

# WORLD DOG SHOW 2023



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After the huge success of the European Dog Show in 2013, Geneva will once again become the capital of the purebreed dog from 23 to 27 August 2023.



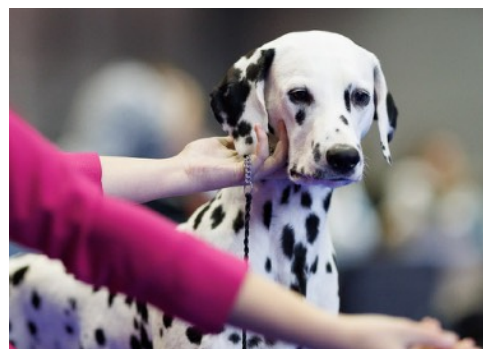
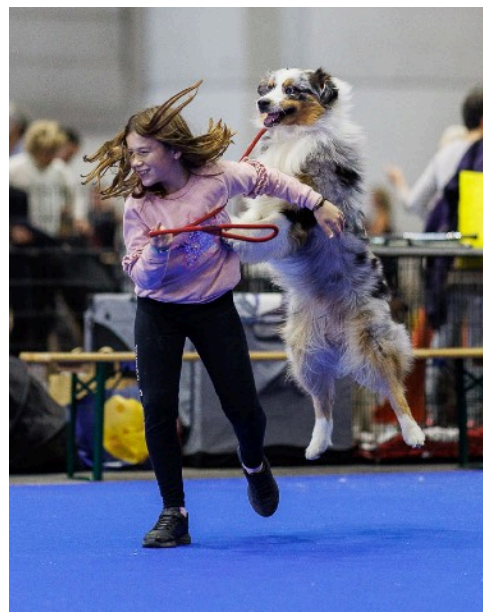
## Introduction

As a national organisation, the SCS has been defending the cynological interests of Switzerland since 1883 and represents them in dealings with foreign authorities and cynological organisations. It is a member of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI)

It promotes functional and genetically sound purebred breeding with safe, socially integrated and environmentally compatible behaviour based on the FCI breed standards. In Switzerland there are more than 250 breeds of dogs in more than 115 SCS breed clubs, which are bred under controlled breeding conditions and in accordance with the health and welfare aspects and issues of the dogs.

Dog shows offer a window on cynology. Several national dog shows are held each year in Switzerland, with the aim of crowning breed champions who will go on to compete internationally (at European and World level). This morphological selection makes it possible to promote subjects that are destined to become breeders, allowing responsible breeders to conserve and improve a given breed.

To ensure conformity of the breed and contrary to popular belief, the dogs must not have had their tails or ears cut off (such surgery has been strictly forbidden in Switzerland for over 20 years). They will be judged on their attitude, their silhouette and movement alone.







## 10 years later, Geneva becomes again the dog capital for 4 days

Located in the heart of Europe, the city at the end of Lake Geneva will have the pleasure of once again hosting the elite of the pedigree dog at the 2023 World Dog Show, the most important event on the dog scene, following the success of the 2013 European Dog Show.

Following in the footsteps of Madrid and Sao Paulo, Geneva is preparing to welcome more than 20,000 dogs and their owners in the halls of Palexpo, an exhibition and congress centre ideally located a stone's throw from Geneva International Airport.

The event, organised by the Société Vaudoise de Cynologie, will bring together around 200 breeds from all over the world to be examined by 150 international judges invited for the occasion.

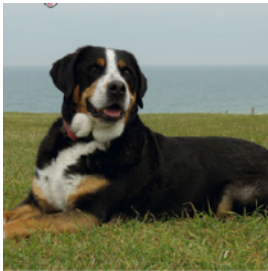
With more than half a million dogs, the Swiss are fans of the most fidèle of four-legged companions and the Société Vaudoise de Cynologie is delighted to involve the general public in the event and give them the opportunity to find out more about the world of cynology.

The exhibitors' village will be made up of trader, dog companies and dog clubs, all of whom will be delighted to present their activities, products and services to visitors.

