

ATIMANA 2017

The 18th of June 2017 in Milano was a good day for the Mastino Napoletano, as „Bagheria“, this year's winning ATIMANA Championess and BOB from the Allevamento Lagrandeombra of Gaudello/Acerra (Na), showed the whole world that the true old functional Mastino type still exists.

To me, „Bagheria“ has the class and grandezza of the very best bitches in the history of the Mastino breed – most of them I have not just seen, but personally judged since 1977 during my 40 years as the very first non-Italian Mastino specialist and publisher & editor of the global ‚Molosser-Magazin‘.

Jointly with the other important dogs of ATIMANA 2017 (from the Champions down to the Juniores), which we all had the pleasure and honour to see in Milano, I can say today, that the Mastino breed has proven this year that there is a promising future for our unique breed.

This makes me hope that the dysfunctional, heavy wrinkled, phlegmatic dogs we have seen in the last years will no longer lead us in the wrong direction. It is time now that we all stop breeding and judging this type of dog which is NOT the true Mastino Napoletano which the famous Mastinaro pioneers from the South and the North of it's native land have created.

It was again a truly emotional experience for me to be among passionate Mastino people at the ATIMANA 2017 in Milano. It reminded me of my very first visits to both, Napoli and Prato in the year 1978.

My sincere thanks go to the true Mastinaro, the architetto trevigiano Giuseppe Alessandra, for his leadership, kind hospitality and loyal friendship during my stay in Milano.

Infine, I have regarded it as an honour to present „Bagheria“ for winning BOB under me the „Testa di Mastino“ trophy from the internationally respected artist and sculptor Massimo Vinattieri, whose fantastic work I highly respect. I see his wonderful work every day here at my home on my desk...

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