

CRITIQUE - GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB

Judge: Mrs Doreen Smillie-Gray

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Club for the invitation and everyone concerned - committee, exhibitors - for making the day so enjoyable. I have owned GSPs for 35 years and it was a great honour to be asked to judge this prestigious show. My Stewards were excellent, thank you ladies.

The quality of the exhibits forward was good, however the bitches on the day did outshine the dogs.

Minor Puppy Dog (4). **1 Watling's Drysika Dasher.** Only 6 months and his first show, but he caught my eye when he entered the ring. Great coat, good head and length of muzzle, nice depth and moved soundly for a baby, dark eyes. **2 Sielski's Orchidstar Wotsit.** Nice tidy boy with good head into clean shoulders, short back and moves OK, still very much a baby. **3 Heywood Pitwit Action Man.**

Puppy Dog (3,1). **1 Watling's Drysika Dasher.** **2 Heywood's Pitwit Action Man.** 3rd in previous class. He is lacking maturity of winner, good depth and nice size, moves well.

Junior Dog (3). I see all have the same sire. **1 Thomas' Brainscroft Tahiti.** Really liked this dog, good head and length of muzzle, dark eye, clean lines and good angles, moves out well with balance and drive. **2 Delaney's Redmires Ticket to the Stars.** Well handled and a smart chap. For me I much preferred the head of my winner, but he has a good coat, short backed and moves very true and with style. **3 Milligan's Redmires Storm the Stars.**

Yearling Dog (3). **1 Adams' Barleyarch Ariat.** An easy winner, lovely outline, held his topline well on the move, well muscled, smart lad. **2 Proudfoot's Keigame Dante.** He looked much better when he relaxed on the stack, not being co-operative to his handler, nice head and depth, moves OK. **3 Rogers' Disglairhill Red Kite.**

Novice Dog (2). **1 Milligan's Redmires Storm the Stars** who was 3rd in Junior. Nice smart boy with similar characteristics to his brother, good muscle and moves out well. **2 Sielski's Orchidstar Wotsit.**

Graduate Dog (1). **1 Pitman's Pitwit Noble Opal.** Good head, very good temperament, moves out OK, good neck into shoulders.

Post Graduate Dog (1). **1 Hamlin's Know No Bounds at Nuash.** Flashy boy who catches your eye, moves out well with reach and drive, good muscle and angles, very good temperament, happy boy.

Mid Limit Dog (1). **1 Jowsey & Trow's Winterwell Mr Hobbs.** This boy is maturing well, excellent coat, very good muscle. Nice size and short backed, good angles and moves out well, good head and dark eyes.

Limit Dog (7). **1 Mann's Valger Quorum.** He is a smart lad, lovely head and dark eye, good shoulders and clean outlines. He moves with power and drive and is well muscled. **2 Hinchcliff & Grant's Goosepoint Dipper from Stairfoot.** Another good type, sound dog with good depth, good muscle and moves well. Stylish boy. **3 Cooke & Hammond's Seasham Super Trouper.**

Open Dog (8). Lovely class. **1 Harris Am Gr Ch & Sh Ch Vyk-Myst Goes Like The Wind of Barleyarch. CC and RBIS.** Have watched this boy with interest since he first came into the ring and seen him improve every time. Today I thought he looked stunning with a classic head, good eye colour, good coat. Lovely angulation and depth and moves with style and purpose. **2 Thompson's Redmires High Society.** This lad is one that you can easily overlook until you handle him and when he moves he really catches your eye, such power and drive. Nice size of dog, well muscled and delighted to award him **RCC.** **3 Cooke & Hammond's Seasham Jumpin Jack Flash.**

Veteran Dog (3,1). **1 & BVIS Adam's Sh Ch Barleyarch Alvar.** He belies his 9 years of age, lovely kind head, good dark eye, good coat and moves out well, he can still show the youngsters how to move. **2 Mann & Roden's Sh Ch Valger Nearco from Keigame.** Another class dog, lovely head and eye, good angulation and muscle, good depth and moves out well. **3 Rusk's Booton Yvrandes.**

Special Veteran Dog (2). Interestingly both these dogs had the same mum. **1 Charleton's Heathermark Anchorman.** He tugged at the heartstrings this boy. 11 year old, gorgeous head and expression, good front and angles and moves well for his age. **2 Hamlins Heathermark Calibre at Nuash.** Smart boy, well muscled and moved out well.

Field Trial Dog (1). **1 Dymond's NL & Lux Ch Friarsbelle Marsh Mellow.** What a good sound dog, moves with style and drive, well handled. Good coat and angulation, well muscled.

