

## International Münsterländer Test A and B 2019 in Machland / Austria

On September 21 and 22, 2019, the International Münsterländer Test A and B (IMP) took place in Austria. This event was organized by KIM-International and hosted by the Austrian Association for Large and Small Münsterländer (ÖVMü) under the direction of Dietrich Berning (President KIM-I) and Philipp Ita (President ÖVMü). On Thursday, an open judge's meeting



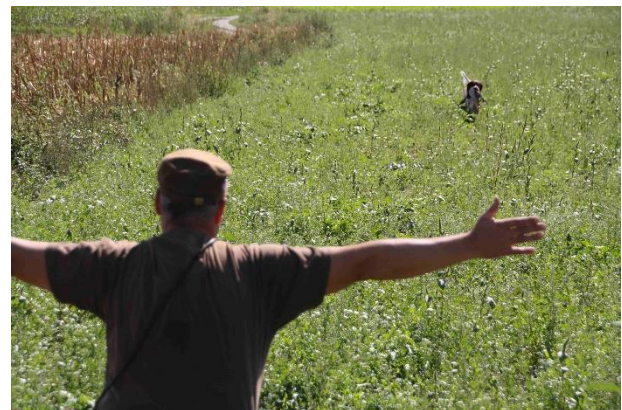
*Welcoming the participants*

took place with the participation of many handlers, at which the test regulations were explained. After this, all were well prepared for the upcoming tasks, and the test could begin the next morning with everyone full of enthusiasm. In the A-variation, ten teams started and six teams in the B-variation. A total of twelve Kleine Münsterländer and four Große Münsterländer appeared for the test.

On Friday, all participants completed a very well-organized test program in the subjects field, forest and water. Blood tracks were also worked, parts of which were laid and tracked with considerable physical effort. There were



*Underway on a hilly blood track*



*Retrieving lost game*

fields with lots of game and demanding bodies of water, which both challenged and gave pleasure to the dogs and their handlers, since everyone could show their motivation to perform well. These exceptional testing areas showed again what our versatile hunting dogs are capable of doing, and that Kleine and Große

Münsterländer are excellent hunting companions for every kind of hunting.

A snack was provided at the water station, which was happily consumed in glorious weather, also to bridge over the short waiting times. This evening, many dogs and handlers would certainly go to bed tired, but also very satisfied. The next morning greeted us again with the most beautiful sunshine, and so the remaining test subjects could be completed, before participants in the A-variation were faced with a special challenge in the subject field search in pairs. For this, two dogs were to work together in a systematic and cooperative field search,





*Water work — duck retrieve and testing gun sensitivity*

pointing located game and honoring the point of the partner dog. After this subject, the dogs of the A-variation were tested on a down stay during a driven hunt for calmness and stability during gunfire. At lunch handlers were able to refresh themselves and talk about the completed test.



*Search in pairs — a special challenge for two hunting dogs*

After lunch, an International Breed Show was held, which was completed by most dogs, and at which time the most beautiful participating dog could be chosen.





*The best looking dog*

In the evening, all participants, some with their dogs, as well as the judges, field marshals and helpers met together for a "Grüner Abend" (hunter's evening) followed by the award ceremony. In a relaxed atmosphere with excellent food, the guests exchanged experiences, while listening to the musical accompaniment provided by the hunting horn group *Machland* under the direction of horn master Johann Mayrhofer.

Special thanks go to the hunting communities for the provision of the testing grounds and the dedicated field marshals who made this test possible. The food on all days, provided by the teams of the Mühlviertler Hof and the Gasthaus Kastner, kept all participants nourished and in good spirits. Also, thanks are due to the many hard-working helpers in the background for their part in a very successful event. Last but not least, this event will remain in the memory of all, also because of the prizes and souvenirs, with special thanks to Werner Hufnagl and Georg Kühberger, as well as the company ALPJAGD.



Under these impressions, there is growing anticipation about the next IMP 2020, which will take place in the Rhineland around D-47546 Kalkar from October 8 - 12, 2020. The organizers are already looking forward to a well-attended event.

Beate Mitmeier





*Best dogs, A-variation: from left 1. Gaby vom Tannermoor (Handler Barbara Hammer), 3. Kira vom Auenwald (JKN) (Handler Martin Hertweck), 2. Heska von der Edwies (Handler Jürgen Würger)*



*Best dogs, B-variation: from left 2. Ella vom Steinriegel (Handler Martina Eisenberger), 1. Dora II vom Berkelsee (Handler Jendrik Heinz), 3. Dux II von Ottenstein (Handler Hermann Schläpfer)*