



Sofia Cup 23 – The Organizer Sledog Sport Bulgaria – Bikejoring, Canicross, Scootrer and Cart race

Place: Novi Iskar, near Sofia, Bulgaria

Date: 11.-12.03.2023.

This was my second canicross race, and I have to admit it was incredibly fun and challenging. Even the persistent red mud throughout the course could not dampen the desire to run and the fact that we crossed the finish line two days in a row, my amazing dog and friend Bellahusk Einen husky and I.



We ran together under the colors of the Sled dog club Serbia, and many thanks to Agnes and Laslo for their trust, it was a pleasure and pride to wear the colors of the club.

The race was in the small town of Novi Iskar, close to Sofia. Dog and racers have ran for two days on a track that is about 4.3 km long. The terrain is undulating, through arable fields and small meadows. I still can't forget the excitement at the



very start, and the sight that was before my eyes. Over the back of Bellahusk Einen, in the distance, the snow cover Musala Mountain and top of Vitosha was white. Maybe only for a moment the attention was focused on the idea of what it would be like to be on the snow now, but as soon as we start the race the focus shifted to the race. I never thought before that I would run with a dog, least of all in this discipline where there are very few women.



Following your husky and the rhythm of his steps is challenging and amazing at the same time. For someone who has never been a sprinter, I am proud to be able to run side by side with an incredible creature who has running in his blood.

The whole event gathered people from different countries to share challenges with their furry friends. There were runners in various disciplines: canicross women and men, bikejoring women and men, scooter, cart and at the end canicross for children. Runners came with their dogs from Bulgaria, Romania, Russia and Serbia.

We met new friends and shared experiences, and in the end We won 3rd place in the canicross women's category. Isn't that a success? On Monday, I was a real star in the office, a powerful woman, as my colleagues called me.

Once again, a big thank you to Sled dog sport Bulgaria, for organizing this Sofia cup 23 race, I will be glad to come again next year. Thanks to our great friends Danail and ZuZ, Ivajlo and Ivelin and everyone else who helped make the event run perfectly and make us all feel like winners.

