

TOSA EUROPE TODAY

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This photo of beautiful puppies was provided by Kennel Birengo
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Editorial,
december 2010.



- Already 2010 has come to an end. We would like to wish all of our readers a Happy New Year with lots of joy with their Tosa's . It is encouraging to see more people subscribe to this newsletter, this stimulates us to think that there is an interest in an online Tosa magazine that tries to give you some more in-depth information. This issue is larger than planned but we hope you will enjoy the extended reading. Thanks to all that contributed to this issue, its really appreciated. Keep sending in your stories in 2011 so we can keep this magazine an informative source for all of you who have an interest in our great breed, the Tosa. The first issue of 2011 will be published in March, so don't miss it!



Nihon Koku Tosa Inu wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Amsterdam Winner Show: *The judge reporting*

On November 27, 2010 Hollands biggest dogshow, the Amsterdam Winner took place in the RAI exhibition centre. After a few years of allround-judges we were very pleased with this years judge: Mrs. Ilona-Onstenk-Schenk from the Netherlands. Mrs. Onstenk-Schenk is a renowned FCI group 1 & 2 judge and has a very keen interest in and knowledge of the breeds from our FCI Group 2. She was kind enough to put her judging comment on paper for Tosa Europe Today. All pictures are gracefully provided by Azario Tosa's, www.tosainu.sk



Six Tosa's were entered for the judging and all were present.

Two males in Openclass, one in Youthclass, one in Championsclass and two females in the Championsclass.

Best Of Breed & Winner 2010 became C'Chinki Devoted Friend, owned by T. Jurasova and R. Prochazka from Slovakia, who made the long trip to the Netherlands. Youth Winner 2010 & Res Best Male: Don Yuko Birengo, owned by T. Kuipers.

Best Female & Winstar 2010: Nihon Koku's Benihime, owned by A. van Zon & R. Schoenmaker.



Youth Winner 2010, Don Yuko Birengo

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Best Of Breed

C'Chinki Devoted Friend

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Megasthenes Gaucho King

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The judge:

On November 27, at the Amsterdam Winner Show (a total of 4500 dogs entered) I had the pleasure of judging the Tosa's again after many years. As a matter of fact, I have an interest in this breed since it first was introduced in the Netherlands. At that time, it was a breed in development. At the time of introduction in the Netherlands the quality was not outstanding and many dogs were showing faults in their construction. Due to the determination and dedication of a few people I saw the breed was improving.

The breeders succeeded in keeping the correct breedtype, and at the same time improved the major faults that were visible in the early years. As you will understand, I was very curious to see how the breed had developed in the last few years.

I had a fairly good number of dogs, 6 were entered. Of these 6 I could give no less than 4 of them an Excellent qualification.

These dogs had a beautiful head-type and good construction.

It used to be a hard job finding a good studdog and now suddenly here were 2 excellent boys in the ring. So there is quality!

My advice to the breeders would be to make careful choices so the breed will improve even more.

My motto is: Good breeding is not multiplying, but improving the breed.

Ilona Y. Onstenk-Schenk



Best female, Nihon Koku's Benihime

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*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year 2011*

Tanya & Richard



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MERRY CHRISTMAS - HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011

BIRENGO
&
BEIKUBARA



BREEDER SPOTLIGHT : ***"BIRENGO & BEIKUBARA"©***

BIRENGO & BEIKUBARA KENNELS, Czech Republic.

Two years ago, my boy-friend Marek and me connected not only in life, but also our kennels. We both own our own kennelnames, therefore in present we are still known as "Birengo" and "Beikubara".

Momentarily, we live together with 9 dogs of the Tosa breed.

The oldest one is a seven-year-old female called Beira Devoted Friend. Beira has had 3 litters of puppies and now she is enjoying her well-earned rest.

She is in perfect health and vital condition.

The second oldest one is a five-year-old female Aguara Birengo, which I have kept from my first litter. Aguara is beautiful with strong skeleton, beautiful head and fantastic character. She can be proud of her exhibition

successes. (EUROPAWINNER 2007, INTERCHAMPION, CHAMPION OF-CZ, SK, A, PL, HU, HR, SLO, LUX, JUNIORCHAMPION OF CZ, SK, A, SLO, HU. 2 X BIG, THE BEST OF DAY CLUBWINNER OF CZ, SK, A, HU, HR, SLO, THE BEST FEMALE OF SHOW, 22X BEST OF BREED). Aguara has had two nice well-balanced litters.

