

VERY VIGIE

BREEDER OF THE YEAR

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Two years ago we were almost in the same situation, crucial moments in the Breeder of the Year competition, and back then we had touch of luck – we won the competition with a subtle difference while captivatingly lovely Lhasa Apso team, Chic Choix got silver. After a year's pause, before the crucial Seinäjoki show, we are again in the same set-up, this time CC at the front and VV after. For sure both teams have competitive and passionate people and with a hand on my heart I have to say that I don't mind at all if we don't win this year. So dear, as well as role models, are those CC-team members to us!



For our team, the year Year 2013 was resting time for us regarding the breeders group. We showed up at the breeders class every now and then, but with a quite mixed orchestra. We collected some points by winning BIS-breeder at our specialty and couple of other nice winnings and we were placed on 11th place and in the Show Dog of the Year-competition Very Vigie Freezing-In-Finland, whom was placed highest, was 4th on the list.

Last year we totally forgot to enter to the Winner shows (these things happen) so our first breeders group of this season was shown in Jyväskylä in November. From there as well as from Turku in January we got BIS-2. In the spring, after winning BIS in Vaasa INT, we got the idea of showing the breeder class more actively. We had sweet BIS-winnings and placements during the summer, but the crown for the summer was winning BIS-breeder two days in a row in Sawo Show in Kuopio. During the year we have shown all together 7 different dogs from 7 different combinations in our breeder class. They have also done nicely on the individual level, Very Vigie Fame Nd Fortune is currently on 5th place

and Very Vigie Freezing in Finland on 16th place on the show dog of the year-competition. We got some new BIS-winners from young hopefuls, among others Very Vigie Huluberlulu has got some big winnings for such a small male. (Kuopio BIS-3 and Estonian Winner BIS-3) More Very Vigie members has got their Finnish nationalities in the near future so our future looks also very promising.

Uncompromising ground work and refusing to compromise have been the keywords also this year. Of course outstanding dogs, as well as the attitude of the dogs, the team and a touch of the renowned luck, have also helped us with this placement. Of course also Laurent's life work with American cockers and his support has been invaluable. Show dog, especially show dog with coat, requires hard work to have the coat and the dog always in top-condition. It has been like winning the lottery that we have found good and active homes. Everything we have done has been spearheaded by a positive attitude and team spirit, which are irreplaceable at these long and continuous hectic show weekends. It's all about having fun!

Showing the breeder class has been great PR for the breed, as last year Fabelfee American cockers won the competition and during the past couple of years other breeders were also encouraged to show their groups. In Sweden the Caci's American cockers have been a familiar sight with their showy group and it's nice that this fashion, if one can say so, has landed here also. After all, wavy-coated and good-humored Americans in a row is feast for the eyes, there's nothing one can do about it. At the World Show in August 12 breeder classes were entered in our breed. It wasn't any walkover to get to the main ring to represent the breed. Great memories to think back when getting old ☐

A big thank you to everybody on behalf of the whole team to all who encouraged and supported as during this year, thanks to all the judges who appreciated us and thank you to all the competitors for great sportsmanship and atmosphere. None of us could do this alone!



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THESE GIRLS KNOW HOW TO HAVE FUN!

