

CRITIQUE - GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER ASSOCIATION

Judge: Mr W Ashcroft

First I would like to thank the GSPA for inviting me to judge this show and all the exhibitors for the excellent entry.

I really enjoyed my day going over some lovely GSPs and thought the atmosphere excellent and my decisions to be received in a sporting manner.

Although I thought my dog and bitch line ups to be full of quality and the type that I am looking for, there are a few aspects of the breed that concern me.

I found quite a variety of heads and I urge breeders to consider this with future litters. There were some with short muzzles and others with over-long narrow muzzles. The GSP was "designed" to use its nose when hunting and therefore requires good wide nostrils and muzzle to match.

Movement was very mixed, with some "flapping" their front feet, while others had very stilted rear movement. The breed standard calls for a smooth, lithe gait, effortlessly covering plenty of ground with the hind legs giving forceful propulsion.

Having said this, there were some classes that were full of quality and I was spoilt for choice. The strength in all the puppy classes was most gratifying and bodes well for the future.

Minor Puppy Dog (5). Nice class! **1 Hinchliff's Gloster Grebe.** Just 6 months old, but what a little cracker! Superb construction with a good head and neck flowing into good shoulders and a lovely topline. Good straight front and beautifully angulated rear. Being so young, he was a little unsettled on the move, but once he settled down he demonstrated good reach and drive. BPD. **2 Howe's Puddledub Pretender from Gitsaro.** Another very promising baby, slightly shorter cast than the winner, but again good balance and moved out true fore and aft once settled. **3 Cooper's Gameglow Top Gun.**

Puppy Dog (7,1). **1 Hinchliff's Gloster Grebe.** **2 Coghlan's Soellis Smug Doug.** It will be interesting to see how this boy develops. He has a lot going for him, but lacked the overall balance of the winner today. He has a good head and neck with a straight front and a good coat. **3 Staley's Jomeel Midnight Rambler**

Junior Dog (4,1). **1 Thurm's Bryburn Bacchus.** Very well proportioned dog, with a good head and pleasing expression. A good set of shoulders and straight front with gently sloping pasterns. A good topline with correct tailset. **2 Watling's Drysika Dasher.** Longer cast than the winner with a good coat, but not the same overall balance. **3 Woolley's Fayemm Get Ready for Dunsa**

Yearling Dog (4,0). **1 Jackman's Navigareamor Hardtoport.** Well up to size, but well constructed. Straight fore and aft with good shoulders and bend of stifle. Well defined head with a pleasing expression and a good coat. Moved well. **2 Hopkin's Seasham Don't Stop Me Now.** Slightly smaller and shorter coupled than the winner, but a lot to like. A good coat and topline with good angulation and a good head. **3 Delaney's Redmires Ticket to the Stars JW**

Post Graduate Dog (3,0). **1 Milligan's Redmires Storm the Stars at Chevinlade.** Not the biggest of dogs, but well put together, showing good balance. A good topline, which was evident in good movement, correct shoulders and rear angulation. **2 Harper's Tywivale Top Drawer.** Upstanding black and white dog which shows some promise, not the movement of the winner. Not handled to his potential. **3 Roger's Disglairhill Red Kite.**

Limit Dog (12,0). A very nice class! **1 Wilkinson's Zarozinia Beinn An Oir ShCM.** Lovely solid liver dog with a good head and neck leading into good shoulders and smooth topline. Straight front with gently sloping pasterns and correct rear angulation with strong hocks completing the picture. Moved out well demonstrating drive. Was delighted to award him the **RDCC.** **2 Staley's Keigame Chilli Bean at Jomeel.** Another lovely boy, slightly shorter coupled but a real picture with a good front and rear angulation. Nice head and neck assembly. It was a close run decision between these two dogs and I was splitting hairs. **3 Roden's Keigame Nasrullah.**

Open Dog (12,3). Another cracking class, with the first 5 capable of changing places on another day. **1 Brown & Burns' Sh Ch Magregor Three's a Crowd at Pothouse JW ShCM.** This liver and white dog was really on good form today. He impressed me on my first inspection and did not disappoint. He had beautiful balance with a good head and expression. His head carriage and arrogance demanded "look at me" with his good shoulders, straight front and good rear angulation. His movement was effortless and I was delighted to award him the **DCC.** **2 Flaherty & Reddyhough's Sh Ch Isara Kurzhaar Weiser JW ShCM.** A flashy liver and white dog I have admired in the past and he has matured nicely. A worthy champion. He has good shoulders, rear angulation and held his topline on the move. Preferred the movement and the panache of the winner today. **3 Cooke & Hammonds' Seasham Jumping Jack flash.**

Veteran Dog (3,0). **1 Smillie-Gray's Sh Ch Oakberrow Wotzinaname ShCM.** 8½ years old liver and white chap. Moved out really well demonstrating plenty of drive. Good shoulders and well bent stifles. **2 Read's Wilholme Edwardian Dream.** Just slightly younger, but a well built solid liver boy with good balance. Preferred movement of the winner today. **3 Potter's Ivoravon Storm ina T' Cup**

Special Veteran Dog (4,2). These dogs showed the youngsters how to move! **1 Carling, Whiting & Bates' Sh Ch Valache Brooklyn Dodger ShCM.** A flashy liver and white boy who is now over 10 years old, but still moves out true with plenty of drive. Good shape with a good coat and nice front. **2 Parrs Tikkaruger Apple and Pears.** Over 11 years old, but full of life and moving out quite beautifully. Again well constructed, he pushed the winner hard.

