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IRO – International Search and Rescue Dog Organisation

25th IRO WCH for Search and Rescue Dogs at Villejust/Paris

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In September 2019 Paris is the international hotspot for search and rescue dog work. The International Search and Rescue Dog Organisation (IRO) is looking forward to welcoming 118 SAR dog teams from 24 countries, in cooperation with the member organisation CSP France who hosts this major event.

From 17th to 22nd of September 2019 dog handlers and dogs from 59 search and rescue dog organisations will participate in the World Championship for SAR dogs.

At this international event teams are competing in three disciplines – Tracking, Area Search and Rubble Search. They also have to pass Obedience and Dexterity to make it into the ranking.

Who will be World Champion?

With 20 dogs Austria is sending the highest number of teams to the WCH. Germany follows with 17 and Slovenia with 13 teams. These three countries are well known for their top performances. The incumbent World Champions for Area Search, Bas Esbach with Ruby (NL), Roman Starman with Think Twice Pump Up the Jam (SI) and Eduard Scherz with Komet (AT) will defend their title in France.

118 super snoopers at the start

Defendent World Champion at Rubble Search, Renate Eberts with Lara (DE), will start in Tracking this year and will fight for gold against Cara Tutschek with Garde. The previous World Champion Peter Schüler with Blue (AT) could be especially dangerous for Sarolta Leczki with Karma (HU) at Rubble Search.

You can find further information, results and photos at wch.iro-dogs.org.

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IRO – About us

The International Search and Rescue Dog Organisation IRO was founded in 1993 on the occasion of the fifth SAR Dog Symposium in Sweden. The IRO is the global umbrella organisation for all national SAR dog organisations who aim for saving lives as well as maintaining and protecting the health of people by putting their dogs into mission. The primary purpose of the IRO is to provide a platform to exchange experiences on training and the deployment of SAR dog teams among the member organisations. In times of major disasters as many highly trained dogs as possible should be ready to be called into action. New IRO members receive support, in order to develop highly qualified rescue dog capacities in short time. To reach this goal, international symposia, trainings, testing events and an annual world championship are held. One of the most important tasks of the IRO is to deploy international SAR dog teams in times of disasters.

The headquarters of the IRO are located in Austria. By the 1st of January 2019 the IRO united 122 national search and rescue dog organisations in 42 countries.

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