Evaluation

It’s almost unbelievable that the Leonberger is such a new breed in Estonia. Thinking about the show, you could have fooled me!! It was all so very professionally organized, that it gave me the feeling that you were doing this for decades already! The location was perfect: a nice, big ring, with plenty of room around it, very clean, great ringstewards, and the decorations gave it a pleasant ambiance.

The type of Leonberger that was shown, was of a really superb type. They mostly had great bone, great heads and coats, and impressive size. The overall construction was very good as well, and so was their behavior. You are really doing a great job Estonia: you can be proud of yourselves!

Also the handling was of a high level - I’m not used to that in my country! Mostly the dogs were shown so nicely that it made it very easy for a judge. And well….if there is a youngster that doesn’t want to walk….it only shows that they have the real, stubborn Leonberger-character! It can only make me smile! Of course it wasn’t all perfect. The standard asks for powerful, muscular dogs. When there is a lack of muscles, and it shows in the movement, it is not how I like to see a Leonberger. I do understand that exercise, or simply going for a walk isn’t always easy in wintertime, but nevertheless it was a minor concern, especially with the grown-up dogs. An other minor concern were the teeth. Although most dogs had a perfect bite, and there were no teeth missing, I only saw one Leonberger with really nice, big teeth.

Anyway: I had a lovely weekend, with your really lovely Leonbergers, with their wonderful owners, and with the board of the Estonian Leonberger Association. Thank you all so very much, I loved every minute!

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