

# Walla Walla, WA Derby/Zuchtschau May 8, 2021



It was a good thing that the Walla Walla Derby took place on Saturday and not Friday. Friday, we had a real wind and dust storm that would have made the conditions very difficult. However, by Saturday morning we had a little breeze a sunny sky, and cool temperatures. Perfect conditions for the test.

The Judges for the Derby were Francois Aldrich, from Chester, MD, Todd Synoground, from Kennewick, WA, and Lee Root, from Omak, WA.

There were four very good Derby dogs from Idaho and California. The leaders had prepared the dogs for the test and were rewarded for their efforts. Bristle vom Mountain View, led by Mark Peasley, was the search winner receiving a 4h for her efforts. Bristle received all 4's in the other disciplines and received a Prize 1. Eben vom Speidel, led by Josh White from Boise, ID, and Eve vom Speidel, led by Kristy Pigeon of Hailey, Idaho, each received all perfect scores and accordingly were Prize 1 Derby dogs. Ezra vom Speidel, led by Preston Seay of Boise, ID, received all 4's except in the pointing where he achieved a 2 and received a Prize 3. The Judges were very impressed with the dogs and encouraged each of the leaders to prepare for the SOLMS this fall.

Following the field work the participants and judges went to the Frank and Marianne O'Leary's for a bar-b-que prior to the Zuchtschau. It was a nice relaxing opportunity for everyone to visit and get better acquainted. Maggie and Uschka's puppies provide the entertainment for the kids.



Francois Aldrich, one only four SZR's (Spezialzuchtrichter) in North America, was the Formwertricher. Unfortunately, only two of the dogs participated in the Zuchtschau. Ezra received a SG in the Adult Male Class and Eve received a SG in the Adult Female Class.

We want to thank all the leaders for their efforts in preparing their dogs and traveling to the test. Special thanks to the Judges for giving up their time and making it possible to have the test. Also, to Randall Cherry, DKGNA Breed Warden, who traveled from Denver, CO to be here to help with the test.