## National breeds

For many, Switzerland is the land of watches and chocolate. But our small country has no less than 9 national breeds:

Great Swiss Mountain Dog



Saint Bernard



Continental Bulldog



Entlebuch Cattle Dog



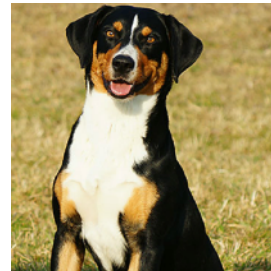
White Swiss Shepherd Dog



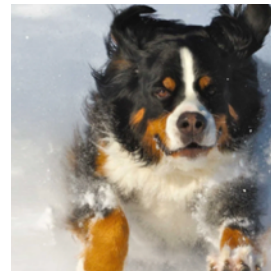
Small Swiss Hound



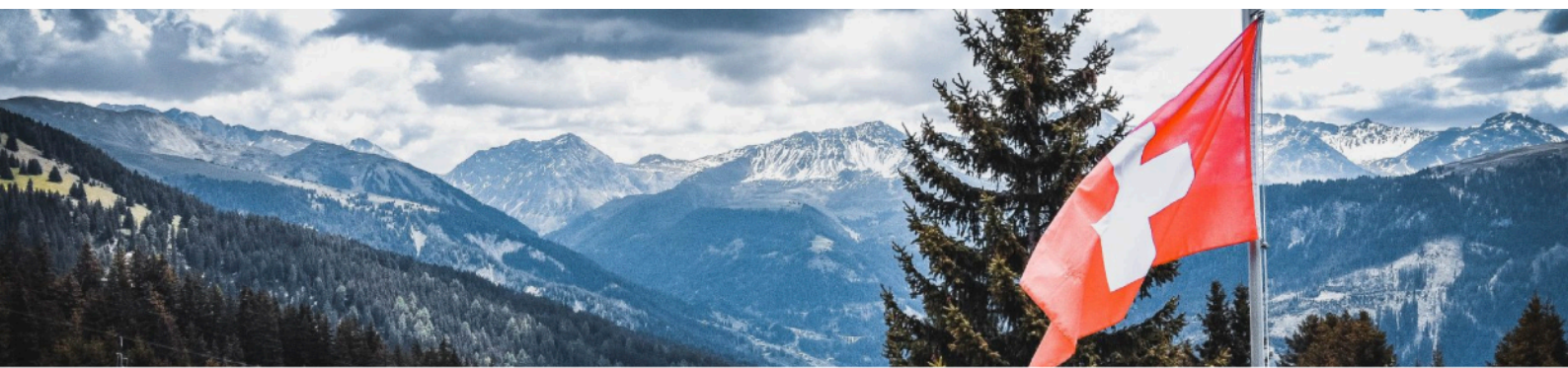
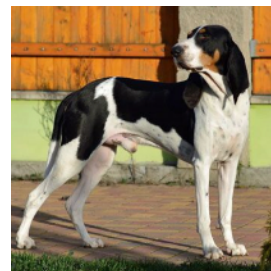
Appenzell Cattle Dog



Bernese Mountain Dog



Swiss Hound







## **WORLD DOG SHOW 2023 & GRAND PRIX DE GENEVE**

The World Dog Show is first and foremost a competition of the best dogs of each breed organised by the Société Vaudoise de Cynologie (SVC), sponsored by the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) and the Swiss Cynological Society (Société Cynologique Suisse).

The event will combine two competitions:

### **Wednesday August 23 2023**

#### **GRAND PRIX DE GENEVE**

5000 dogs of all breeds competing for this Grand Prix, with the awarding of the following certificats:

Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté (CACIB)

Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté - Jeune (CACIB-J)

Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté - Vétéran (CACIB -V)

These certificats contribute to the awarding and homologation by the FCI of the titles of International Beauty Champion (CIB), International Beauty Champion Junior (CIB-J), and International Beauty Champion Veteran (CIB-V).

The certificate "Aptitude au Championnat Suisse de Beauté" (CAC) of the Swiss Cynological Society is also awarded at this event.

