

# REPORT from NORWAY by MAIDA JONSSON

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Thanks to Jens Kollenberg, who was in Oslo and who decided to drive back to Germany, I had the fastest drive of my life with a four hour rest and good food on the ferry from Gotzeborg in Sweden to Fredrikshavn in Denmark - total from Oslo to Hamburg: 11 hours.

As when I attended the Bundesieger show in November, I stayed with Ursula Pekrul (vom Hammonia Dobermans). Learned that Hammonia was the ancient name for Hamburg.

Saturday we drove to Bremen to the tune of lightning and torrents of rain . . . just as I described my Essen trip. I asked "Ussi" if it was often like this. "Nooo . . . very rare . . . only when you come!" The show area must have had a protective god, because the rain stopped when we arrived, and started when we left.

Saturday was devoted to Zuchttauglichkeitsprüfung (ZTP), and Mr. Kollenberg judged 8 dogs. Among the spectators was Mr. Richard Seidemann, president of the Australian Dobermann Club (he reads Top Dobe!) and we both received permission to be in the working area and take pictures.

Of the 8 entries, only 3 passed -- one with Vorzuglich 1A and two with Sehr gut 1B. The failing five can not be used in breeding. (See Top Dobe, September/October 1976 and September/October 1977.) Observing the testing was a complete education in itself. The agitator, Mr. Horst Ahlerfelder, was par excellence. The judge conferred with him after the attack instances . . . checking for force, strength, among other things, with which the dog attacked or, as in some cases, did not bite at all or just nipped and backed off. The group work where the dog and owner mingle in a "crowd" showed clearly which dogs had good nerves. A plastic bucket containing a few empty tin cans was dropped on the ground while the dog mingled; some showed curiosity, others would not approach and investigate. Gunshyness also showed up. Mr. Kollenberg was not

rough when going over the dogs, and he was strict in the gradings.

After the testing, members and guests of the Bremen Division of the DV gathered in the clubhouse. The English-speaking registrar, Mr. Alfred Thomas, was very helpful to me throughout the day, and made certain I had a "front seat." Mr. Seidemann was presented with two trophies by the president of this division, Mr. Lothar Schiborr, who, in his speech, stressed the importance of working with your dog. Mr. Gunther Schulze, vice president and head of the working/trial section, also spoke and it was heart-warming to hear these dedicated men . . . dedicated to the sport of the working dog.

Mr. Seidemann, whose origins are near Bremen, is very interested in Schutz work and is promoting it in Australia. He was going home by way of Tokyo, where he planned to see a few Dobermanns. He will be well-remembered in Bremen. By way of the Australian club, he donated a beautiful trophy - a bronze Dobermann figure mounted on 20 pounds of semi-precious stone -- to be won by the best working dog at Bremen . . . which turned out to be the Reserve C.A.C. winner, Falco. Ussi and I returned to Kiebitzreihe; some French people were to come that evening to breed their bitch to Mr. Kollenberg's stud, Guy's Hilo v. Norden Stamm.



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Hilo has acquired yet another title: that of Europa Sieger '78. He is living up to what the grand old gentleman judge and breeder, Mr. Demangeat of the Dobermann world in France, wrote in *La Vie Canine* . . . that Hilo was the best male he has seen in 20 years.

It is really too bad we have such rigid quarantine laws in Scandinavia. How interesting it is to see dogs from the different continental countries at one show. Here we are restricted - and to top it off, Norway makes it easy for Swedish dogs with 2 Certificates from Sweden and who win a third in Norway, to become a Norwegian champion of record. Sweden has a very severe series of working trials that must be passed in addition to the Certificates of beauty in order to become a Swedish champion.

Sunday, and back to Bremen . . . pouring again, which stopped when we arrived at the show grounds. There were 55 entries. I can truthfully say that this was the first show where I was 100% in agreement with the judging. That statement in itself is ONLY important in that we all know what it is to be ringside. It's all too easy to criticize.

