



# ZADAR SHOWS



## RAFAEL DE SANTIAGO

Rafael de Santiago, renomirano ime u psećem svijetu, već je dugi niz godina uključen u rad Kinoloških Saveza te samog FCI-ja. Trenutno je na poziciji Predsjednika FCI-ja na koju je funkciju izabran 2013. godine. 1999. godine je postao član Izvršnog odbora FCI-ja dok je do tada bio u Komisiji za standarde 8 godina. Osim toga, on je i predsjednik Kinološkog saveza Portorika. 1997. godine je predvodio organizaciju te je bio sudac samog BIS-a Svjetske izložbe pasa održane u San Juanu.

Rafael de Santiago je jedno od vodećih imena povezano sa svijetom izložbenih pasa; uživao je dugogodišnju i iznimno uspješnu karijeru koja se proteže preko 4 desetljeća.

1972. godine u kompaniji sa Robertom Velez-Pico otvorio je svjetski poznatu uzgajanicu Afganistanskih Hrtova "Radesa" koja ih je oboje lansirala visoko i kao uzgajanje i kao izlagače. Pas koji je vjerojatno postigao i najviše nagrada diljem Europe, SAD-a i Južne Amerike pod vodstvom Rafaela bio je Blue Boy de Vale Negro.

Rafael je od 1984. godine all round sudac te je otada sudio na 5 kontinenta uključujući i 19 Svjetskih izložbi, Supreme FCI Champion of Champions Show u Švicarskoj, Westminster, AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, the Eukanuba World Challenge 2008...

Iako putuje po cijelom svijetu te je u prosjeku 3 vikenda u mjesecu zauzet suđenjima još uvijek nalazi vremena za svoj posao predsjednika uprave Imagen Optime, marketinške agencije u San Juanu.

Rafael de Santiago, a renowned name in the world of dogs, has been involved with Kennel Clubs and the FCI for a number of years. Currently serving on the FCI Executive Committee as the FCI President, he was elected in 2013 by the members. He was first elected to the Executive Committee in 1999, prior to that he served for eight years on the Standards Commission. Rafael is also President of the Federación Canófila de Puerto Rico. In 1997, he headed up the organizing committee and judged Best in Show at the FCI World Dog Show in San Juan.

Rafael de Santiago is one of the leading names synonymous with world of show dogs; he has enjoyed a long and highly successful history in dogs which spans over 4 decades. In 1972, in partnership with Roberto Vélez-Picó, they founded the world famous RADESA line of Afghan Hounds. This launched them onto international dog show circuit both as exhibitors and breeders. A noteworthy and well travelled Afghan, with many accolades was Blue Boy de Vale Negro, campaigned by Rafael across the United States, Europe and Latin America.

Rafael is an FCI all breed judge, since 1984, he has judged in 5 continents at some prestigious shows including at 19 FCI World Dog Shows, the Supreme FCI Champion of Champions Show in Switzerland, Westminster in New York, the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, the Eukanuba World Challenge 2008, to name a few.

Traveling worldwide to shows to fulfill judging assignments at least every three weekends out of four, Rafael still finds the time to work in his capacity as the President of Imagen Optima, an Advertising and Public Relations agency in San Juan.