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Dear St. Bernard lovers,

At the beginning of this New Year, the WUSB Board would like to send you and your family our best wishes for the New Year. May the year bring you good health, prosperity and happiness, and that we as an association of St. Bernard lovers can continue to share our knowledge and love of the breed.

We take a brief look back at the past year and would like to inform you about future plans.

WUSB 2024

On the weekend of June 7th and 8th, 2024, our annual meeting took place in the homeport of our beloved dog breed in Switzerland - Martigny.

- Meeting

With a packed agenda, we began on Friday morning with the delegates' meeting and continued in the afternoon with the judges' meeting. These meetings took place in a meeting room in the Barryland Museum.

Attached you will find the approved show rules as well as the minutes of both meetings, please pass them on to your delegates and judges.

IMPORTANT: At the meetings, clubs were asked to inform their members, breeders and judges about the breed standard using the FCI approved and published brochure.

This brochure can be distributed online:

<https://www.fci.be/Nomenclature/Education/061g02-PRE-en.pdf>

- Parade

At around 4:30 p.m., all the St. Bernards present were expected in the center of Martigny for a parade through the streets of the town to the Barry Museum. The various member countries were well represented and the turnout was very good.

- Banquet

Around 7 p.m. we were expected to attend the banquet where some important speeches were made. On the occasion of the 140th anniversary of the Swiss SB Club, an official moment was also set aside for the presentation of a special WUSB trophy. This challenge cup was donated to the WUSB in 1975 by the then President Schmidlin and was awarded to the winner until the next WUSB SHOW. The exclusive formula that the winner of the trophy three times in a row was allowed to keep the trophy was realized in 1990. The trophy became the property of the Arjan De Boer family from Denmark, who won three times in a row with their dog Hanaethorp Rico. 34 years later, the daughters of the deceased couple Arjen and Else De Boer gave the trophy back to the WUSB. They were supported by the former president of the Danish St. Bernard Club and friend of the family, Jesper Thode. As the trophy belongs in Switzerland, the WUSB board, together with the family, decided to hand it over to the Foundation Barry museum for safekeeping. From now on, the trophy will bear the name: WUSB Trophy 'Hanaethorp'.

Everyone can now admire the 50 kg trophy in the museum in Martigny. After the renovation and reopening of the museum in May 2025, the statue will find its permanent home there.

From now on, the WUSB will donate a true-to-scale replica of the challenge cup for the Best in Show at future WUSB shows.

WUSB exhibition

On Saturday, June 8th, the WUSB show took place, with 152 St. Bernards from 16 different countries taking part. A real spectacle that took place in and around the amphitheater in Martigny. The four elected judges gave their expert verdict in the rings, so that we could finally see the most typical St. Bernards again in the amphitheater in the ring of honor.

			
The WUSB-winners of 2024 at a glance:		http://barrywusb.com/images/WUSB_Winner_2024.pdf	
BOB Shorthair & BIS 2024 Jazz du Grd St. Bernard	BOB Longhair Elias du Grd St. Bernard		

The St. Bernard Olympiad was, as Chairman Didier Basset described the weekend, “A great success”. Our thanks go to the organizing club and all the staff for a wonderful weekend.

On Sunday, June 9th, the club show took place, which was again attended by many dogs.

WUSB 2025

Our next event will take place on the weekend of **May 17th and 18th, 2025 in the Czech Republic**. We will be hosted in a beautiful location, 80 km from the capital Prague, with full accommodation where all activities can take place on the same property.

Information about the weekend and the show: <http://barrywusb.com/en/wusb-2025-en>

Delegates meeting

- DNA and health tests.

The introduction of DNA profiles for breeding animals is mandatory in several countries, just as health tests are required and recommended. It is therefore all the more important that we find a generally recognized system within the WUSB and exchange information.

We therefore ask the club secretaries to fill in a form asking about the situation in their country. The topic of DNA and health will be on the agenda of the delegates' meeting.

- Elections

Board elections will take place at the Delegates' Assembly on May 17th. Delegates can run for office, and applications as well as country delegates must be submitted before the start of the meeting.

We hope to see you again in the Czech Republic.

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The WUSB board