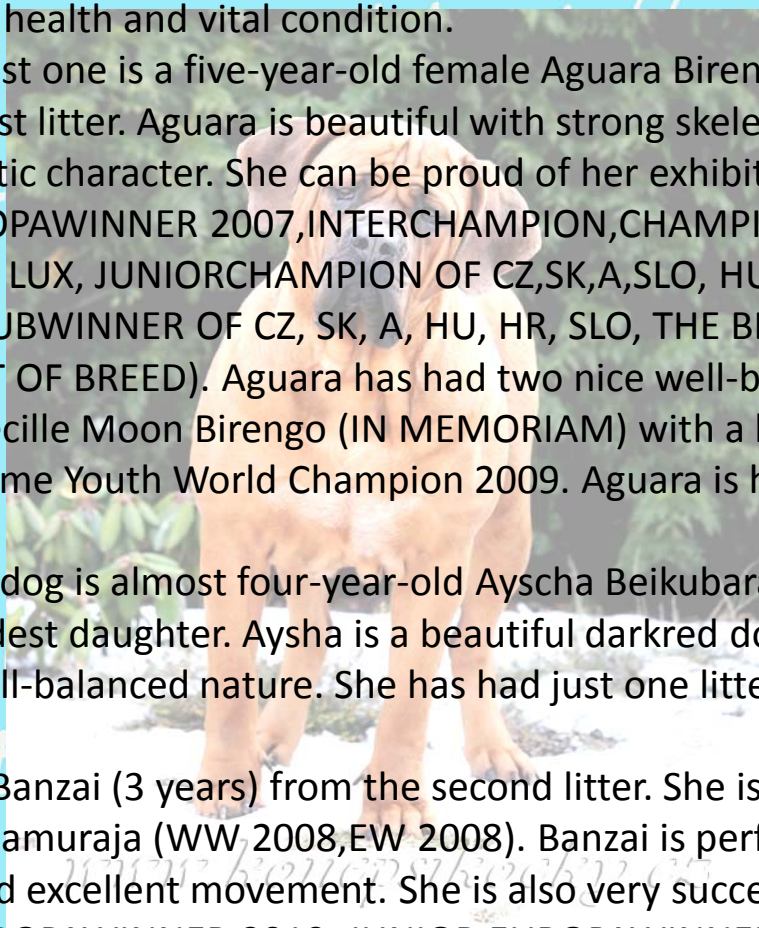
Her daughter Cecille Moon Birengo (IN MEMORIAM) with a lot of successful exhibitions became Youth World Champion 2009. Aguara is healthy and full of life.

Another female dog is almost four-year-old Ayscha Beikubara (CH SLO, CZ). She is Beiry's oldest daughter. Aysha is a beautiful darkred dog with strong skeleton and well-balanced nature. She has had just one litter of nine cute puppies.

I have a female Banzai (3 years) from the second litter. She is a daughter of Ninjy Twierdza Samuraja (WW 2008, EW 2008). Banzai is perfectly built with distinct head and excellent movement. She is also very successful at the exhibitions. (EUROPAWINNER 2010, JUNIOR EUROPAWINNER 2008, INTERCHAMPION, CHAMPION OF CZ, SK, PL, HU, SLO, HR, A, DE, LUX, JUNIORCHAMPION OF CZ, SK, HU, CLUBWINNER OF CZ, SK, A, DE, SLO, BEST IN SHOW, THE BEST FEMALE OF SHOW, EUROPA WINNER VDH-2009, 21X BEST OF BREED)

Banzai's first litter is planned at the end of this year!

From the second litter of Aguara and Abenji, we have kept female Dandori. She is the youngest female dog of ours. She will be one year old. Dandori is dark red coloured with excellent nature. She is full of temperament, and it is almost impossible to see her at rest.



Her exhibition career is just in her future. We are waiting until she calms down.

Our newest addition to the family is 15-month-old female Cassey Beikubara (Octopus Haruko Tsuyo x Beira). It was not possible for her owners to keep her because of moving from a family house to a small flat. Casey is getting used to living with us. She has a very nice head after her father Haruko, strong skeleton and marvelous movement. Just now she is a little bit afraid of other dogs. We hope it will be better.

