CRITIQUE - GUNDOG BREEDS ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND

Judge: Mrs L Smith

Firstly I would like to thank the officers & committee of the GBAS for the invitation & their warm hospitality, also to my two ring stewards for their invaluable assistance & to all the exhibitors who entered & travelled so far on the day. It was a really enjoyable day.

Veteran Dog (1). **1 Braine's Kenine March To Victory**, nice eye shape & kind expression. Good length of neck, deep chest. Short level back powerful hindquarters moved with purpose. Good bone & tight feet.

Minor Puppy Dog (0). No Entries

Puppy Dog (1). **1 Sielski's Orchidstar Wotsit**, lovely head proportions with ears, well set chest well down, well laid shoulders. Strong quarters & well defined second thigh. A little longer in the body than I would like, correct coat. A little close in hind movement.

Junior Dog (2). **1 Delaney's Ticket To The Stars**, clean neck, excellent outline, good front & rear angulation. Plenty of bone, presented & moved well; **2 Martin's Richtig Racketeer at Lorabar**, masculine appearance, well sprung ribs, good body shape, would prefer a little more angulation front & rear, needs to tighten in movement.

Novice Dog (1). **Jackman's Navigareamor Hardtoport**, lovely balanced head, good earset, eyes need to darken a little, well boned with nice tight feet. Needs to move with a bit more enthusiasm.

Post Graduate Dog (2). 1 Roden's Keigame Nasrullah, excellent conformation. Nice head, with good proportions & good eye shape. Deep brisket, well sprung ribs short back well muscled fore & aft. Just needs to settle whilst on the move; 2 Wilkinson's Zarozinia Beinn an Oir, strong neck running into well placed shoulders. Deep chest, well angulated, not quite as compact as 1. LD (7) 1 Smith & Reardon's Winterwell Fowl Play, strong arched neck, well laid shoulders, short back, deep through the chest, well muscled, good tailset, correct coat texture. Presented in tiptop condition. *RCC*; 2 Brown & Burn's Magregor Threesacrowd at Pothouse, good head & dark eye, excellent outline, good depth of body, well sprung ribcage with strong topline correct size. Moved with purpose. Very close here between 1 & 2; 3 Cooke & Hammond's Seasham Super Trouper

Open Dog (9,2). 1 Malin's Sh Ch Heathermark Irish at Benrae, this dog took my eye as soon as he entered the ring, presenting a wonderfully balanced outline. Handsome clean cut head without excessive width, good length of muzzle with a lovely dark eye. Arched neck deep chest, good length of upper arm, short coupled, excellent bone, correct tailset & carriage, beautifully made, moved well with plenty of drive from good rear angulation. *CC*; 2 Dymond's Dutch Ch & Lux Ch Frairsbelle Marsh Mellow, lovely masculine head with kind eye. Strong neck, well balanced, good muscletone & correct coarse coat, pressed hard for top awards, but just needs to settle & not rush while on the move, one to watch for the future; 3 Barnett's Puddledub Poit Dhubh.

Veteran Bitch (4). 1 Brown's Montalba Millie Chillum, 10 years. Beautiful outline when stacked, deep chest with good tuck-up, straight front & strong hindquarters, moved with drive covering plenty of ground. BV; 2 Tait's Benboee Bordeaux, another nice bitch, good head, long neck flowing into well placed shoulders, a little longer cast & not quite the movement of 1; 3 Galloway & Anderson's Ir Sh Ch Alayglow Dakka.

Minor Puppy Bitch (6,1) 1 Beverely's Bryburn Artemis of Vinita, pretty feminine head, clean neck, excellent balanced outline, good legs with nice tight feet, held her topline on the move. Presented & showed well. *BP*; 2 Whitehead's Ladyhawke Jean Genie, another lovely puppy. Well put together, good front with deep chest & short back. Gave her handler a hard time on the move; 3 Lockett's Fayemm Remember Me.

Puppy Bitch (4,1). 1 Lockett's Fayemm Remember Me, good front & very well balanced, good angulation & moved very well; 2 Stopforth's Smilek Running Up Snowdon, nice front with good depth of chest, shorter in muzzle & not quite the movement of 1; 3 Gibbon's Kavacanne Cheeky Vimto.

Junior Bitch (4). **1 Trow's Winterwell Inca Trail**, this bitch stood out in this class. Well developed with a beautiful feminine head & lovely expression good length of muzzle, well placed shoulders, good bend of stifle & well developed second thigh. So well balanced with good all round body proportions in fact with all the attributes of a typical GSP, shown in good hard condition. Moved soundly; **2 Burford's Pingarypoint Eye Candy**, good reach of neck, deep well sprung ribs, good topline, & hindquarters, harsh coat, just prefer the head of 1; **3 Stopforth's Smilek Running Up Snowdon**.

Novice Bitch (3,1). 1 Beverely's Bryburn Artemis of Vinita; 2 Millar's Magregor Whoopie, well constructed with deep chest & nice tuck-up, good coat texture. Backed off while being gone over which made her difficult to assess.

Graduate Bitch (4). 1 Burford's Pingarypoint Eye Candy; 2 Beverely's Bryburn Artemis of Vinita; 3 Gravey's Richtig Rah Rah.

Post Graduate Bitch (6). **1 Schoneville's Balvenie Bella**, beautifully made, well balanced & correctly proportioned, good depth of chest & well sprung ribs, short firm back, well muscled rear which she uses to her advantage on the move giving a super side profile; **2 Tudor's Torranpoint Peppercorn**, feminine head with dark eye giving a kind expression, lovely elegant outline, clean sloping shoulder. good length to upper arm, well bodied with firm hindquarters, good coat texture, moved with reach & drive; **3 Hardie's Twechar Rosebud Forever at Mistyayre**.

Limit Bitch (8,1). 1 Burford's Pingarypoint Hot Topic, lovely elegant type presenting a balanced outline, pretty head with correct eye shape, strong arched neck flowing into correctly angled shoulders, straight front, good body depth, short coupled, nice harsh coat, moved well covering the ground from good rear angulation showing correct tail set. Shown in excellent condition. *RCC*; 2 Cox's Cushatlaw Irresistable, beautifully made excellent front assembly, good depth, clean neck, well placed shoulders, adequate bone. Held her topline on the move; 3 Hammond, Cooke, Mould & Bird's Seasham Indian Sunset over Koolwaters.

Open Bitch (10,1) A strong class of lovely bitches, the best class of the day where I was definitely spoilt for choice. 1 Squire's Sh Ch Taftazini Wilshee Win Too, this bitch oozes quality. Built on flowing lines, classic outline when standing, correctly proportioned, strong muscular neck, good straight front with excellent shoulder placement, short back, excellent front & rear angulation, plenty of substance with the correct amount of bone, moved parallel with reach & drive covering the ground with ease, athletic yet feminine. CC & BOB; 2 Tierney's Keigame Hustle, another beautifully balanced quality bitch. correct size lovely type Fantastic head proportions, excellent conformation, good front & rear angulation, stifles well bent & low hocks.,well muscled with good width of thigh. Just lost out on maturity, one to watch for the future; 3 Elrington's Barlyarch Beetle at Tequesta.