Winners of the C.A.C. (Certificate applicable toward championship) and Reserve C.A.C.'s, and winners of other classes:

Black male C.A.C.: Candy v.t. Smeulveen (Don Dayan v. Frankenhorst/Centa v. Eschenhof)

Reserve: Falco v.d. Grunneger Tak (Jurgen v. Hagenstern/Ardito v.d. Grunneger Tak)

Brown male C.A.C.: Amor v. Rensloo (Alva v. Frankenhorst/Cynthia of Landslake)

Reserve: Hoss v. Roten Feld (Axel v. Ferrolheim/Alfa v. Roten Feld)

Black bitch C.A.C.: Ivette v. Haus Junemann (Nero v. Hagenstern/Pia v. Haus Junemann)

Reserve: Gracia v. Frieslands Glorie (Chico v. Forell/Cinda v. Frieslands Glorie)

Brown bitch C.A.C.: Jorinda v.d. Brunoburg (Graaf Questor v. Neerlands Stam/Zira v. Beelen)

Reserve: Della v.t. Smeulveen (Chico v. Forell/Centa v. Eschenof)

Winner of Open class black dog was Xandor v.d. Astrahoeve (Axel v. Ferrolheim/Astra), and here I want to admit a serious goof! When I wrote about the Bundesieger, in error I wrote that Lowell was the runner-up. NOT TRUE! It was Xandor. I apologize!

In Youth class at Bremen, Madjor v.d. Kinnemaborgh (Don Dayan v. Frankenhorst/Audrey van't Zandbosch) won for dogs and Bellona v. Nymphenberg (Eick v. Eschenhof/Helena v. Eschenhof) won for bitches. Both were excellent dogs. Bellona seems to be a born shower. I know we will be hearing about them often.



**PHOTO CAPTIONS:**

1. Judge Kollenberg, conferring with Mr. Ahlerfelder.
2. Hilo, keeping in trim.
3. Ali v. Langenhorst, 7-month-old son of Hilo and Biene v. Niederkassel -- in "dad's" teethsteps!
4. Winner, Bremen: Candy v.t. Smeulveen.
5. Reserve Winner (brown): Hoss v. Roten Feld.
6. Winner, Bremen & DV Sieger: Ivette v. Haus Junemann.
7. Young Dog Winner: Madjor v.d. Kinnemaborgh (at 15 months).
8. Pinemeade's Independence, SchH I.
9. Winner, Open black: Xandor v.d. Astrahoeve.
10. Young Bitch Winner: Bellona v. Nymphenburg.
11. Fee v. Sudsund, 2nd Winner, Open -- Swedish bred.



Of all these winners, only two are German bred: Ivette and Bellona. The rest are all from Holland. I would like to mention all the people's names, but running out of space so will come back to that later.

Mr. Kollenberg required more gaiting than is usual in Germany, and here it was a pleasure to watch an American (!) entry, Pinemeade's Independence (Circle Dobe's Damian/Pinemeade's Hifalutin). He was imported to Holland by Mr. F. E. Demankoe (von Ferrolheim Dobermans). The dog received the grading of excellent. He also has his SchH I, and later I saw him work a bit and WOW! No kidding around there, that's for sure.

You may recall in a previous article where Mr. Kollenberg maintained that the biggest problem were too rounded croups. It seems this has been conquered, but now appearing are too heavy heads -- too wide between the ears, short muzzles. Also, light eyes were noticeable. And one more thing . . . a few French fronts. Fortunately, the problem has hopped from rear to front without disturbing what is in between . . . so, more hard work ahead.

Back to Saturday and a demonstration of how a good attack man knows his stuff. Hilo was the subject, and after a little warming up (heeling free, sit, down, etc.) Mr. Ahlerfelder, without protection costume or Schutzarm, threatened Mr. Kollenberg and Hilo was set on guard. Mr. Ahlerfelder ran away and Hilo was released. One second, and I mean this literally, before the point of impact -- Hilo in mid-air -- 100 pounds worth -- Mr. Ahlerfelder spun around and, with a twisted tea towel held between his two hands, shoved it between Hilo's open jaws. The attack man naturally, from this barreling force, fell over backwards and both dog and man rolled over, coming to a stop: man flat on his back, Hilo over him, literally nose to nose with only one thing in between -- a tea towel. Where was I (and my camera)? Standing with my mouth open like everybody else, holding my breath. At command to release, Hilo obeyed. I later saw Mr. Ahlerfelder start retraining a bitch who had been retrained NOT to attack. What a thorough knowledge this man has. His judgment, timing, patience, understanding . . . He is, of course, a licensed trainer.

Mr. Seidemann took movies of him and Hilo, plus everything else that happened during the two days. The Dobermann fanciers and breeders in Australia are in for an educational, interesting viewing. Mr. Walter Hensel, who will judge in Paris in June, will also be judging in Australia. Here in Bremen, he was busy with HIS camera. Once I almost had to laugh, and thought: how many pictures of each other have we taken! Reason: very often he was hunkered down on one side of the dog and me on the other, and often the dog suddenly moved and there we were. All depends on how fast we were in "clicking." In any case, he is a very good subject! This was a weekend I will be long remembering!

