

Water Trial Update

We had a lovely day over in Vila Real. The first part of the show, the beauty contest, was again, not a big success as Cleo and I are both new to it-----not understanding the language presents its own problems. All my fault I know but we will sort it!!! Cleo managed to get around the ring and was not as panic stricken as two weeks ago, she was not freaked by the Judge this time. It is all a learning curve, for us both.

The Water Trials themselves were much better than I could have hoped. I did not loose her out to sea as I had worried I might! Cleo followed Laura around the buoys, she is slower than Izzy but she has had little practice. I took over for the next part. She retrieved twice and did two wonderful dives, most impressive considering she had only had one weeks training. It was agreed she has great potential. I am still amazed by how well she did 24 hours later. A very, very big thank you to Laura for all the time she spent with us over that week. We will continue to train till the next ones in one months time. Izzy continues to do very well and improved her points considerable. Izzy achieved a wonderful record 61 points and Cleo a very respectable 55 points for a first trial.

We are even adapting to the new haircut-----still prefer the teddy bear fluff of her puppy coat though!

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