Field Trial Dog (1,0) **1 Dymond's Int Sh Ch, NL, Lux & Bel Sh Ch Friarsbelle Marshmellow.** Liver and white dog with good angulation and shoulders. Moved out with drive.

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Dog (3,1). **1 Staley's Keigame Chilli Bean at Jomeel.** **2 Rusk's Marran's Spring Mist over Booton.** Flashy liver and white dog with good overall shape, lacked the movement of the winner.

Minor Puppy Bitch (5,0). **1 Hustler's Aytee Katerina.** Lovely 8 months old liver and white puppy with a good coat and correct tailset. Straight fore and aft, she moved out well. **2 Robson & Allerton's Sigourney Safara.** 7 month old liver and white baby, slightly larger and longer cast than the winner. Good shoulders, good movement. **3 Marsh's Kentixen Make a Memory for Kilnrae**

Puppy Bitch (10,1). **1 Ellis' Soellis Fannie Annie.** 10 months old liver and white. I couldn't take my eyes off this little cracker. A lovely puppy in good condition, so beautifully balanced. Her good head and neck just flowed into a lovely topline. Straight front and rear, she moved out really well with good drive. I was delighted to award her the **RBCC** and **Best Puppy in Show.** **2 Malin's Keigame Murphlette at Benrae.** 10 months old liver and white. Another delicious puppy who was slightly larger and heavier than the winner. Well balanced with good construction. She missed out to the winner on movement, but this may settle as she matures. **3 Heath's Winterwell Miss Marple at Pinseeker**

Junior Bitch (10,2). **1 Rose & Gaffney's Kavacanne Vixen.** A very nice liver and white bitch with good head, shoulders and rear angulation. A nice straight front and good coat. She moved out well. **2 Pudney's Pitwit Winter Glow.** Another lovely bitch with the same attributes as the winner, but lost out on movement today. **3 Beverley's Bryburn Artemis of Vinita**

Yearling Bitch (5,2). **1 Beverley's Bryburn Artemis of Vinita.** Very nice bitch of correct size with a nice head, good balance, excellent shoulders and good topline. **2 Milligan's Isara Kurzhaar All Spice.** Liver and white, slightly finer than winner with a good head, nice shape and good coat. **3 Stopforth's Smilek Running Up Snowden.**

Post Graduate Bitch (7,2). **1 Haran & Waddell's Magregor Shneeball.** A well proportioned liver and white bitch with a good head and neck, good front and excellent rear angulation. Very good topline that was held on the move. **2 Hopkin's Seasham Dancing Queen.** Slightly shorter than the winner, but well proportioned. Has a good coat, good front and rear angulation. She moved out well. **3 Sielski's Orchidstar Xtra O'live JW.**

Limit Bitch (6,2). **1 Peebles' Keigame Hopscotch.** Another well constructed bitch from a kennel I have long admired. Solid liver with well laid shoulders, a good straight front and well angulated rear. She moved out well and with drive. **2 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Eiderdown.** A slightly larger bitch with a good head and coat. I preferred the overall balance of the winner today. **3 Schoneville's Balvenie Bella JW.**

Open Bitch (10,1). A lovely class! **1 Drew's Sh Ch Cushatlaw Illustrious JW.** Absolutely lovely liver and white bitch shown in good condition (was amazed to be told later she'd had a litter 11 weeks ago). She was everything I was looking for. Lovely balance and a good coat. Nice feminine head and expression with good shoulders and nice, straight front. She had a good topline leading down to a well set on tail, with good rear angulation. She moved effortlessly around the ring with plenty of drive. Fully deserved the **BCC and Best in Show.** **2 Thurm's Sh Ch Valger Odette.** Another lovely liver and white well balanced bitch with a lot to admire. Good shoulders and well angulated rear. Straight in front with a good tailset and coat. Just not moving so well as the winner today. **3 Tierney's Sh Ch Keigame Hustle JW ShCM**

Veteran Bitch (4,0). **1 Hopkin's Seasham Dressed for Success.** 7 year old liver and white girl in lovely condition with great balance. Moved out well, showing good drive both fore and aft. Fully deserved to be awarded **Best Veteran in Show.** **2 Peebles' Keigame Leading Lady JW ShCM.** Now 9 years old, another old favourite of mine. She is still a nicely constructed bitch shown in good condition. **3 Trow's Keigame Bossanova around Winterwell**

Special Veteran Bitch (3,1). **1 Whitehouse's Kazanpaul Crème Brulee AWG.** 10½ years old liver and white bitch. Short coupled with a good coat, neck and front. She moved out well, belying her years. **2 Brown & Burn's Pothouse Miss Lavender.** Almost 12 years old, but still moving and looking well. Preferred overall balance of winner today.