**Thursday August 24 - Sunday August 27****WORLD DOG SHOW 2023**

Thursday 24.08.2023 - Group 1-4-6

Friday 25.08.2023 - Group 3-7-8

Saturday 26.08.2023 - Group 2-10

Sunday 27.08.2022 - Group 5-9

**Sunday August 27, as of 4.30pm**

**BEST IN SHOW WORLD DOG SHOW 2023** : The Best Dog of each group will compete for the Best in Show.

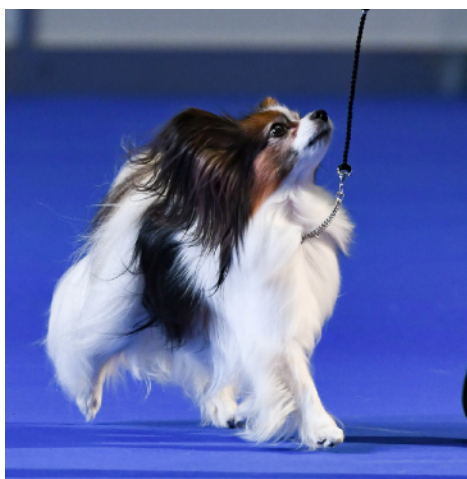
**Competition**

The official nomenclature used by the FCI divides dogs into 10 groups, each of which includes breeds with certain distinctive common characteristics.

- Group 1     Sheepdogs and Cattle dogs (except Swiss Cattle dogs)
- Group 2     Pinscher and Schnauzer - Molossoid and Swiss Mountain and Cattle dogs
- Group 3     Terrier
- Group 4     Dachshunds
- Group 5     Spitz and primitive types
- Group 6     Scent hounds and related breeds
- Group 7     Pointing Dogs
- Group 8     Retrievers - Flushing Dogs - Water Dogs
- Group 9     Companion and Toy Dogs
- Group 10    Sighthounds

In each group, all breeds present are judged separately. The dogs are presented by age group and by sex.

- Minor puppy            from 3 to 6 months old
- Puppy                    from 6 to 9 months old
- Junior                    from 9 to 18 months old
- Intermediate            from 12 to 24 mois old
- Open                      15 months and above
- Working class            15 months and above



Guard dogs and defence dogs must have been awarded a distinction at a competition according to the rules of the national federation concerned or in the rules of international competitions.

Hunting dogs must have passed a specified test by a competent breed club.

For dogs entered in the working class, a copy of the certificat from the relevant national federation confirming their success must be attached to the entry form (WORKING CLASS CERTIFICATE (WCC). If the certification is not provided, the dog will be entered in the open class.

- **Champion 15 months and above**

Dogs may only be entered in this class if an International or National Champion title has been awarded. A copy of this title must be attached to the to the registration documentation. Otherwise, the dog will be entered in the open class.

- **Veteran**

For dogs that are 8 years old and above on the first day of the show.

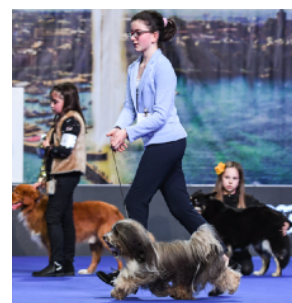
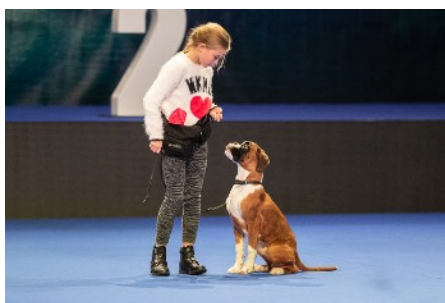
- **Breeders group**

Consists of minimum three and maximum five exhibits of the same breed and variety, no matter what gender, bred by the same person (same kennel name), even if they are not his property. These dogs must be registered in the catalogue.

- **Brace/Couple**

A dog and a bitch of the same breed and variety and belonging to the same owner. These dogs must be registered in the catalogue.





## Junior Handling

At the World Dog Show 2023, there will be a daily competition for our youngest:

### GRAND PRIX DE GENEVE

#### Wednesday August 23, 2023

The Junior Handling Competition of the "Grand Prix de Genève" is a normal competition open to everyone from 10 to 18 years old. This competition has only one age group (10-18 years) and is not linked to the WDS competition. The breeds entered in the Junior Handling "Grand Prix de Genève" competition must be entered in the International Dog Show "Grand Prix de Genève".