And now to the Nordic Winner show. I have always called it the Scandinavian Sieger show, but since Scandinavia includes Denmark, and since a few years back quarantine laws apply to all dogs entering Norway from Denmark -- this is not a correct name. In any case, it was a grey, cold day and since we fortunately can "import" judges without quarantine, Mr. Fritz Kugel came from Germany to judge all classes except puppy (up to 12 months) and young dogs and bitches (12 to 18 months), and these were judged by Mr. Eivind Jensen of Denmark.

Well! I don't know how many people "appreciated" their judging, but I think it is the hardest I have seen! Here were two judges who didn't care less if they were re-invited (by way of giving out a lot of first in quality gradings) or not. They were there to judge dogs, period. Quite a few people received the shock treatment. There



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were 85 catalog entries, among which 13 owned by and/or bred by Finland and 16 from Sweden, likewise.

Mr. Jensen took a great deal of time with each entry and gave verbal critiques to ringside. This was certainly a boon for the first-time showers who didn't know what some of the terms meant. He took each entry and pointed out good points and faults.

Best Puppy was a Winnerhof bitch -- have mislaid the name! But here is a picture of litter brother Ivan. Third best puppy was Bueno's Bajás (Ch. Ebonaire's Bueno ex an Hungarian bitch). This was an accidental breeding and should never have happened -- a very poor bitch, unfortunately. Best Young Dog and Nordic Winner Youth was Dux v. Norden Stamm (Guy's Hilo v. Norden Stamm/Alma v. Ferrolheim), and best Youth bitch was Doberhill's Black Kiwa (Doberhill's Black Oscar/Gogo v.d. Veste Otzberg). Oscar is a Zeno grandson.

Over to Open Dogs and Judge Kugel. He, too, took good time and for his winner he placed Timitra Vox (Kim v. Forell/Timitra Terna) from Finland. Strange how you



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PHOTO CAPTIONS:

1. Taiga v. Norden Stamm.
2. Bueno's Bajas.
3. Nordic Winner Young Dog: Dux v. Norden Stamm.
4. Winnerhof Ivan.
5. Nordic Winner, Young Bitch: Doberhill's Black Kiwa.
6. Third Winner, Open: Gunthersforst Tex.
7. Reserve Winner, Open: Altenhofer Finn-Ascot.
8. Winner, Open: Timitra Vox.
9. Second Winner, Champion Class: Doberhill's Black Essy.
10. "Old Boy" Bryan v. Forell -- over 10 years of age.

get certain impressions when "placing time" comes around, and mine was negative, BUT, after I had all my pictures developed and saw pictures of Vox, I could understand why. He was not a flashy dog, but he was solid and masculine. He had won the Youth title last year in Sweden. His owner/handler was a nervous wreck and "pawed" her dog constantly . . . with more ring culture, the dog could have been presented much better.

Of the nine champion entries, Heino v.d. Veste Otzberg (Chico v. Forell/Frigga v.d. Veste Otzberg) won.

Open Class bitches was won by BryanStam's Jesse-Janes (Bryan v. Forell/Anja v.d. Haar), and Veteran Class was won by male Bryan v. Forell (10 years and almost 2 months old).

Nordic Winner Bitch and Best in Breed went to Ch. Mirabelle v. Norden Stamm (Bryan v. Forell/Gunthersforst Danja), and Nordic Winner dog was Heino v.d. Veste Otzberg. Nordic Winner Stud was Bryan, and Nordic Winner '78 Brood Bitch was Gogo v.d. Veste Otzberg. Winner in Breeder Class was Kennel BryanStam of Sweden.

According to Mr. Kugel, he liked heads and necks, even though he criticized too many weak underjaws. His other complaint: males need more depth and breadth; some were too feminine. Wanted them heavier. So, until next year!

Report from the DV Sieger show in Dortmund. I have previously mentioned the French dog, Lex v. Traben . . . well, he was DV Sieger '78. And the bitch, Ivette v. Haus Junemann, who was Best Bitch in Bremen, walked away with the DV Sieger title!

BUT! For the Stars & Strippers! The American male, Pinemeade's Independence, who was also shown in Bremen, was judged best of the working dog class and beat quite a few who beat him in Bremen! One never knows, does one??? The other DV Sieger was German Ch. Bndsgr. '76 Berry v. Buchenberg (Casar v. Beelen/Ira v. Rotbachtal).

Next report will be from Paris and the Champion show there . . . Dobermanns are the best reasons for traveling!