Good Citizen Dog (2). **1 Rusk's Booton Yvrandes.** Good sound boy, moves OK, lovely kind head and expression, dark eye. **2 Proudfoot's Keigame Dante.**

Minor Puppy Bitch (4). **1 & BPIS Joy's Pitwit the Best Surprise at Mannlicher.** What a lovely package, elegant head with good dark eyes, plenty of depth of rib and muscle and lovely angles, moves with style and drive. **2 Heydt & Pitman's Pitwit Festive time at Westard.** Litter sister. She is a longer cast girl than the winner, not quite the depth but moves true, well muscled. **3 Pudney's Pitwit Winter Glow.**

Puppy Bitch (5). Close decision between first and second place. **1 Joy's Pitwit the Best Surprise at Mannlicher.** **2 Trow's Winterwell Inca Trail.** She is a lovely pup with great attributes, Good head and eye, good front and lovely angulation, moves out well. Good coat and can easily understand how she is doing so well in the ring and I am sure will these two pups will be ones to watch for the future. **3 Heydt & Pitman's Pitwit Festive time.**

Junior Bitch (4). **1 Hudson-Smith & Hudson's Teverlarni Tapauenuku.** Well handled to show off this smart girl, lovely shape, good angles and coat, good depth of rib and moves with power and style. **2 Sielski's Orchidstar Xtra O'live.** Well muscled girl with good angulation, moves OK, good front and depth. **3 Thompson's Redmires Bedazzled.**

Yearling Bitch (2). **1 Drysdale's Drysika Fast Track.** Nice bitch, good head and eye colour, good coat and lovely angulation, moves out well, well muscled. **2 Thompson's Redmires Bedazzled.** 3rd in Junior. Lost on maturity in this class, smart girl, good size and bone, well muscled and moves well.

Novice Bitch (3). **1 Joy's Pitwit the Best Surprise at Mannlicher.** **2 Pudney's Pitwit Winter Glow.** 3rd in puppy. Nice sound girl, moves very true and well muscled. **3 Beresford's Tuptonsett Sophie the Diva.**

Graduate Bitch (5,1). **1 Thomas' Brainscroft Saffron.** Thought this bitch was lovely and challenged hard for the RCC. Excellent coat, gorgeous head and eye, well muscled and moves with such power and style. **2 Pingault's Taftazini Anita Package.** Same sire as my winner. Another nice one with good head and expression, good depth of rib and very well muscled, moves out well. **3 McDougall's Robincroft Charleston.**

Post Graduate Bitch (4,2). **1 Schoneville's Balvenie Bella.** Very smart girl, very good muscle, good head and expression, moves out well, honest type. **2 Mann's Jomeel Kindred Spirit.**

Mid Limit Bitch (8,3). **1 Hayes' Valger Quartz in Elfrindew.** Gorgeous head and expression, nice size and moves around the ring with power and style. Good angulation and well muscled, smart girl. **2 Whitehouse's Kazanpaul Crème de la Crème.** Another smart girl with the best of coats, very well muscled, good angulation not quite the reach of stride as my winner but one that cannot be overlooked. **3 Tudor's Torranpoint Peppercorn.**

Limit Bitch (2). **1 Cox's Cushatlaw Irresistable JW ShCM.** Good head and eye, good front and depth of rib, well muscled and moves soundly, nice bitch. **2 Hughes' Sonnenberg Seaholly.** Different type to my winner but another quality bitch, excellent muscle, good angulation and moves well.

Open Bitch (11,0). Lovely class of quality bitches. **1, CC & BIS Dawson & Walker's Sh Ch Jolicoem Laliue.** This was her day, she looked really good, excellent muscle, gorgeous head and expression, coat spot on and good depth of rib, powers around the ring very stylish and powerful but retains her femininity. **2 Brown's Barleyarch Tigernut at Graygees.** Same sire as my winner. Another top notcher, oozes quality and moves well. Holds her topline well on the move, good head and expression. I am sure her day will come soon. **3 Squire's Sh Ch Taftazini Wilshee Wyn Too JW ShCM.**

Veteran Bitch (3,2). **1 Harris' Sh Ch Barleyarch Pixie JW.** Litter sister to my Veteran dog, good coat and head, good mover and good muscle, quality girl. **2 Pitmans Dyson's Delight via Pitwit.** Mum of those lovely puppies. Good honest type, sweet head and expression, good depth of rib and well muscled. Moves well. **3 Drysdale Drysika Fleur de Lis JW.**

Special Veteran Bitch (4,1). **1 Elrington's Barleyarch Rattan at Tequesta.** Amazing sound bitch for her age, really good condition, well made and moves well. **2 Rusk's Booton Ailsa.** Another girl who at 13 looks really well, good coat and moves out well, honest type. **3 Squire's Sh Ch Winterwell Dolly Wagon via Taftazini JW.**

Field Trial Bitch (3). **1 & RCC Elrington's Barleyarch Beetle at Tequesta JW.** Well made bitch with excellent coat, good depth and angulation, good eye colour and moves with power and style. Smart and clever girl. **2 Izard's Goosepoint Chincapin.** Another smart and clever girl, good coat, well muscled and moves out well. **3 Pudney's Stairfoot Skye.**

Good Citizen Bitch (2,1). **1 Coe and Pitman's Int Sh Ch, Lux, NL & Dutch VDH Pitwit Leeona.** A sound honest bitch who moves out really well, good depth, nice head and expression.