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Pictured here is **Higienopolis Sumo**, he was bred by Marko Nurminen in Finland and owned by Claude Bordet of France. Sumo features in some European Tosa pedigrees and has, without any doubt, brought stamina, health and movement in the breed in Europe.

FROM THE EDITORS, May 2010.

Dear Tosa friends,

At the moment of writing this foreword for Tosa Europe Today, the Tosa breed in the Netherlands has found a breed/parentclub to join again. The Tosa is now part of the Dutch Akitaclub, who also features other Japanese breeds like the Akita, Shiba, American Akita, Shikoku, Hokkaido, Kai and Kishu. This club is a very well organized breedclub and we are very pleased that the Tosa-owners will now be able to participate in many events, among which a special Jubilee Weekend in 2011 with many foreign exhibitors and judges.

We will definitely publish details of this great weekend once full details are known.

We have asked for AND got a great response from Tosa people who wanted to contribute to our magazine, thank you very much for that! We are pleased to see much interest in our magazine from around the world. A new feature is the "Breeder Spotlight" section in which you can tell the story about your kennel.

Do you want to be the next "Spotlight" breeder? Send your story and photos to us at tosadogs@gmail.com and we will make sure its published in

Tosa Europe Today.

THE STORY OF CCHINKI DEVOTED FRIEND (AKA SEMIR)

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This is not a story of a World Winner but a story of coincidences and luck, the story of sadness and happiness and of the big heart of one Tosa male called Cchinki alias Semir.



Semir's life has started very sadly. The fatality started when he was born and his Mom has died. Normally that would be deadly for puppies too, but the breeders Ingrid and Tibor did their best and managed to save all 10 puppies and this is why the litter „C“ can be considered as a very special one. The faith and good luck were also there to help the puppies to survive and today there are beautiful big dogs from all of them and they bring the joy into their owner's lives.

Me and my boyfriend, we knew Semir from the age of 6 weeks because I love dogs, especially puppies and the moment I have heard there are ones we were visiting them regularly with our bitch Bambari alias Bejbi who is the older sister of Cchinki. We used to walk her together with her father Goshi (Goshi Tosa Centrum the Europe Winner 2003) and it was always a pleasure for us to see them playing together and we have had a great feeling that Bejbi can play the tosa fight with an equal partner.

When Semir was an 8 weeks old puppy he was taken by a nice couple with child and grandma. He was beloved and treated with gentleness. He lived in the house with his family, he could sit on sofa, sleep in bed, play with the child and he was a real part of his family. But as he grow up and he reached the age of 11 months the grandma was scared how big he became and she pushed the rest of family to get rid of him. And that was how he got his new family and new yard, where he was locked out from the house. He was not allowed to go into the house and he was left on his own outside. One day he jumped over the fence and escaped. He was caught exhausted running around the road by The Animal Resque and brought back to where he was born, to breeders Ingrid and Tibor, who immediately contacted the people he was sold to and were informed about the situation with grandma. So the breeders decided they would keep Cchinki and gave him the name Semir. The only problem could be that in a few months there now would be 2 male adults on one yard.

When we have found out about Semir living close to us we were very excited and the idea of walking Bejbi with 2 boys was great. Our first visit was very soon after he got back to Ingrid and Tibor's house. Bejbi and Semir were very great friends from the very beginning and my Richard has fallen in love with Semir the very moment he saw him. Semir's feelings were very similar as Richard's ones and for Bejbi it was the chance to see Semir more often.

Nearly two years we were walking Bejbi with Goshi and Semir at least once a month and sometime even more often. And then one day before Easter 2008 we've got phone call from Ingrid that Goshi and Semir had a very bad fight and that they can't stay together for any longer, so she is looking for a new home for him. We have asked few friends but everybody was afraid to adopt a 3 year old Tosa dog with unknown past, so after longer consideration we have decided to take him into our house. I have to admit that my dream was to have a puppy from Bejbi but I felt sorry for Semir and his gentle eyes convinced me that we would have a great dog who would be very grateful for a new home. Bejbi accepted him very easily but she managed to keep her dominant position and Semir became subordinated. With Semir's arrival we have been facing complications such as that we live downtown with no garden, Richard's daughter and my niece and nephews visit us very often, we live with cats, we have many stairs in the house, my car was a sedan-car just for 1 tosa, and the most important one was the fact that a self-confident Tosa male at the age of 3 can be a bit difficult to handle. On the other hand Semir has a big gentle heart and Bejbi showed him that she is the boss between dogs and that I'm her boss. As the time passed Semir learned to understand his position, my boyfriend learned more about behaviour of dominant Tosa males and how to treat them and also how different the behaviour of male and female Tosas

is. I have to say that it took Semir almost 1,5 year to understand that we will never give him away and his home is forever with us and Bejbi and that it is not just temporary. And I have to admit that I've never regretted the decision we have made by adopting Semir.