The 4,5 year-old male Baku Kalabousek is our oldest dog. He is a son of a very nice dog Shakuichi Imperial Akagi. Baku won a lot of medals (INTERCHAMPION, CHAMPION OF CZ, SK, PL, HU, HR, SLO, DE, A, LUX, BIG III. PLACE, 38 X BEST OF BREED). In the year 2007 we brought a dog Haruka from the Dutch kennel Octopus for "refreshing" the blood. He is a very temperamental dog with a nice characteristic head. He hands down his perfection to his children!



The youngest male is our Abenji Big Luck. Abenji is nice, stately with typically shaped head and excellent movement. He has a perfect nature. Abenji is very successful dog at the exhibitions.

EUROPA WINNER 2010, res. WORLD WINNER 2009, CHAMPION OF CZ, SK, PL, HU, HR, SLO, LUX, 3X BIG, 5X RES. BIG, 2X BEST IN SHOW, BEST OF DAY, EUROPA WINNER VDH 2010, CLUBWINNER OF-CZ, SK, DE, SLO 43 X BEST OF BREED) He inherits his qualities onto his offspring.

Our Tosa's are perfectly manageable, and are socialized with a well-balanced character. Regarding my job I devote to our dogs several hours a day. They love long walks and running in free nature. Our females have two or three litters during their lives. Dogs are our hobby, not our living!

We are planning some interesting litters – at the end of the year

EWW ABENJI BIG LUCK X EWW BANZAI BIRENGO

and the next year

CHS BEIKUBARA (2011)

Repeated breeding:

1. EWW ABENJI BIG LUCK X AYSCHA BEIKUBARA

2. ICH BON YARI BIRENGO X CASSEY BEIKUBARA

CHS BIRENGO (2012)

1. EAST WEST ELTON X ICH. BANZAI BIRENGO

2. WW NINJA TWIERDZA SAMURAJA X DANDORI BIRENGO



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December 25th, 2010 were born 13 puppies

Parents

WWO9 Ana Mazurski Samuraj & WWO9, MLCH Cchinki Devoted Friend

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www.tosainu.sk

brindle

In Poland at kennel Mazurski Samuraj 8 girls and 5 boys were born. Both parents are healthy and very successful show dogs with strong bone and very nice characters. Puppies are deep red and also have strong bone.

For more information, please visit www.mazurskisamuraj.pl or www.tosainu.sk in case of questions or request for more information, please write to tosainu@tosainu.sk "

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Japan *Tosa's in Canada*

by Suzanne Dyke, Tosahouse Tosa's

I first heard about the Schutzhund AD endurance trial through a talk board. An internet search brought me to the German Shepherd Schutzhund Club of Canada. I didn't let the name stop me, I wrote to them and asked if they allowed other breeds to join. While the club has predominantly German Shepherds, there are a large number of other popular protection breeds as members, all are welcome. The regional clubs are a different story. After contacting the few that were within a 2hr drive, only one would allow a breed like the Tosa, and they were ok with me wanting to do only the obedience training. It's a small fee to join the GSSCC, and I can enter any of their trials with just that membership.

Kirin was about 18 months old when I started training her for the AD. Prior to that, I had been biking with her and Taro my male, anywhere between 3 and 6km most days. In my area, I've got nice quiet country roads, with a slightly softer gravel shoulder. We bike year round, even when the roads are covered with slush and ice. The trial is 20km long, with two short stops at about 7 and 14km. The stops give the judge time to check the paws of the dogs. Bleeding paws is perhaps the number one reason dogs are disqualified. Because I had been biking all along, my dogs have very strong paw pads, it takes months to build up the paws, much less time to get them in shape. The dogs must trot beside the bike at minimum 12kph, and finish the trial in under 2hrs. So I started out with just Kirin, running her for increasing distances each week, trying to encourage a maximum trotting speed. After just 6 weeks, we were easily doing 14km all at once, no breaks. My only concern was, that according to my bike computer, she tended to trot at just 11kph. The day of the trial came and it was perfect weather, dry with a gentle breeze and only 10C. We were lucky, trials are run in the rain as well, the only weather restriction is that the temperature must be no more than 20C. There were several German Shepherds in the trial, Kirin was by far the biggest dog there. Those shepherds are incredibly fast! Their trot is very deceiving, it doesn't even appear they are trying very hard, but they cover a lot of distance with their gait.

