



Remembering Oskár Dóra

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Oskár Dóra ... *We will miss you!*

My friend Oskár Dóra's life was evidently influenced by May, often referred to as the Month of Love. He was born (almost to the day!) three years before the first crosses of Carpathian wolf *Brita* and German Shepherd *César z Březového háje*.

In May 1990 Oskár became Chairman of the Czechoslovakian Vciak Breed Club SK established in 1982 - later registering his breeding kennel under the protected name "Dór CS."



Brought together in birth, the charm of the Czechoslovakian Vciak walked beside him through life until his passing in August 2020.

Celebrating his 65th birthday in May 2020, I wished him the best, especially for good health (which he needed so much).

We had intended to use this visit to finish this interview with him, one of the oldest breeders and founding members of his club in Slovakia, to which he wryly commented, "*It will probably be the last!*"

Even sipping hot coffee, I felt chilled because I understood what he was probably thinking.

Oskár Dóra - Photo by Peter Nevolný

Oskár Dóra



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As we were both from "the old school", I sent our transcribed interview to the hospital in Banská Bystrica for his approval on the last day of May. Unfortunately, Oskar's condition had worsened to the extent that he was sadly unable to acknowledge our conversation.

Oskár's Cynological Curriculum Vitae -

Establishing his breeding kennel for Czechoslovakian Vlcia in 1984, Oskár bred eleven litters. As both National and International Judge (from 1987 and 1992 respectively) for the exterior of the Czechoslovakian Vlcia and Siberian Husky breeds, he significantly contributed to the newly established Polish register of Czechoslovakian Wolfhound breeders, (incorporated into the Polish Association of Breeders and Hunters who advocated for Oskár's appointment as an international judge). He also served as a breeding advisor, but preferred to judge adult individuals who had completed their development and whose appearance remained unchanged.

Before national and international recognition of the Czechoslovakian Vlcia breed, efforts were made to develop a precisely articulated standard and prepare the necessary materials for the FCI negotiations, in which he significantly contributed to its international recognition. The standard was approved on the 13th of June 1989 in Helsinki under No. 332 for a ten-year trial period, intended to verify and confirm the exclusive and sustainable characteristics of the breed. Breeders met these conditions, and thus the Czechoslovakian Vlcia received definitive FCI international recognition in 1999.

From 1990 to 1997 and from 2009 to 2012, he served as President of the Czechoslovakian Vlcia Breed Club SK. On the 25th anniversary of the establishment of this club in 2007, together with "Grandad" František Rosík, Ing. Jozef Sopuch, Tomáš Rusko and Soňa Bognárová, he was awarded for his contributions to the development of the breed. His contributions to the development of this breed were also recognised by the Slovak Cynological Union, which awarded him its bronze medal. In addition to breeding, the Czechoslovakian Vlcia Oskár was an enthusiastic tourist and photographer.

Transcribe With Oskár -

As personal friends, I believe readers will not mind if we address each other informally during this conversation! *Tell me, how did you get into breeding the Czechoslovakian Vlcia?*

"I became close to 'Grandad' Rosík when he worked in our company as a retired guard from 1983 to 1986, and I first got to know his dog – the well-known stud dog REP z Pohraničnej stráže. He so took me that I took on the dog ARAMIS z Muchova dvora, born in 1983 (sire: Nuk z PS, dam: Gyra z PS), carrying the blood of the she-wolf Brita. I was so fascinated and captivated by the breed that in 1984 I established my breeding kennel under the protected name "**Dór CS**" based on the then excellent line from Nuk z PS. Later, I had to rename it again to the protected name "*Oskár Dór*" due to international changes in kennel names. I was determined to find and establish suitable character and exterior traits that Nuk from PS brought into breeding (*1979, s: Prim z PS, d: Izra z PS, who was a carrier of the bloodline of the she-wolf Brita)."



"Nuk was already being utilised in breeding by other civilian breeders at that time, such as Miroslav Polák – breeding kennel "Mi-Ro CS" and Peter Ryšánek – breeding kennel "Pe-Ry". My first litter from the female ARA z PS (a carrier of the blood of the she-wolf Brita and the blood of Rep z PS – a carrier of blood of the wolf Šarik) consisted of two females and two males, which were born on 4th of December 1984 (Aphrodite, Athena, Atlas and Artemis). Since I have such a Greek-sounding surname, I named the puppies in all litters after figures from Greek mythology – it always sounded very natural to me. Although my teacher – "Grandad" Rosík was not very fond of my choice of stud dog, I never regretted it!"

