

# ATIBOX WM-FH 2011

## MARIBOR – SLOVENIA

Schiwa's Imperium breeding is once again making history of a German Boxer in Slovenia. In Vivo and Izabela were representing the colours of Slovenia and KLNБ while being members of the Slovenian team at the world championship Atibox WM – FH in tracking 2011 which took place between 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November in Maribor.



The Slovenian team (from left: Primož Sečnik, Maša Kušar, Ana Doganoc-team leader, Špela Logar and Mitja Heric)

The classification into the team itself was not an easy task because Mitja and Špela had to put in a lot of effort and time to put Vivo and Iza through the qualifications for the Slovenian team. Mitja and Vivo were qualified at the national tracking competition in Bloke which was organized by KD Grosuplje and Špela and Iza were qualified at the national tracking competition in Barje. This team was the first time ever in Slovenia which took place at the world tracking competition. It was a great honour for Mitja and Špela, together with Maša Kušar and Primož Sečnik, to break new ground. All four Slovenes were competing at Level 1 (circa 600 steps handler-laid long track, with three objects and three angles), all together 9 competitors from 4 countries.



Opening of ATIBOX

Primož with Art von Aisneren was the first to compete the Level 1 on Saturday morning and was in general the first of all to finish the task successfully. Next was Maša with Chaos Iggy Box who was only 6 points short to finish with a positive mark and ended with 64 points. The last on Saturday was Špela with Izabela Schiwa's Imperium and they did extremely well and received 77 points. Mitja and In Vivo Schiwa's Imperium were competing on Sunday and they received 87 points for their work. Slovenes have proved to the word elite that we can work well with our boxers. We were very close to the podium as well. Mitja and Vivo ended at the fourth place only 3 points after the third place ranked Czech and they also received a trophy as the best ranked Slovenian, presented by the Boxer Club Croatia. Špela and Iza ended at the fifth place, Primož and Art at the sixth and Maša and Chaos at the seventh.



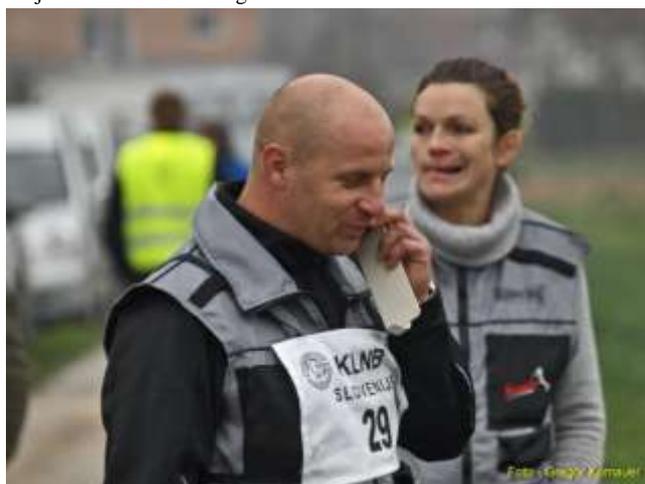
Špela and Izabela tracking



Mitja and In Vivo tracking



Finding an object on the track – Mitja, Vivo and judge Viki Smerdel



Reporting the success

We must not forget that the organization was at the highest level possible. The entire competition was carried out without any complications from the beginning to the end, the terrains were perfect. The track setters did an excellent job because they had participated at the world championships before. The mood of the competitors, the staff and others present was wonderful; the cheering was in real sporting spirit because everyone was cheering for everyone, regardless the nationality. The compliments for the organization were flying from all directions. The organizer (KLNB Slovenia) was extra complimented by the Austrian judge Karl Klingebrunner, who had already judged at 11 world competitions and had so far never experienced such a pleasant atmosphere and exceptional organization as in Maribor.

A few highlights from the end of ATIBOX:



Happy team – after the finished competition



The finish of ATIBOX



We were breaking the new ground more than properly– all together with the trophy for the best ranked Slovenian



All four members of the Slovenian team are richer for another experience for we have proved that we are a good team and in our minds we are already planning the next ATIBOX WM-FH 2012 where we will try to achieve more.



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Spilling after the end of Atibox