Field Trial Bitch (5,0). A class filled with quality bitches. **1 Elrington's Barleyarch Beetle at Tequesta JW.** This bitch moved like a dream and really pushed hard in the challenge. She has a nice head with a good straight front, gently sloping pasterns and good shoulder placement. Correct bend of stifle and upright hocks completed the picture. Delighted to award her Best Field Trial in Show. **2 Izard's Goosepoint Chincapin JW.** Another well constructed bitch, shown in lovely, hard condition. Again, good front and rear angulation. She had an excellent coat. Moved well, but preferred more precise movement of winner. **3 Nixon's Quintana Hollie Berry**

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bitch (3,0). **1 Beverley's Bryburn Artemis of Vinita.** **2 Whitehouse's Kazanpaul Crème de la Crème.** Liver and white bitch who is well balanced in profile with good shoulders and good rear angulation. **3 Coe & Pitman's Int Sh Ch, Lux, NL & Dt Ch Pitwit Leona.**

THE DAVID LAYTON MEMORIAL SPECIAL AWARDS CLASSES

Judge: Mr David Remedy Smith.

Firstly, I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge these classes. They made me feel very welcome and it was an honour. Even with absentees I had 33 dogs to go over in 3 classes. Some dogs went unplaced which were good specimens of the breed. I would also like to thank the exhibitors for entering and showing good sport on my decisions. It was a special day for me and the atmosphere added to that!

Junior Dog or Bitch (18,3). This was a class topped with quality and unfortunately a few baby puppies that lost out on maturity to the junior dogs. Placings could easily swap in the future. **1 Lockett's Fayemm Remember Me.** Lovely 13-month-old bitch oozing quality. Standing she creates a picture of substance yet femininity. Her head is in my eyes is what I was looking for. Lovely eye shape yet to fully darken. Creating a soft biddable expression. She has a beautiful arch to her neck which leads into clean well laid shoulders. She stands on good feet with the correct substance for a lady. She has a crisp harsh jacket. I would like maybe a little less angulation behind but my only criticism of her. She moved soundly coming and going and showed excellent reach and drive in profile. **2 Thurm's Bryburn Bachuss.** This 13-month male I have admired from ringside on a few occasions and he doesn't disappoint on inspection. He has excellent breed type and looks a picture stood. Nothing is over done on this lad but I did prefer the head and front of one. He shows an arch to his neck and well up for bone and stands on good feet. Short backed with an excellent harsh coat. Perfect angulation behind and when this boy moves it all comes together for one so young. He was one of best in profile.

Open Dog or Bitch (21,7). What a smashing class to have. Packed full of quality. **1 Malin's Sh Ch Heathermark Irish at Benrae ShCM.** My recording says wow and he wowed me today. He has a head to die for in my opinion, shows that lovely roman nose. With the darkest of eye and the softest expression. He reminds me of a dog close to my heart. He has well laid shoulders and perfect balance and substance. Short backed and stands over plenty of ground. The picture really begins when this dog sails round the ring, his movement is effortless and ground covering. He was on his game today and couldn't be denied. Best overall! **2 Tierney's Sh Ch Keigame Hustle.** Another dog in fine fettle today. A Bitch of fine qualities that isn't a surprise from this kennel. She is of the lower end of the standard but I find her to be balanced and shows excellent breed type. Her head again is just divine with a soft dark eye and also has that roman bump. Good reach of neck into clean well laid shoulders. Short in back with the best of coats. She has excellent muscle tone and stands on the neatest of feet. Coming and going she has perfect footfall but didn't have the reach and drive of one. she is oh so sound.

Special Working Dog or Bitch (7,3). This also was a strongly contested class and all of the 4 dogs had excellent qualities. **1 Brown's Ch Barleyarch Tigernut at Graygees.** Every bit a champion this bitch is. Couldn't be denied this class on her qualities and breed type. Standing she is a picture and a combination of the kennels I have admiration for. She has the sweetest feminine head with perfect eye colour and shape. She has a well arched strong neck leading into clean shoulders. She is well angulated fore and after, has balance in substance and stands on the tightest of feet. Short backed with the best jacket of the day. On the move, she is a joy to watch in side profile. She pushed the Open winner for top spot and it was a close call. Was a pleasure to judge a dog of this quality. **2 Parr's Pruso Blue My Cover.** This boy is a classical Gsp in type and style. A dog I feel should have done more as he possesses so many qualities. He is in great shape and has excellent muscle tone. Beautiful classic head with a slight roman bump. Nice eye dark and well-shaped creating a soft biddable expression. He has a strong slightly arched neck and is short backed with a crisp coat. Shows balance in substance and has excellent hind angulation. This is clearly a good working dog as he is in fine fettle for his years. Was a little excitable on the move today but I was pleased to see him enjoying the show ring.