

Protocol of the Judges meeting in Italy 2018

- The President Rudolf Thomann welcomes all present.
- Dr. Giovanni Morsiani greets the judges and guests in his father's house. He is happy that so many have come to this meeting. His father has worked here for over 50 years. The Italian club is very satisfied that so many have found their way to the WUSB 2018. There are 141 dogs registered - from 17 different countries. Where there are St. Bernards - everyone comes.
- There are no objections to the 2017 Protocol.
- News from the member countries, no speeches.
- Finland. Suggests that one should work / discuss in groups. Kevin Young: a plenary / group work in which we can talk about the general problems - and maybe then solve them together.
- Jean Prim mentions that we must also consider the temporal component.
- Various Notes
- Review of judging in Martigny. There were several errors in the process.
- Lecture with discussion: **“Judgement criteria for the different types of Saint Bernard in the world, with a special attention to our FCI Standard”**

Dr. Morsiani prepared a lecture for the judges:

“We're all FCI judges, and we all have to judge by the FCI standard. The FCI Standard is the only standard in the WUSB.

Reminder: 1 breed 1 standard! That's the WUSB and are the cornerstones.

But what is a St. Bernard in the FCI standard? And what is a beautiful dog. We also say that a dachshund is beautiful, considering its standard and its function. There is no concept of beauty for the breeds, each breed has its beauty related to its functionality. My dad has studied this concept for 50 years, and tries to connect it to every breed.

The Saint Bernard has always had his concept from Switzerland, and we must absolutely respect that. It shows the originals of sketches, which are about 40 years old, but are still current. The different types are shown and we should talk about, if this type still exists”.

Dr. Morsiani then shows us a skull of a Saint Bernard, explaining how the standard of a head is. Skulls are also shown by the German Shepherd and the Setter. He also explains how his father measured the different parts and shows the tools that he worked with.

But at the exhibitions we have a problem: The Allround judges! You are not against the all-rounder, but ... Who among you reads more than the first page of the standard before they judge the St. Bernards. This is unfortunately, a problem.

And then a little bit of the proportions. Dr. Morsiani mentions that his family always favored the big dog. If the dog is not tall, it is not a Saint Bernard.

We can discuss the size, but not the proportions. Dogs that are small, but often have bad proportions, they have short legs. One should always remember that a Saint Bernard is a mountain dog. Proportions are not just legs, e.g. the croup should be about 20 degrees. Horizontal croup is correct. With the right proportions, a Saint Bernard can run 20 hours in the mountains. If, for e.g. the angulations in the hindquarters is too big, he will need too much strength for it.

A St. Bernard must not have almond eyes, but the St. Bernard should have a noble expression.

President Ruedi Thomann thanks Dr. Morsiani for his work and ends the meeting.