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#### Thursday August 24, 2023

**WDS Competition Junior Handling Open Competition Day 1** - 3 Juniors selected, without ranking. Only one age group: 10 to 18 years old

#### Friday August 25, 2023

**WDS Competition Junior Handling Open Competition Day 2** - 3 Juniors selected, without ranking. Only one age group: 10 to 18 years old

#### Saturday August 26, 2023

**WDS Competition Junior Handling Open Competition Day 3** - 3 Juniors selected, without ranking. Only one age group: 10 to 18 years old

#### Sunday August 27, 2023

**WDS Competition Junior Handling Open Competition Day 4** - 3 Juniors selected, without ranking. Only one age group: 10 to 18 years old

**Semi-final** The 12 selected Juniors are judged at this semi-final. The top 5 qualify for the final competition. No ranking of the top five will be made. Qualified Juniors compete in the Junior Handling final competition with participants competing as the sole and official representative of their national dog organisation.

#### Final

The top five youngsters from the semi-final open competition participate in the final junior handling competition with the participants sent by all participating national dog organisations. The judge selects the 3 best participants and places them accordingly.



MORE INFORMATION  
ABOUT WDS JUNIOR  
HANDLING FCI <https://fci.be/en/Junior-Handling-247.html>

The breeds in the Junior Handling competition need not be the same as those judged at the World Dog Show on the same day, but the dog must be entered in the World Dog Show, even if it is on a different day. The Junior may enter each day of the daily open competitions unless he/she has already been placed in the top three 3 on one of the open competition days. Entries will not be refunded or transferred in the event of selection. The qualified National Representative may not participate in the daily open qualification competitions held at the same FCI World Dog Show. The qualified National Representative automatically participates in the Sunday Final. The National Representative entry is free of charge and the form must be downloaded, completed, signed and emailed to: [juniorhandling@worlddogshow.ch](mailto:juniorhandling@worlddogshow.ch)

## Practical information

### Opening hours :

Visitors :	9am – 6pm
Exhibitors :	
7am	Arrival of dogs and veterinary checks
8.30am	Judges' meeting
9am	Start of judging
3pm	Start of the programme in the main ring

### Location :

Palexpo 65 rings + 1 main ring  
Exhibitors' village



### Catering : Catering:

A range of bars and restaurants will be available for visitors and participants throughout the event.

### N.-B :

Dogs that do not participate in the show are not allowed in the show halls





## **Press**

We look forward to welcoming journalists covering the event to Geneva. A press room will be at your disposal and a daily press conference will be organised to summarise the previous day's competitions and to highlight the important elements of the day.

Accreditation should be requested by filling in the online form.

## **Glossary**

### **CACIB**

Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté (International challenge certificate) : To be crowned International Champion, a dog must have obtained 4 CACIB in three different countries and by three different judges. A period of at least one year and one day must have elapsed between the award of the first and last CACIB. The dog in question must also have a complete pedigree (minimum of three generations).

### **CAC**

Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat Suisse de beauté et au Championnat Suisse d'Exposition.

Special Junior and Veteran Champion certificates are awarded in the Junior and Veteran categories

### **FCI**

La Fédération Cynologique Internationale : It comprises 87 member countries and contract partners (one member per country), each of which issues its own pedigree and pedigree and train their own judges. The FCI guarantees the mutual recognition of judges and pedigrees within its member countries.

### **SCS**

Société Cynologique Suisse (Société Cynologique Suisse) : central organisation of some 400 associations (local branches and breed clubs). It has over 66,000 members and is part of the FCI.



## Organisation

Société Vaudoise de Cynologie (SVC), with the support of the FCI and the Société Cynologique Suisse, in partnership with Palexpo.

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## Partners



**World Dog  
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Pet health consists of 80% healthy and balanced nutrition and 20% daily care. To ensure a dog that not only looks good but also feels great, it is important to take care of both its inside and outside, which is why breeder, cynologist, groomer, and product developer Janita Januškauskaitė-Plungė has set herself the goal of creating natural products that nurture the pet's health.

We present to you sponsors of World Dog Show 2023, which received worldwide recognition **Tauro Pro Line** and **Nature's Protection Superior Care**.

Nutrition is the basis of a pet's health. Nature's Protection Superior Care was created with this in mind. The peculiarity of this brand is its unique, functional, and healthy ingredients, the highest quality protein sources, and the principle of Clear Eyes Solution. A balanced amount of nutrients and amino acids in the feed can help solve the problem of brown tearstains, which affects more than 90% of dogs worldwide. The new generation of supplemental treats is your pet's daily dose of vitamins. The highest quality, semi-dry, functional supplemental treats are enriched with natural ingredients that can improve the pet's vital functions.

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