

OUR COVER DOG

LIVERNOSE RULES TAITTINGER



Head photo by Maja Kljaja

HOW DID "ROCKET" COME TO FCI MUNA YA KUSINI KENNEL?

In 2018, following the incredible success of his famous Livernose mother "Duba" C.I.B. MCh. Multi BISS Ave Caesar Driving Me onwards, record holder of 25 FCI Champion titles, I knew I wanted a puppy from this exceptional bitch to bring fresh blood for our Kennel in Switzerland. When it became clear who the sire was: 2x WW, 2 x EU Winner, C.I.B., MCh. Makao Line Atuin Art, I knew that this was the ideal combination of a Ridgeback I had always dreamed of: Elegance, combined with a fantastic conformation – strong bone and above all good movement of the parents, were very important to me. Originally a female was envisaged, but then I visited Marjolein's „Champagne litter“ in 2019. When I saw Mr. Black it was all over for me. Rocket was already an eye catcher at the tender age of 7 weeks. Indeed, he has remained so in every way. Rocket is a very masculine male, with a fantastic construction, and movement that floats with a top line to dream of. Healthy in every way and with a typical loving Ridgeback attitude. But more importantly: he is my absolute soul dog. He has a dream temperament, communicates with me as if we were an old married couple and he is of course the absolute king in the house. Rocket is a „one in a million dog“. I am grateful that Marjolein entrusted me with this treasure and I would never give Rocket away for any money in the world. We all love him dearly and hope he will be with us for all eternity.

WHAT ARE HIS GREATEST SUCCESSSES?

Rocket's greatest success is certainly owed to the fact that he likes shows so much. Even as a 3-month-old puppy, he not only watched the show circus with fascination, but also trotted into the show ring like a little professional. Rocket was certainly one of the youngest junior Champions: at only 9 months and 2 days old he became Junior Champion and BISJ3. Barely 3 months later, Rocket made the fantastic 3rd place in Junior class at CRUFTS 2020 shortly before the world-wide Corona Lockdown. We just wanted to be there once at CRUFTS, we never dreamed that it would be crowned with such success. During the worldwide pandemic it was extremely difficult to show. At exactly 1.5 years of age, Rocket passed this hurdle and achieved his first championship in September 2020. Another year later, at the young age of 2.5 years, Rocket is already C.I.B. International Champion, Multi Champion, Grand Champion and achieved the FCI Champion titles during 365 days in 7 countries. We are just so impressed and very proud of our amazing boy.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT SHOWING?

It is definitely one of the greatest privileges to have an exceptional dog that loves to show and is successful at it. Of course, you also have to like showing - with all its other facets: long journeys, waiting times and a lot of patience, even if you don't succeed sometimes. The most important thing is teamwork and believing in yourself and in your dog, then you can achieve a lot. The whole atmosphere around the Show ground, meeting different breeders & friends and places is quite exciting and a holiday enrichment.

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS?

For sure to enrich my own small Swiss FCI Kennel Of Muna ya Kusini with the good genes of Rocket with suitable bitches. This is also the reason why I will not use my boy for breeding until he is 3 years old and perfect in my eyes and for the breed. Breeding for me is not trying but combining the best match.

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD?

Maybe I will work on 2 - 3 more Champion titles with Rocket and maybe also participate in a World Dog Show and/or EU Dog Show, but definitely return to CRUFTS. I will certainly retire him from the show world in time when he has reached the pinnacle of success and give him a fantastic, ridgeback-appropriate life in nature and of course as a member of our entire family. Besides being a successful champion dog, at home, he is our calming point and can also be the sweetest clown sometimes.

FACTSHEET ROCKET



Name

C.I.B., Int. Ch., Multi Ch., Grand Ch., BISJ, Livernose Rules Taittinger „Rocket“

Mother C.I.B., Int. Ch., Multi Ch., Multi BISS (Sweden) Ave Caesar Driving Me Onwards „Duba“

Father 2x WW, 2 x EUW, C.I.B., Int. Ch., Multi Ch., Multi BISS (Russia) Makao Line Atuin Art

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Achievements

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