Dor Prvy Vrh

Mi-Ro CS

Zaznam Urcenia Povodu CSV

"Yes, I also consider this litter, sired by ARGO Přízrak Karpat (*2005, s: Arin na Blatech, d: Avahoc Stín vlka) and dam Hera z Ro-Fa, who on the sire's side descended from the bloodline of the wolf Šarik and on the dam's side from the bloodline of the she-wolf Lejdy, to be very successful, ...although from my perspective today, Argo also had certain minor shortcomings (*he added with a smile!*).

At that time, I served as a breeding advisor for Moravian breeders, and I was impressed by his excellent eye and dry muzzle. Of course, I am proud of the litter named with the letter "K" – KAJ Oskár Dór (*2015, s: Silbinas Sidebrinis vilka, d: Helena Oskár Dór), which carries the blood of the wolf Šarik and has contributed to the establishment of the Czechoslovakian Vlcíak breeding in Brazil. I am also proud of the dog JAS Oskár Dór (*2012, s: Baladin ArQeVa, d: Helena Oskár Dór), who became a world champion! The individuals I have bred have also made significant contributions to the breeding programs of Peter Krotkovský (kennel "*z Krotkovského dvora*") and Marián Balaj from Poltár – kennel "*Bal Mar*".



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Although we are still a good group of breeders today, I regret that we do not meet as often as we used to when, for example, I would visit "Grandad" Rosík on weekends, during which we would discuss and address all possible issues. "Grandad" was a connoisseur in history, although not of cynology, as it had not yet been summarised as it is today! However, he was an independent visionary and proclaimed ideas that, unfortunately, today's youth seem relatively uninterested in."

Could you please remind us of the historical moments that led to the establishment of the national breeders' club and later the regional breeders' clubs of ČSV?

"On the 26th of May 1990, the day before my 35th birthday, I was elected President of the National Czechoslovakian Committee at the conference of delegates of the CSV Breed Club in Brno. At that time, the following organisational structure of the club was also confirmed - a nationwide committee of the Czechoslovakian Vlcíak Breed Club (KCHČSV) with four branches, each having its leadership. Branches were established for the Czech Republic, and its headquarters were in Prague. Moravia and Silesia had headquarters in Brno, Western Slovakia had headquarters in Bratislava, and Eastern Slovakia had headquarters in Košice.

At the same time, we were ordered to start negotiations on the position of the Czechoslovakian Vlcíak Breed Club (KCHČSV) in cynological structures in the then federally organised Czechoslovakia. Based on the results of the club committee meeting and with the consent of the chairman of the branches, we decided to move the club's headquarters from Prague to Bratislava. At the meeting, we also agreed to end the club's management in Prague and create a separate unit to keep the studbook in Bratislava, because our club has been issuing pedigree certificates for dogs for three years.

After leaving the Prague leadership of the club, the 7th organisational unit of the Cynological Confederation of the Czechoslovakian Federal Republic (KKO ČSFR) was formed in Slovakia, which in 1994, when the existence of the breed was discussed after the division of Czechoslovakia, helped a lot, because Slovakia had its documentation – a studbook. The Czechs could keep their documentation from the serial number 1,000.

After the establishment of the Slovak Republic, the Czechoslovakian Vlcíak Breed Club operated with an unchanged structure. Only the club's name was extended to the Czechoslovakian Vlcíak Breed Club of the Slovak Republic, which became a Slovak Hunting Union (SPZ) member. At the same time, its activities were governed by the statutes registered with the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic. Through the SPZ, it was simultaneously a Slovak Cynological Union (SKJ) member and, thus, a regular FCI member.

In 1993, I was elected President of the National Committee representing western and eastern Slovakia club branches. At the initiative of the Czech-Moravian Kennel Union (ČMKÚ), a meeting was convened in Brno, where delegates from both republics were to agree on the representation of the Czechoslovakian Vlcíak breed in the FCI."