Japan

But, as I hoped, Kirin picked up her pace and stayed with the pack of Shepherds. She put on an amazing performance and easily passed the trial. In fact, she looked like she could have done 20 more kilometers. The judge was a little concerned when she stopped to defecate, and the stools were soft and had a bit of blood in there. That is called "stress diarrhea", and it is a common response that dogs have when they have some food in their system and they do such strenuous exercise. The trial was just before sundown, and I had fed her about 200g of cooked chicken in the morning. So, no food and very little water before (and during) the trial is best. Dogs are still able to run even if that happens, and they are fine right afterwards. After the trial, allow a bit of cooldown time (at least half hour) before giving them any food or water.



Group 2

Red

Fawn

Orange

Rosa

My male Taro, ran the trial just before he turned 5 years old. I had my doubts he would be willing to run the entire trial, as he is a very slow trotter and generally a lazy dog. But, I knew he was physically capable of it. Our day came, and weather was much warmer, so the trial was run early in the morning. This time, we had a female Boerboel along the usual German Shepherds. Taro kept up with the speedy Shepherds at the beginning of each leg of the trial, but tended to lose ground after a few kilometers. He broke into running several times, which dogs aren't supposed to do, but I let him run so we could try to keep up with the pack. Since it had rained the night before, the gravel shoulder was damp. Moisture softens their paws and dogs are then more prone to bleeding paws. He limped the last kilometer, but upon inspection by the judge, his paws looked fine and we were thankfully given a pass. Later that evening, he was licking his paw pad and I found that a thick layer of skin had broken, but not down to the flesh therefore no bleeding. He was fine after a couple of days, but I had to put a boot on that paw when we went outside so no dirt would get in.

I would love to see more Tosas get into physical tests of their strength and endurance. My dogs seem to thoroughly enjoy a good run and flexing their muscles. Just look at the happy face of my girl as we're in the middle of the AD trial!

Robust **THE TOSA HOUSE**



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EUROPA DOGSHOW 2010

By Gabriela Pavlíčková

The first day of the European dog show held in the Slovenian city Celje was devoted to the breeds of FCI Group II, the Molosser.

An Argentine judge, Miguel Angel Martinez was judging the Tosa.

There were 27 dogs entered and 20 individuals were coming from the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary and Romania, Estonia. According to my opinion, the assessing of this judge was precise and fair.

We met this man already during the Europa Dogshow Zagreb 2007 (EW MALE +BOB CURU JAPAN DOG+ EW FEMALE AGUARA BIRENGO)

His style of judging has not changed since. He touched all dogs very carefully, and was particular about the movement and typical breed proportions. He also wanted to see the dogs in motion and in calm.

The assessing was again without judging reports. It is a normal procedure during the European and World shows.

The atmosphere among the Tosa exhibitors was friendly and relaxed!

EUROPEAN WINNER male + BOB:

ABENJI BIG LUCK /CZ

EUROPEAN WINNER female :

BANZAI BIRENGO /CZ

JUNIOR EUROPEAN WINNER male + BEST JUNIOR:

ATOS ZNAD BRZEGU SWIEDRA /PL

JUNIOR EUROPEAN WINNER female:

MIDORI TOSA CENTRUM /CZ



Merry Christmas and
Happy new Year !



Maegashira Tosa's

Amico Tosa's

*We wish you a merry Christmas and lots of
peace, love and happiness for 2011 for you
and your pets.*

May all your wishes come true.

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A book on the Tosa

How, what and when?

For a long time now I had the idea of writing a book on the Tosa. Initially it was meant to be a book about the history and development on the Tosa in the Netherlands.

However, when I told people I had started working on a book, they asked me if it could be published in English and why not several other countries? I thought this was a good idea and so I am currently working on the history and development of the Tosa in the USA, Canada and Europe.

I can tell you: this is some job..and I cannot do it without input from Tosa people from the countries itself. I definitely need input, so I would like to ask you, our readers, if you can help me. What will the book be like and what do I need?

The idea is to divide the book into different chapters, each chapter dedicated to 1 country. Ofcourse the chapters will be filled with as much pictures as possible, there will be space for kennels to advertise with an advert; the Champions of each country will be pictured with name, breeder and owner.

I need the history of the Tosa in your country.

Who were the first imports? What were their pedigrees? Who were the first breeders and owners? Original photos would be great.

How did the breed develop in your country? What is the current situation? I still need info on:

Poland, Italy, Slovakia, Russia, Hungary, Lithuania, Rumania and Bulgaria.

Did I forget your country? Don't hesitate and contact me.

I strive to make this book a valuable resource for each and everyone interested in the Tosa for years to come.

My hopes are to publish the book during 2011.

Mariska Schrieken

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