



ROCKY MTN HOUND ASSOCIATION 1st Hound Show A Success

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"It was a long time coming" states Rocky Mountain Hound Association of Colorado (RMHA) President, Betty Gene Pearce, "and it took lots of hard working members to make our 1st Hound Show a Success"!

It was Friday, July 2nd, 2010, when 268 hounds (334 entries), plus 5 entries in Rally came to Loveland, Colorado to the Budweiser Events Center, for the 1st Rocky Mountain Hound Association Show (held in conjunction with Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club). These hounds definitely came to strut their stuff, and it was wonderful to have nearly all hound breeds represented.

While the obedience and rally entries were small, the club felt it important to offer performance events to all hound owners and lovers. High in Trial and High Combined was won by an 8 year old Beagle bitch, OTCH Brumfield's Katie Jane UDX6 OM3, owned and handled by Karlene Brumfield, of Berthoud Colorado. Rally had two qualifying entries.

Next on the agenda was puppy sweepstake for all hounds. Mr. Sidney Marx choose the Whippet, Bohem Bianca of Jubilee, owned by Cynthia & Amelia Gredys and Bo Bengtson for the top prize, Group 1. The other winners were, Group 2, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Zuludawn Haute Couture; Group 3, Longhaired Dachshunds, Galewinns Kaycees Cattle Baron; and Group 4, Greyhound, Chaparral Tour de France.

All the participants loved the beautiful tile trophies that were specially created for each breed and which mark both their wins and the occasion. Rosettes were awarded to all Best of Breed/Variety winners, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex and Winners Dog and Winners Bitch.

We had 7 entries in Junior Showmanship competition. Annika Dechert and her Rhodesian Ridgeback Ch HPK Tropaco Midsummer Night's Dream CD JC RA, took top honors from the Open Intermediate class.

During the sweepstake and group judging, the Colorado Symphony Horn Quartet played softly in the background.



The big winner at the end of the day was the Whippet, Ch. Starline's Chanel, owned by Lori, Carey & Nicole Lawrence, shown to perfection by Lori Wilson. (*photo courtesy of Flashkat photography*) Mr. Eric White's other group placements included, Group 2, PBGV, Ch Dehra Amazona Bvlgari; Group 3, 13" Beagle, Ch Skyline's Dream Big; and the final placement went to the Wirehaired Dachshunds, Rumor's BMW All That and a Bag of Chips MW.

RMHA member, Alvaro Pisoni, sums the show up nicely saying, "It was a great first Hound Specialty in Colorado, where all our members should be proud, and all our volunteers should be sincerely thanked. The show was well attended, and now we grow it from here, so it will become one of the premiere hound shows in the country."

Rocky Mountain Hound Association of Colorado:

MISSION: To further the advancement of all purebred Hound breed dogs, while ensuring to preserve the history & purpose for which each unique Hound was created.

MEMBERSHIP: Is open to those in good standing with the AKC, those that have or are interested in obtaining a purebred Hound, and requires two (2) RMHA sponsors. Membership Dues are paid annually, \$15 full membership, \$10 non-voting member.

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