



# FINLAND

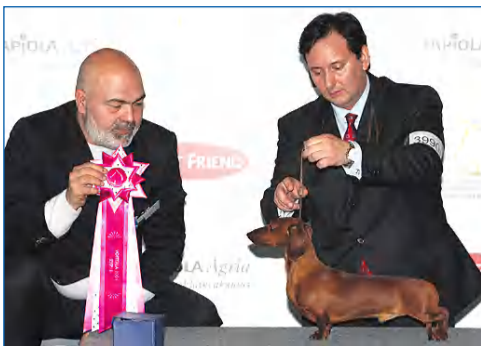


who just celebrated his 60th birthday was seen everywhere over those two days, mingling with the show crowd judges and exhibitors alike. He was like a captain who led his ship from the early morning veterinary check ups through judging in the rings, to the most glamorous and glittering final competitions in the world.

The audience around the Main Ring was immediately tuned into the festive spirit by the world premier of a new single performed by the dog show wonder XLNT Marc Linnér. The catchy melody of his Dogshow Anthem brought many to their feet and rhetorical question "who's gonna be Best in Show" suddenly got a whole new resonance. Back-up dancers were none other but ring stewards and show leading lady, former supermodel Leena Sarvi.

Something else that really sets Helsinki shows apart from all other shows in the world is the amazing display of Breeders' Groups Competition. Spanish allrounder Carlos Renau picked to judge this competition at Finnish Winner and famous for his great expertise and quick judging technique was very impressed and touched nearly to tears as several hundred groups took turns on the blue carpet of the Main Ring. He faced a

difficult task of choosing the best group, but did not realize how difficult this assignment will be as he strug-



● Winner of Group 4 was the Miniature Smooth-haired Dachshund, Am Ca Ch Grandgables Carpaccio In Red, owned by Dimitris Antonopoulos from Sweden.

gled to give proper attention to each group in a very limited timeframe.

Terriers reigned in Helsinki this weekend. The Finnish Winners' Best In Show judged by Mr Rainer Vuorinen was the Wire Haired Fox Terrier Crispy Legacy owned and bred by Agneta Astrom who travelled to Helsinki from Sweden. Day 2 at the Nordic Winners Show, Mr Goran Bodegard gave BIS to the Scottish Terrier, Filisite Brash Celebration owned and bred by Valentina Popova from the Russia.

In the beginning of 2009 nobody could predict what turn the dog fancy would take, but everyone knew that changes were inevitable. Looking back it is obvious that show entries were higher than expected – apparently people welcome the opportunity to break away from the everyday routine and dive into the exciting and rewarding world of dog showing. Finnish/Northern Winner shows in Helsinki proved that dog show fans are not discouraged and motivated more than ever.

The year 2009 finally came to a close. Despite economical and emotional hardships, it was a good year. It taught us a lot. We became wiser. We plan well ahead and we cherish our friendships. We try to stay healthy and enjoy the small things that bring joy to our lives. We try to take better care of our dogs – they do relieve our stress and share their healthy zest for life with us. We are ready for the next year. Hope it will be good!

Report and photos: Svetlana Valueva

## Winners from the Nordic Show



Photos:  
**Svetlana Valueva**

● BIS at the Nordic Winners Show chosen by Judge Goran Bodegard and also Group 3 winner was the Scottish Terrier, Filisite Brash Celebration, owned and bred by Valentina Popova from Russia.



● Best Veteran in Show was the Swedish Vallhund, Multi award winning Ch Fennican Geeba Gerbera, owned by Kirsi Hotanen (Finland).



● Group 4 winner was Miniature Smooth-haired Dachshund, Am Ca Ch Grandgables Carpaccio In Red, owned by Dimitria Antonopoulos from Sweden.



● Group 6 winner and BISS 4 was the Dalmatian, Multi Award Winner, Ch Alphadirato Future Brand, owned by Leelo Ratas from Estonia.



● Group 10 winner and BIS 2 was the Saluki, Multi Award Winner, Ch Aziz Xanom, owned by Stina Jalkanen from Finland.



● Group 1 winner was the Old English Sheepdog, Multi Award Winner, Ch Griland Beauty Bear, owned by Karina Grigoryan from Russia.



● Winner of Group 2 was the Multi Award winning Mastiff, Ch Mastif Hill Wall Arnold, owned by Vija Smiltene Krilova from Latvia.



● Winner of Group 9 and also BIS 3 was the Pug, Multi Award Winner, Tangetoppen's Obelix, owned by Bjorn Erling Honefoss Loken from Norway.



● Winner of Group 5 was the Pomeranian No Ch Tiny Jewels' Mad About The Boy, owned by Dag Löken from Norway.



● Group 8 winner was the American Cocker Spaniel, Gorilla'z Angel Of Harlem, owned by Carina Borlange Östman from Sweden.



● Winner of Group 7 was the Bracco Italiano, Orso Di Casa Corsini, owned by Ari Sahlman, Heikki Peltoperä and Juha Kares from Finland.



● Finnish Kennel Club Chairwoman, Maria Talvitie (right) and Bo Skalin from Sweden.