

When I received the invitation to judge the regular class Dogs at 41 Potomac I absolutely jumped for joy, I was honored to have received this prestigious invite, my biggest dream was coming true, I think that every breeder judge of the breed has a dream and that is to deserve to be invited to judge at Potomac.

I have judged in many European countries, but to be invited to the US to judge Potomac was a Super Special event.

I wish to thank all members of the committee the wonderful overall organization, from the welcome upon arrival, to the weeks' programming, a big thank you goes to my super steward Rebecca Richards for being so professional and making things so easy, I and my son received such a warm welcome, thank you also to Krista for having organized our visit to Washington, it's a wonderful city..thank you so much for having given us this opportunity.

I also wanted to pay my compliments to the Top 20 Gala Foundation for the fantastic show they put on, it was Wonderful

Now let's talk about the show.

On the whole I saw lots of lovely excellent quality dogs so much so that sometimes I found it difficult to choose the best of the class, sometimes the second or the third deserved to win their class and only very small details made me choose otherwise. Plenty of lovely heads even if in some cases I found them a bit hard, with short stops, but only very few, excellent bones, exceptional coats and excellent typical otter tails, I penalized a few good subjects even though they were very good dogs, because for me they were a little overweight on the day and in some I would have preferred a little longer in the legs, I think that one has to be very careful about this. I would like to end my thoughts by complimenting US breeders for the great job they are doing on the exceptional movements your dogs have and for their wonderful temperament, for me they are two fundamental features so as to have an excellent Labrador and I don't always see this in the European rings especially the movements.

I really appreciated my winners in the various classes, many of them have stolen my heart. My winner Wiskoy Tony a yellow with a lovely head, outstanding movement and temperament and in excellent condition. I was honored that the Best in Show judge, Mrs. Janis Grannemann also appreciated him. My Reserve went to another lovely yellow: Devonshire Huckleberry Finn and no doubt we will be hearing more about him in the coming years. Coincidentally my two final winners were both yellow but there were also a few blacks who deserved to win, a very difficult choice due to the excellent quality in the final ring.

Last but not least I would like to really thank everyone for having given me such a warm welcome and for having accepted my judgments serenely and with great sportsmanship. Thank you for the fun and charm that I experienced over the whole week.

I will cherish this wonderful US experience in my heart forever.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.