He is a gentle and loving dog which loves his family, is very tender to children and who is a great guarding dog too. And it is very special that after all the bad experiences he had in his life when he was given up by people he loved and trusted, he still can give so much love and he still can trust people in spite of all that. Semir is a part of our lives and we are very grateful to fortune, to God, to luck for him being with us.



1° Breed meeting in Italy: TOSA

Date: Sunday 23 may 2010

Place: Kennel "The Tosaken Gold's"

The Special Show of race official E. N. C. I. (Foundation National Italian Dogs) is a meeting point for a fair number of cynophiliasts with a common passion, in which during the day are compared the physical quality of all the dogs members and "the most beautiful" (the best representatives of the standard of race provided) get valid points for the Italian Championship or International beauty. Our first meeting Tosa instead, will not be official E. N. C. I., but propose more noble ideals.

Of course, the aesthetic beauty is important, each one in about 100 Years of History of Tosa, has "consecrated" its own faithful friend as the most beautiful of the world, and so it should

be for all. They love us and respect us for what we are and we should not be other than reciprocate.

Therefore the main objective of the meeting is encounter all together, Tosa and 2-footed owners, for a "repatriated" in which we can exchange thoughts, opinions, moments lived with them and tips for increasingly sound management, with the "attitudes and movements correct" of the life of every day.

Programme:

h.10.30 Entry and registration with photo for each of the participants. Breakdown by sex and age and average individual for each sharing.

h.12.30 Lunch break

h.14.00 Differences between behaviour/movements useful and damaging. What is the mobility/movement of a dog? The world of the show.

h.16.00 Election of the board of directors of the 1° Tosa Club Italian.

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We have placed the article of Daniele without any adaptations in the text.

The meeting-point of this first Italian Tosa Raduno:

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BREEDER SPOTLIGHT : "MAEGASHIRA TOSA'S"©

We are a family kennel from the Czech Republic and we are involved with the Tosa breed since 2007.

Our internationally protected kennelname Maegashira, is officially registered with the FCI since 2008. We are also a member of Moloss club CZ.

At this moment there are 4 Tosas in our home, all of them come from different bloodlines. Our dogs live with us in the house and are a part of our lives. They are our friends and family members.

The foundation of our breeding is female Champ. Baira Taikó, HD - B (Bullbrother's Bon Jovi x Felicita Shimko Rowen) Baira is a female with calm and balanced character, she gives quality to her offspring. Among her advantages are a nice typical head and spacious movement. Baira is in excellent condition and became champion of Serbia and Regional Winner 2010 even after she gave birth to our litter A.

In 2008 came to our kennel female Airin Aschabey HD - E (Boy du Center Club Moloss Wolf x Beyla Abides) In the age of 13 months she became 3x Junior champion and champion of Serbia. Due to Airin's very bad dysplasia of the hips, light constitution and type difference, we will not breed in the future with this bloodline.



Baira

Due to the absence of new blood in the Tosa breed, we decided to import in 2009 a male from Holland - Megasthenes Invasor (Toshi's Tar Heel x Ch.V Gulch du Center Club Moloss Wolf) Invasor is an elegant dark red male with great temperament and true nature of the Tosa male.

From the litter we bred, we kept female Ashigara Maegashira (Octopus Ichido Ni Futatsu x Baira Taikó) She is a female of heavy constitution and always a happy nature.

Ashigara carries the blood of European and World Winners. She participated at her first show, in puppy class and obtained Very promising 1 and BIS Puppy - female III. place. Awards on shows we take as a bonus, since the main emphasis for us is health of our dogs. Especially hip dysplazia and full dentition, which is a problem in this rare breed. We prefer the red colour in breeding. Non standard colour - Black and Tan - we will not intentionally promote with an inappropriate parent combination. If ever this colour would occur in a litter, we will never repeat this parent combination.



Invasor

New owners for our puppies are carefully selected. Our breeding aim is to breed dogs with an outstanding exterior, balanced nature, and no health problems.

1. Mate the breeding-partners with a minimum of common ancestors (ideally none)
2. Same parental combination repeat not mote than twice.
3. Make a selection of health and vitality
4. Our intention is not to breed few super champions, but the breeding of more high quality dogs.

We accept reservations for our litter "B" which hopefully will be born in summer 2010.
For more info and pictures on this litter, look at our website

Ch.Megasthenes Djengish (NL) x Ch.Baira Taikó (CZ)

Ch. Megasthenes Djengish (NL) W-W'03, EVROPSKÝ VÍTĚZ MLADÝCH BARCELONA + BOB
Ch.FIRE MOUNTAINS BAD BOY (USA) x Ch.MEGASTHENES AGINJIRO (NL)

Ch. Baira Taikó (CZ) CAJC, 8 x CAC, CACIB, 3x Res. CACIB CHAMP. SERBIA, Regional winner
2010

BULL BROTHER 'S BON JOVI (H) x FELICITA S. ROWEN



Ashigara

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AMERICA'S FAMILY PET EXPO 2010

TOSAS AND KIDS - By Serena Burnett

DogStar Kennels has attended America's Family Pet Expo in Southern California to exhibit the Tosas for about 16 years. Our goal, and that of the sponsors of the Pet Expo, is to educate the public about the Tosa and we join other Tosa owners – Jan Libourel specifically - to share our Tosa dogs with the estimated 70,000 people who attend this delightful event.

