

Great success for the small royal rabbits at the first EE recognised show

The very first EE recognised Mini Rex show was characterized by performance and competition, fair play, professional exchanges and companionship, these were the most important hallmark of the event. The main interest and focus were the 173 Mini Rex shown in 14 colours coming from Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

The most beautiful rabbits come from Germany

Interesting detail: Both the title of the European master and the most beautiful rabbit "Best in Show" went to German breeders, although the Mini Rex rabbits in Germany are not yet approved. And with certainty a good omen for the hopefully early recognition of the first colors.

International team of judges

The judges were obviously pleased to be given the opportunity to handle these small royal rabbits. The international team of judges with the Swiss Klaus Blättler as chairman and his German colleagues Frank Peter Mühlberger and Gerhard Zimmermann responded to the challenge and completed their task excellently. They always compared the animals with each other and harmonized optimally in the judging results. The top three most popular colours were Dalmatians (black Bi-coloured) well represented with 44 exhibits, Castor's which numbered 28 and 21 Dalmatians tri-colors.

Well-visited public presentation of the most beautiful Mini Rex

On Saturday afternoon, Klaus Blättler gave a wonderful insight on the occasion of the public presentation with many good examples of Mini Rex, to the many interested breeders. He was supported by his German colleague Egon Müller. Together the two referred to the advantages of the presented animals, but also explained what must be adhered to during breeding, focusing on the European, Swiss and German standards respectively. Acknowledging that the slight differences between the countries does not need to be taken too seriously, was illustrated by the amusement of the two, which caused many laughter.

Recognizing words at the opening ceremony

With the introductory words that the organisation of this show represents a special challenge, but also a great honour for the Club C280, the first chairman Bernhard Fuchs welcomed the guests being present at the opening ceremony. Thanks to the rapid and unbureaucratic approval by the chairman of the rabbit section in the EE Erwin Leowsky was also acknowledged for his commitment, the club members and many other helpers from the KV Konstanz as well as from Switzerland. If it wasn't for all this support the event could have taken place at all. For this show acknowledging words were given by Gion P. Gross, President of the EE and Honorary President Chinchilla and Rexkaninchen Switzerland, Ruedi Goldschmid, President Chinchilla and Rexkaninchen Switzerland, Jörg Hess, Vice President of the ZDRK and Chairman of the district of Baden, and Andrea Graber, Swiss Mini Rex breeder and coordinator between the different countries. Andrea was also allowed to bring greetings and best wishes from the American and legendary "Mama Mini Rex" Monna Berryhill as well as from Garry Murphy, Chair of the British Mini Rex Club. Thomas Bareiss, Landtags parliamentarian and our patron, underlined the social importance of small animal breeders. The same theme was also devoted to a film team of the ZDF, who filmed the judging on Friday.

The broadcast of the movie took place on November 22, 2016 in the midday broadcast of ZDF's Drehscheibe and can be viewed under the following link:

<https://www.zdf.de/nachrichten/drehscheibe/22-november-sendung-102.html>

Award ceremony

The interest in the show was great both on Saturday and Sunday. The breeders traveled hundreds of kilometers to take advantage of the opportunity to exchange ideas with peers and to buy animals. There were also many new breeders. A further highlight in the attractive show program was the award ceremony on Sunday afternoon. In addition to many beautiful cups, all exhibitors received a remembrance prize for their exemplary participation in the very first European Mini Rex show of this kind.

Andrea Graber, Schwarzenbach/Switzerland