



Britain's Got Talent Winner's Mistake



Jules O'Dwyer and her dog Matisse won Britain's Got Talent on Sunday 31st May 2015, but ITV said it had received 165 separate complaints about the show.

Both O'Dwyer and Judge Simon Cowell have said that there was no intention to deceive the audience. Simon Cowell said "no one set out to fool anybody" and blamed the "confusion" of a live show, for the mix up.

Speaking on Thursday, he said "I think now the dust has settled a bit we can accept that she won." Dog trainer Jules said she had always made it clear she used a team of dogs.

Viewers complained of being "misled" after they voted for MATISSE to win. Figures have shown the dog act won by a 2% margin, getting 22.6% of the votes, compared with 24% for Magician Jamie Raven, who came second.

On Monday, O' Dwyer said she was "shocked and surprised" by their reaction, saying she used the second Boarder Collie to walk the parallel ropes because Matisse did not like heights.

"I was disappointed when people said I hid Chase and I was trying to make [Chase] look like Matisse. That's not so" she said. "I introduced Chase in the semi-final, and I said Chase is Matisse's best mate. Why put pressure on the dog when I already have another dog who can perform it on television?"

Fincham said those who had followed the series would have known O'Dwyer had more than one dog. "In the audition it was made quite clear this was a dog act with a range of dogs. In hindsight, in the final it would have been better if that was clear".

The show's producers have also apologised: "We are sorry if this was not made clearer to the judges and the viewers at home during their final performance". More than 13 million viewers watched the final, the highest rating for a final since Pudsey the dog won in 2012. Matisse and O' Dwyer's prize includes a spot at this year's Royal Variety Performance and £250,000.

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