The Tosa is not recognized by the AKC and considered as a rare breed in the US, so most people who attend have never seen or heard of the breed. It is a heart-warming sight for us to see the smiling and awe-struck faces as people see the dogs – up close and personal - for the first time.



Events such as demonstrations by the police department canine unit, entertainment by animal actors and Frisbee dogs and seminars by veterinarians and other experts are held throughout the 3-day event. Over 100 breeds exhibit in the Parade of Dogs, each going on stage and being introduced to the public with a brief historical review of their roots and purpose. Rescue organizations, animal foundations, horse demos and reptiles are also a big part of the extravaganza.

We've found this event to be a great place to socialize our pups once they are about 4 months of age. Our pups start out with an adult Tosa to teach them the ropes. The pups learn to be social and accepting of many different situations by watching how the adult Tosa reacts to children, people of all ages (experienced and totally inexperienced with dogs), wheelchairs, crowds and other animals.

We have always been amazed at how gentle the Tosas are with strangers and children in this somewhat stressful situation. Little kids run into our booth and hug and practically sit on the dogs, and they are always welcomed with a tail wag from the Tosas. I can't even count how many kisses the dogs received this year from little kids who enjoyed petting them and having their pictures taken with our Tosas.

Our male, Kuma, likes to stand out in the aisle way to make sure that people cannot pass without petting him. I noticed that Aikoko took up that same stance this year when it was her turn to be on display.



Most of you have experienced or know of the many aspects of the Tosa character; impeccable guardian breed, stoic fighter, champion show dog, intense and athletic working dog, gentle therapy dog and caring babysitter. What I see in these dogs during this event each year that makes my heart full, and I truly understand why the Japanese families felt comfortable leaving their children with their Tosa babysitters. When I see these dogs with children, I recognize what a truly generous breed this is. They seem to give from their hearts, intentionally holding back their beast side, so that others can catch a glimpse of the gentle nature of the beast and bask with it for a moment. Watching the reactions from the children is truly a joyous experience, as they are so touched by how giving and loving the dogs are to them. The photos say it all. Enjoy!



YINDRA, FROM SERBIA TO HOLLAND

Hi Tosa Friends,

My Tosa story starts in the beginning of 2002 when we were thinking of getting a dog who had to be first of all loving to his family and friends, especially children, but also it had to be a big dog and it had to have some “watch dog skills”.

When looking through all the dog-documentaires we decided to have a closer look at the Tosa Inu, reason to visit some shows and some breeders in Holland. Well after this, the choice was easily made. Like for all of you, readers of this magazine, I think its the same.

A Tosa it was going to be.

After being in touch with 2 breeders here in Holland it turned out that there was a long waiting list for a puppy, reason why I broaded my vision to the internet, where I got in touch with Hideo Kennels in Serbia.

He had 3, looking only from the pictures, beautiful bitches available. The only thing was: it was via the internet, Zoran, the owner of Hideo was only talking Serbian and Russian, with only a few words English (at that time, this improved over the years I have mentioned) and he was of course in Serbia (not to long after the disastrous war over there) and I was living in Holland.



Yindra

For the language barrier I had soon find a Serbian friend here in Holland who translated our various emails over and forth where at the end we came to an agreement that I would fly to Belgrado and he would come over there with his car (also a 4 hour drive for Zoran) and take the 3 female pups to the Airport so I could make my choice and then fly back to Amsterdam the same day.

Zoran would take care of all the necessary documents. Well, all said and done, all my friends and family said I was crazy to do it like this, but I made the decision to do so.

And after some searching at the Airport of Belgrado we found each other and I could lay my eye on 3 most adorable Tosa Pups and almost ended up taking all 3 with me back to Holland. We decided together that I would go for Yindra. So we put her here in a small Kitten Bench, went back in the Airport building to arrange all the papers and the same day I was flying back with my little Tosa Puppy.



Yindra, 1,5 year old, on holiday in Spain

We are now living in 2010 and Yindra turned out to be the most loving and beautiful dog we have ever seen, also admitted by all of our friends and relatives. She is turning 8 years old in September already, but we still hope to give her a lot more years of love and attention, the same as she is still giving to us every night and day.

1 thing more to end this short story, talking about the Tosa, Yindra never turned out to be a good Watch Dog, because she is still welcoming everybody as our closest friend.... ***Michel & Yindra.***

