

## John Bernard RKNA Inc. Head Judge Biography



John with Kay vom Oberpfalzer Wald, heading into the ring in 2016 to win the RKNA Klubsieger title.

My name is John Bernard, and I have been a breeder of Rottweilers under the name Old World Kennel since 1981. My kennel is located on the Cumberland Mountain Plateau in central Tennessee, surrounded by 8,000 acres of woods. To date, I have bred 62 litters here in the USA. I am also co-breeder at an ADRK kennel in Germany, which is called "von der Alten Welt." Translated, this means "from the Old World." This kennel is managed by my partner and his family, and to date we have bred three ADRK registered litters. I have been a member of the ADRK since 1986, and final approval of my RKNA judge's license was voted on and approved by this organization.

Old World Kennel (von der Alten Welt) Rottweilers have been and currently continue to be very successful in both the show ring and on the working field. Some of the most prestigious titles and accomplishments of dogs that I have bred and/or owned are:

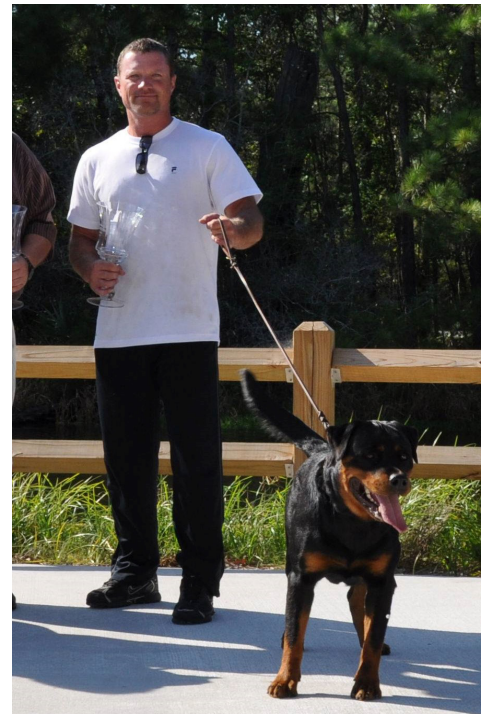
- Klubsieger
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- Brazilian Klubsieger
- International Champion
- German Champion
- VDH Champion
- American Champion
- Canadian Champion
- Mexican Champion
- South American Champion
- UKC Champion
- Bundesjugendsieger
- Universal Sieger
- Kombi Sieger
- Europa Youth Sieger
- World Youth Siegerin
- Meisterschaft Winner
- Landessieger
- Regional Working Champion
- and various other Champion and Sieger(in) titles from all over the world



John working Resi vom Schwaiger Rathaus in Germany with owner/breeder/trainer Xaver Meixner

I have personally titled over 15 dogs in the sport of schutzhund. I have many times competed in National Working Championship trials, and twice been asked to represent my country at the World Championship trial. I have also taken my dogs to Germany and put Ztps on them, and competed with my dogs in large shows all over the world including the ADRK Klubsieger Show.

Currently I am the Head Judge and a Körmeister for the RKNA (Rottweiler Klub of North America). I have also served in other capacities for other national Rottweiler clubs over the years, including vice president, head breed warden, judge liaison, regional director, and director of regions. I have written articles for several publications including Dog Sports Magazine, The Rottweiler Quarterly, and The Total Rottweiler Magazine. I am a certified helper in the sport of IPO, and I have trained dozens of helpers over the years, some who have gone on to be chosen to work top national and regional events. I have trained dozens of police and security dogs, and have worked with many law enforcement officers and departments in the training of K9 handlers, patrol dogs, and various search dogs.



John with Olivia von der Alten Welt when she was 13 months old. John was Olivia's breeder, trainer, owner, and handler. Olivia would go on to earn her IPO 3, BH, and her Ztp (in Germany). Olivia also is an RKNA Champion, and a multi youth siegerin.



John judging an FCI show in Mexico in 2016.