

Dawn Inett judges Cairns at the World Dog Show in 2026

Dawn Inett writes; “The invite to judge at the World Dog Show came through two years ago and it was with much excitement that I of course accepted. Those two years flew by and I was soon flying off to Bologna.

I attended the World Congress for Judges on the Tuesday before the WDS. With such eminent world speakers such as Charlotte Wenche who is President of the Welfare and Health Committee at FCI talking about Animal Welfare and Ethical Judging, and Louis Donald who is not only an International Judge but author of numerous books. His latest work, *The Definitive German Shepherd*, has achieved much success. Louis was talking about Movement: Between Function, Morphology, and the Pursuit of Show Appeal, it was set to be a very interesting day! The seminar was full of information and education for nearly 350 attendees but at 11.5 hours long, it was tiring too!

I was judging Australian Terriers at the ENCI show on Friday and Cairns at the World Show on Saturday. The WDS hosts 3 shows for every breed. Terriers were on Friday and Saturday. Their club show was held on Friday morning, and the ENCI (Italian Kennel Club) shows were held in the afternoon, with the WDS on Saturday.

The FCI system is very different to the UK with dogs being graded as judging takes place. Should a dog be graded as Very Good then it cannot progress to the next level of competition. It is only dogs graded Excellent that move forward to compete for the 2 levels of CC's and World Winner titles... Judges can award CAC's, easiest to be described as the Country's CC and then also, CACIB's which are international CC's! I won't go any further into the prizes on offer as it can get complicated.



Dawn with her BOB, Elisabeth Theodorsson's Hjohoo's I'm Perfect for Hjo, handled by Magnus Hoff. Photo courtesy of Irene Cavallini

My main winners were Elisabeth Theodorsson's Hjohoo's I'm Perfect For Hjo (Ch & Se/Am/Dk/Can/Nor Ch Hjohoo's Yes Hjo Can x Se Ch Hjohoo's Hjour's To Admire), handled by Magnus Hoff, who also won 2nd in the Terrier Group under world famous judge Kimmo Mustommen.

Res BOB & BOS was Kalugina Tatiana's Russian male Allvik Talking Tail. BV and Group 4 in the Veteran group was Ch It Hjohoo's Hjour Hallelujah Moment owned by Allevamento Black Idol's. Best Junior was Orso Rosso Vanilla Magic River, Owner Giorgia Veggian.

Reserve CACIB and Reserve CAC in males was Elisabeth's Hjohoo's Hjo Knock `Em Down and in bitches Reserve CACIB and Reserve CAC went to Alexandra Palaghie Jors' (Romania) Majestic Sandial Rosetta Stoned (Ch Cairngold Chico JW x Fin/Fr/Hr/Hun/Rom/Int Ch Hjohoo's Its All About Hjo EW EJW).

Judging is a great honour and one I take very seriously, it was a fabulous experience to judge many lovely Cairns. It

was lovely to see some familiar UK faces ringside too.

The judges were treated to a gala dinner every night and had a shuttle bus between the judge's hotel and show venue, a distance of some 250m! But, being World dog show judges we couldn't possibly walk, could we?"