

Results for the WCFO OPDES competition

Judge Misa Takayama

Beginners A Heelwork-To-Music

1.Nanami Ito, & New Zealand Herding Dog Caribbean, 8.5, 8.8 Leg

Beginners A Musical Freestyle

1.Akiko Nagao, & Long Hair Chihuahua Kotaro, 8.0, 8.5 Leg

2.Asako Tanaka, & Flat Coated Retriever Sheva, 8.2 8.2 Leg

3.Kiyoko Sakamoto, & Standard Poodle Jewel, 7.8, 8.3 Leg

4.Nanami Ito, & New Zealand Herding Dog Caribbean, 7.9, 8.2 Leg

5.Ayako Suganuma, & Labrador Retriever Kira, 7.6, 7.7 Leg

6.Reiko Kitaguchi, & American Cocker Spaniel Momotaro, 7.3, 7.5 Leg

7.Satoko Tsunoda, & Border Collie Serena, 7.0, 7.2

8.Chikage Kiyokuni, & Toy Poodle Shita, 7.0, 7.1

Emiko Yoshida, & Kooiker Hound Will, 7.0, 7.1

9.Naomi Furuyama, & Long Hair Chihuahua Tink, 7.0, 7.0

Hiroko Fujimoto, & Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Napo, 7.0, 7.0

10.Mikako Nakaoka, & Labrador Retriever Axel

Judge Yukiko Shimada

Beginners B Musical Freestyle

1.Akemi Itsui, & Maltese Rintaro, 8.8, 9.2 Leg

2.Reiko Hattori, & Standard Poodle Nicolas, 8.7, 9.1 Leg

3.Asako Otsuka, & Border Collie Pepper, 8.7, 8.8 Leg

4.Sanae Sotokawa, & Golden Retriever Paris, 7.3, 7.7 Leg

Judge Patie Ventre

Handi Dandi

1.Miyuki Egashira, & Mixed Breed Sakura, 7.6, 8.5 Leg

Beginners B Heelwork-To-Music

1.Yoshie Koga, & Border Collie Rhythm 8.2, 9.1 Leg

2.Asako Otsuka, & Border Collie Jodie, 6.0, 7.1

Novice MF

1.Masaka Nagamura, & Border Collie Noko, 9.5, 9.2 Leg

2.AkemiItsui, & Maltese Suzunosuke, 9.1, 9.4 Leg

3.Osaaki Nishida, & Border Collie Bingo, 8.8, 9.0 Leg

4.Yoshie Koga, & Border Collie Rhythm, 8.8, 8.9 Leg

5.Akiko Kondo, & Mixed Breed Benji, 8.2, 8.3 Leg

6.Kaori Nakamura, & American Cocker SpanielFran, 8.0, 8.2 Leg

7.Hiromi Shiba, & Golden Retriever Limone, 8.0, 8.0, Leg

8.Junko Uchihara, & Border Collie Mol, 7.9, 8.2

Special Awards: WCFO donated free entry certificates to video competitions for special awards as follows:

High Technical Merit: Masaka Nagamura & Noko

High Artistic Impression:Masaka Nagamura & Noko

Team With the Highest Energy Level: Yoshie Koga & Rythm

Most Bonded Team: Miyuki Egashira & Mixed Breed Sakura

That Special Team Award by“Just for the Moment,
The Remarkable Gift of the Therapy Dog” by Deanna K. Klingel:
Miyuki Egashira & Mixed Breed Sakura

Most Musical Team:Reiko Hattori & Nicholas

Best Costume: Sanae Sotokawa, & Paris

Best Collar: Mikako Nakaoka, & Axel

Best Big Dog: Canine Freestyle Towel donated by Jan Conradt , Asako Tanaga & Flat Coated Retriever Sheva

Best Small Dog: Glitter Collar donated by Gloria Voss, Akemi Itsui & Rintaro

Special thanks goes to Mikako Nakaoka (Pinkachu-san and Sunoko-san who acted as translators for the weekend for Patie. They were so good that when she went to their seminar on Sunday, she could understand many of the concepts being presented by Andy Shimada, Yukiko Shimada and Misa Takayama! Misa and Pinkachu get big hugs for all their help in moving Patie around and making sure she arrived and was delivered on time to all events. It was a pleasure to see some members from the Pawfect club in attendance and also competing...a great tradition of Japan sharing and bonding.

We stayed at the Kobe Plaza Hotel which was great as we could walk through the shopping complex over ramps and connectors directly to the show site at the Kobe College and to many restaurants. A favorite was the sports bar at the Sheridan! Best of all, on Saturday night we went deep into Kobe and ate at a Yakitori restaurant tha locals attend. It was

awesome and we ate all kinds of foods on sticks and dipped them into special sauces....yummy yummy!

On Saturday the OPDES freestyle event ran about 45 entries in their own divisions: 16 Starters MF, 1 Starters Team, 3 Beginners HTM, 12 Beginners MF, 1 Beginners Pairs, 2 Novice HTM, 9 Novice MF, 1 Intermediate HTM, 2 Intermediate MF, 1 Quadrille Team. This division was invented by Andy Shimada and has intricate rules similar to HTM. Overall it was a wonderful competition with routines 2-3 minutes in most divisions. Special awards were also given in OPDES competition.

A disk of photos was given to Patie when she left, plus and other disk was sent by Yukari Ihara from Pawfect.

We will have a special edition of Paws For Applause so all WCFO members can share with our Japanese partner. For the future, WCFO is planning to bring several Japanese members to the USA in an East meets East event, where all can meet and compete, and share ideas on our sport.

Mikako Nakaoka (Pinkachu) and her Labrador Retriever Axel worked very hard during the seminars and achieved great success as a team.

OPDES has translated the WCFO website into Japanese, along with all our

guidelines. We expect much growth in this country in the future. Mr. Andy Shimada, plus Misa Takayama and several others will be traveling giving workshops and seminars on canine freestyle and WCFO. WCFO has donated some of its expenses so that OPDES can create banners for us that they will use at all their events. Some of the money donated will also go to help pay travel expenses for judges and trainers as they work to expand the scope of OPDES/WCFO Partnerships in Japan.

OPDES plans another event next November and we are waiting for the dates for a formal announcement. Congratulations to all on a really fun event.