



BREED SEMINAR - ADDLESTON, SURREY 28th May 2013

We kept Monika busy during her visit to the UK and the day before she judged our sponsored classes at Guildford Open Show she was at our seminar to educate dog show judges about our breed. Many others wanting to learn about the Eurasier also attended.

Report on the Eurasier Society UK Breed Specific Seminar

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Coming off the Import Register is a crucial point in the development of any breed. The breeders have shown that they can meet the KCs requirements, breed clubs are recognised and the exhibitors move from the canine equivalent of the Edinburgh Fringe or 'Off-Broadway' and start to compete on the main stage.

At this time, with shows scheduling the breed for the first time it is vital that there are judges who not only take an interest in the breed but also have a formal understanding of what makes this breed unlike any other, and can help through their knowledge to further the interests of the breed. The latest breed to achieve this status is the Eurasier, a relatively modern introduction developed some 50 years ago in Europe from a combination of the Keeshond, Chow Chow and Samoyed with the intention of creating a true family dog.

The Eurasier Society UK recently held the latest in their series of Breed Specific Seminars, calling on the expertise of established UK breeders and a leading European Eurasier breeder, exhibitor and judge, Monika Petermayer, who came to the UK especially for this event and to judge the breed at an open show the following day. The seminar attracted a good attendance which included some very well-known all-rounder judges, spitz/northern breed enthusiasts and Eurasier exhibitors keen to learn about judging their breed.

We were all treated to a very comprehensive presentation led by Fr Petermayer ably assisted, when language became a challenge, by Society Chair Dr Brigitte Mordan-Grimm. What was most welcome was the ability to discuss points of interest as we progressed and this led to several very lively and informative discussions on breed specifics such as acceptable colours and coat types in a breed with a diverse genetic heritage.



Thanks to the Society and to its members who brought their dogs for us to see, we also had the opportunity to go over a broad range of dogs – from mature adults through adolescents to puppies, which provided much insight into how the breed develops and what to look for at different stages of maturity. Because for once the weather was kind we were also able to venture outside and see the dogs on the move.

The event was well organised and the Society's committee is to be commended for putting together a well thought-out seminar which enlightened its audience, shared its passion for this very attractive breed and went to the trouble and expense of inviting an expert of the standing of Fr Petermayer to bring the European perspective to the occasion.

Clutching my certificate of attendance I for one took away much to think about and look forward to the opportunity of judging the Eurasier in the future and wish all those involved with the breed much success.



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