



Dr Velimir Sruc - Croatia

Velimir is a Veterinarian and specialises in small animal practice at the University of Zagreb.

Breeding German Shorthaired Pointers has been his passion and joy since 1983 under his prefix "Hunter's Dream of Gračec" and has had twelve homebred generations in his kennel up until the present time. His breeding is based on German, Italian and Croatian bloodlines with his breeding being part of quality kennels all over Europe - Spain, Italy, Czech Republic, Finland, and Poland.

Velimir kennel is not big and he doesn't breed a litter each year because his work obligations don't allow him the space and time to devote enough attention to too many dogs at once, preferring to retain a couple of bitches at a time for breeding. He strongly believes in trying to improve the qualities of the breed in both directions - having a good shape as well as excellent hunting abilities. He is rightly very proud of the National and International Show and Working champions that he has bred and mentions in particular his bitch Zara who was awarded the 3rd best Hunting Dog from the Working Class, becoming a Vice Champion at the Eurodog show in 2007 from over 10,000 exhibited dogs. There are also two retired beloved bitches, Tosca and Učka that were selected to a group of top 50 dogs in Croatia for 3 years.

Velimir has been the President of the Croatian German Shorthaired Pointer Club for over ten years, as well as being a member of the FCI Commission for Continental Dogs, Committee World Champions for Pointers and Executive Board of Croatian Kennel Club, in addition to the Committee for Breeding and Working Hunting Dogs.

He has judged all over Europe at GSP Specialty shows including Spain, Finland, Austria, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Slovenia and has worked on many dog show committees and field trial committees.

He is qualified to judge FCI groups IV, VI, VII, VIII, and several breeds from group III, as well as all breeds in Hunting Tests and trials for many years. He has judged in World Championship field trials of Pointers and German Shorthaired Pointers and St. Hubert.

We look forward to welcoming Velimir to our National Show in September 2012, and trust that he will enjoy judging our dogs, as well as the hospitality and experiences that Australia has to offer.

-German Shorthaired Pointer Club of SA Inc Committee-