



Interview with Dr. Zoran Vukcevic (DVM)

President of Association of Rottweiler Clubs in Serbia (ARKS)

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Zoran Vukcevic

Dr. Vukcevic, welcome to our pages and thank you for accepting our invitation for this interview. Dr. Vukcevic is President of the Association of Rottweiler Clubs in Serbia (ARKS), one of the most successful Rottweiler clubs worldwide.

Thank you for your invitation. The pleasure is mine.



Can you tell us when ARKS was established and what are its main goals?

ARKS was established February 15, 2014 in the City of Kragujevac, Serbia. ARKS is a civil foundation with a primary goal of breeding improvement, work, and popularization of the Rottweiler breed in Serbia according to the regulations of the Serbian Kennel Association. The main goals of ARKS are:

- Development of kynology through breeding and training of Rottweiler breed
- Tracking dogs who have passed the exam, breeding review, and keeping champion dog records
- Educating our members, kennel judges, and judge apprentices
- Organizing exhibitions at all levels (national, international, working, and specialized exhibitions for Rottweilers)
- Popularizing the Rottweiler as working dog, guard dog, and also a pet family member

Can you please explain to us the Club's structure, and obligations of each Club position?

ARKS has a steering committee, who is selected by the Assembly Members.

1. Zoran Vukcevic, ARKS President
2. Ljuba Latinovic, breeding improvement specialist
3. Ivan Ristovic, IFR delegate
4. Dragoslav Drazic, member
5. Sasa Vukelic, member
6. Enoch Drobny, member
7. Sasa Mihajlovic, member

The Steering Committee meets on a regular basis and makes decisions in favor of the club and its members. Being part of the Steering Committee is a very responsible duty.

ARKS started to organize ZTPs at every large show, which should be a big step ahead. Are you satisfied with the results so far?

The Rottweiler is primarily a working dog and we will do everything in our power to keep it like that. In 2017, we will organize at least two ZTPs-one in April as a part of Serbia Klub Sieger and second one in October as a part of Morava Sieger. The increasing number of dogs who are registered in our ZTP program gives us room for pleasure, and also, a big obligation to continue with the hard work in the future.



Serbia has a reputation as a leader country in Rottweiler breed as well as kynology indeed.

Serbia is a small country, but with much effort and love, we have established more than 50 FCI registered Rottweiler kennels. Our members are regular participants in all big Rottweiler shows like ADRK and IFR ... and not only that, but we have really great results with dogs bred and raised in our kennels. The reason for this is the true and sincere love of our members and the desire for personal and collective progress.

This year you have the honor to be host of the IFR World Dog Show. Please tell us more about that.

This year, the IFR World Dog Show will be held from May 5-7 in the City of Kragujevac. Because this is one of the three major world exhibitions, Serbian kynology is mobilized and looking forward to this spectacle. Preparations have continued for months, and we really hope that everyone will feel at home and that they will take to their homes only positive impressions and memories from this show and of our homeland.





What do you expect from the IFR World Dog Show as ARKS president?

As ARKS President, first of all, I want to be a good host. Most important is that competition takes place in a pleasant and fair play atmosphere. I want this show to be remembered for excellent organization, great judging, and a large number of registered dogs of high quality.

What comes after the IFR?

The organization of the IFR is a graduation exam for all members of the Steering Committee and we hope that we will pass with the highest possible grade. After that, our lives will continue together with our enthusiasm and work for our beloved breed and for our Club. Our goals will stay



same, and that is the improvement of the Rottweiler breed and popularization among people in Serbia and worldwide.

Tell us, who is Zoran Vukelic outside of ARKS?

I'm 52 years old, married, and the father of two beautiful daughters, Milica (18) and Marija (16). I'm a veterinarian with my own business. I bought my first Rottweiler in 1990, and I registered my kennel Saetta Negri Rott in 1994. In my career, I have had many successes in the biggest Specialized Rottweiler shows like ADRK, IFR, and others. Since 2012, I started to organize two Rottweiler shows, Morava Sieger and Ajax Cup Winner, both under ARKS and KSS but fully sponsored by Saetta Negri Rott Kennel. At these shows, we invited the best ADRK and world judges.

Besides Rottweilers, my other hobbies are motorcycling, skiing and hiking.

For the end of our interview, do you have some advice for our readers?

Set yourself a realistic goal and give your best to do it. Give it everything and invest a lot of time and love. Do not give up and believe in yourself. I wish you good health, love and happiness, and many successes in breeding.

Mr. Vukcevic, thank you for this fantastic interview. I am more than sure that our readers will enjoy this great article. Thank you one more time.

NEW YOUNG STAR FROM SERBIA KING SAETTA NEGRI ROTT

DOB: 23.4.2016

Tyson Ritter von Camelot

Boa (Byron von der Wharen Kraft x Elena Lesco Rott)

RESULTS

Beograd Sieger 2017 - V1, Vice Jugendsieger

NDS Medvedja 2017 - V1, PRM, J.BOB

Parakin Sieger 2017 - V1, PRM, Jugendsieger



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