NEWS FLASH FROM GERMANY! Aussie Pensioner wins German Championship IPO Trial!



On the 25th and 26th September the DVG Landesgruppe Westfalen held its State Championship trial. With more than 6000 members spread over 148 working dog clubs, LV-Westfalen is the largest DVG Landesgruppe in Germany, and since October last year, around 1400 dogs have competed at qualifications trials in order to qualify for this particular Meisterschaft. Both Jens and Alison Kollenberg qualified to take part but it was "shock and awe" all round when the two Schutzhund Australia members - Jens Kollenberg with Nordenstamm Hassan, won 1st place with the only Excellent grading (98.96.94 = 288 points) at the event; Alison Kollenberg with Nordenstamm Hannah won the High in Trial Tracking trophy with a perfect score for the only 100 point track at the event. Furthermore, Alison and Hannah came in 12th place with 276 points (100.86.90).

Congratulations to second and third placegetters, Christian Melchers & Ayros v. Blue Aitsch (285 points) and Thomas Wesselmann & Madonna from Mike's Place (284 points). The first and second placegetters at the event automatically qualify to take part at the DVG German National Championship in April 2011. Below: Newspaper article astounding on the Australian victory.



Ein Australier steht auf dem Siegertreppchen

Westfalenmeisterschaften im Hundesport

Mettinger Starter

Photos below: Jens and Nordenstamm Hassan (Yagus v.d. Duvetorre x Zita v.d. Berlex Hoeve) – 1st Place and Sieger











Photos below: Alison and **Nordenstamm Hannah** (Yagus v.d. Duvetorre x Zita v.d. Berlex Hoeve)
- 12th Place Westfalen Championship and High-In-Trial Tracking (only dog with 100 points)



































Below: Day 1 of the tracking. The crowd begins to arrive.

To the winner, the trophies.









Below: The competitors and judges begin to line up for the presentations.

