

PRESS RELEASE



SUPER DOGS TAKE SUPER FLIGHT!



It's final, the new 2008 Ashley Whippet World Champion has been crowned!

The disc dog world and its fans were treated to some of the finest flyin' disc dog competition ever witnessed. With teams coming from as far away as Japan, the grass field was burning with action! Aerial acrobatics, leaps and catches, and professionally choreographed routines graced the fields of LaMirada Park and Knott's Berry Farm in an unusually non-sunshiny Southern California. It was Jacksonville, Florida that produced this year's Ashley Whippet World Champion, Lawrence Frederick and his canine Border collie partner, Harley Davidson.

It was an unusually tight race between some of the best teams from Japan, who have dominated this event for the last two years. Retiring after winning two straight AWI World titles, Yoshihiro Ishida and team member Rusty decided to challenge the field one more time. With stellar performances in Saturday's semi-final, he was bested by only Lawrence and Harley in Sunday's finals, the margin of victory a mere 5.5 points. Third place was also taken by Team Japan, Koichi Nanba and his black Labrador Rey.

Additional action was seen with competitors trying to break the world distance human to canine distance catch of 118.90 meters, or 130.03 yards! Former Guinness Book world distance record holder Sam Ferrans of Rancho Cucamonga, CA accomplishing an event winning throw and catch of 83.5 meters, or 91.32 yards to JD Platt's (CBS's Greatest American Dog contestant) whippet Olympia.

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