titles. The female CC was awarded to a bitch from the SA Bred Class and she went on to be awarded the Grand Victrix and Best in Show titles. Another interesting stat is that both the Junior Grand Victor and Victrix awards went to dogs from the junior classes.

At the Q&A session the judge commented that the overall quality has improved since he judge in South Africa a few years ago. Most males and females had very good movement, however the eye colour on some dogs exhibited could be improved on.

We managed to get some stunning photos into the Total Rottweiler magazine. This goes a long way with showcasing our Grand Victor shows across the world. It has been done before and we encourage other clubs hosting the GV show to do the same.

Conclusion

We successfully managed to host our inaugural Grand Victor show and hopefully the CRC will be in a position to host many more into the future. A word of thanks to our sister club WPRC for their continued support and help with our events and also to the executive committee of the RBC for their continued support leading up to the event and on the day.

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