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"The Czech Republic was represented at the meeting by the president of ČMKÚ, MUDr. E. Philippová, Ms. V. Tichá, and Ing. Karel Hartl. The Slovak side was represented by the president of SKJ, Ing. Štefan Štefík, Mr. František Rosík, and me as the chairman of the Czechoslovakian Vlcíak Breed Club of the Slovak Republic. During the challenging meeting, we presented our demands to Ing. Karel Hartl as a *fait accompli*, which sparked a significant reaction! But everything calmed down over time, as in both republics, we all aimed for the successful development of the breed. After discussing interesting topics, we agreed that the name of the breed, Czechoslovakian Vlcíak and the country of origin, Czechoslovakia, would remain unchanged. Still, the guarantor of the breed in FCI will be the Slovak Republic through SKJ.

On his 90th birthday, we awarded Mr. Hartl the commemorative club plaque "For Merits in the Development of the Breed" number 002 to give him a nice memory of the Slovak club.



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In 1997, I dealt with specific tasks unrelated to breeding, so I asked to be relieved of the position of the president of the national committee of the KCHČSV SR and the management of the club was entrusted to doc. Ing. Emília Kollárová, CSc., who became the club president after the regular elections at the club conference and led it from 1998 until the end of 2009."

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"Although I served as president in both of my club positions, I must emphasise that I have always been a 'worker' who worked hard. Although I managed the entire committee and club, I always accepted and put into practice all reasonable proposals of its members, which benefited the development of breeding."



European Exhibition ~ Photo Peter Nevolný



"Within the FCI, we are the guarantor for this breed, but the fact is that due to the number of animals bred, we have been overtaken, for example, by Italy..."

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"It is impossible to prevent us from selling good animals abroad. That is why I was pleased when, about a year ago, the British Club of Czechoslovakian Vlcíak Breed Club invited me to judge this breed at the Oxford show – it is a good sign that even in a significantly cynologically conservative country, such as Great Britain, our national breed has also taken hold! That's why I want the production of puppies to be as high as possible in our country, because only then will we find quality individuals that evaluate and represent our breeding. However, I am afraid that we will not have enough fresh blood in Slovakia in the next breeding. I am internally convinced that in the future we will again have to use the wolf to improve the breeding of Czechoslovakian Vlcíaks – but to ensure it is not haphazard, it must occur under strict club control. For such breeding, a closed, strong group of selected breeders would need to be established, and this step should not be based on a single female German Shepherd and a single wolf."



Peter & Oskar



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What do you think is the perspective for breeding the Czechoslovakian Vlcíak?

"I believe that the Slovak Breeders' Club has become complacent – it lacks rebels like 'Grandad' Rosík and other experienced breeders – MVDr. František Rosík, "Grandad's" son, and Peter Krotkovský, who has always irritated me for not having taken the judges' exams, as it would only benefit the breed... and finally, I would certainly include myself in the category of rebels! I have specific ideas, and I am internally convinced that the entire breeding must undergo a quantitative and qualitative change, that the criteria for assessing the quality of breeding individuals must be tightened, because only such decisions will contribute to the development of this beautiful and unusual breed! Therefore, to restore some characteristics and the external appearance of the breed, I am considering reintroducing the wolf into breeding, but I emphasise – in a closed, selected group of breeders! However, I also know this will be financially very demanding."



*UKCSV
Breed Show*



Would it not be financially more acceptable to establish a sperm bank for unique individuals? –

"I am currently, as a private individual, initiating the collection and storage of sperm from selected dogs – I am doing this under professional supervision and actively collaborating with the veterinary university in Brno. It is particularly demanding in terms of the professional skill required for sperm collection and their special storage in freezing boxes. However, I am immensely pleased that I have managed to find suitable and dedicated partners for this project, even among Lithuanian breeders."



Photo Eva Brezinova

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In conclusion, I thanked Oskar for the interesting conversation and wished him many more successes in canine activities. Neither knew then that it would be our last personal meeting.

I value our friendship, Oskar, because you accepted my proposal to review and christen my book "The History of the Czechoslovakian Vlcíak breed" without hesitation. I am grateful that you liked it, apart from a few minor reservations.

You have done great work for the Czechoslovakian Vlcíak breed and its breed club, so the wider canine family will never forget you... Rest in peace, Oskar!



Summer Camp (Orava Gacel) - Photo Jan Polony



UKCSV Breed Seminar - Photo Peter Nevolný



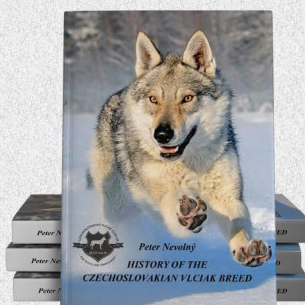
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