

Dear Friends,

For years already, several member-clubs have suggested the organisation of a seminar for IPO-helpers.

The IPO and Schutzhund program are indeed dogsport-programs but more than this, they are meant to recognise, promote and preserve the characteristics of the working dog and can therefore be an important tool in breed selection.

Moreover, these programs allow us to preserve and demonstrate the character-traits of the working dog in a perfectly socially acceptable manner.

While many, especially north-European, countries have a long experience in these programs, this seems not to be the case for all member-countries of the IFR.

Also, there is the observation that new training-methods are now being used that not only lead to better results but also seem much more acceptable in the nowadays view on how man and dog live together in modern society.

A correct, multi-purposed and modern education for IPO-helpers is therefore a necessity and can and should take into account the specific characteristics of the Rottweiler.

As announced in our Newsletters, the IFR has therefore decided to help promote the dogsport for the Rottweiler-amateur by organizing a seminar for IPO-helpers.

The seminar will take place

**from 25 – 27 April 2008 on the training field of the local
Rottweiler Club in Borken-Burlo (Germany),
located at Klosterdiek 17.**

The necessary accommodation for the seminar (training-field and dogs) will be provided for and we will see to it that nearby facilities for lodging at low prices will be available.

We estimate the cost of these lodgings at only ± 20 euro/night (incl. breakfast). Meals will also be provided at low cost.

The seminar will be conducted by Mr. J. Bungarten, a name known to us all and a firm guarantee for more than just an interesting event but for an instructive, constructive and stimulating education.

Participants should arrive on April 24 and could leave on April 28 (or late 27) so the seminar will consist of 3 full days of intensive learning !

We urge all member-clubs to confirm us that they are interested in participating the seminar and send us one or more helpers. There will be no fee for the participation.

We await this confirmation by 20.12.2007 and the number (names, addresses, etc ...) of the participants by 15.01.2008.

We assure you that the IFR-board will see to it that the seminar will be organized in a correct way, will be more than worth the participation and will help us all to found a strong but sound and more uniform base for the worldwide Rottweiler breedselection and education.

The Rottweiler deserves this, we are sure you will agree.

With kind regards,
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