

CRITIQUE - WINDSOR DOG SHOW SOCIETY

Judge Mrs C Sharp

It was an honour to award my first set of tickets in this breed at one of my favourite shows. My thanks to all those who entered and accepted my decisions sportingly. In the main I found the breed to be in pretty good shape though it was noticeable that the quality is far better across bitches than in the males. Heads were varied, some lacking strength of muzzle and others far too broad across the skull which gave a very untypical look to them. Eye colour was good across the entry with only a handful of youngsters with eyes yet to darken. My main criticism would be that some poor movement is creeping in to the breed, dogs being bred with over angulated rears which goes hand in hand with side winding and over reaching. Coat texture was good with only a couple with soft coats. I was particularly impressed with the condition the dogs were presented in with over 80% of the entry being fit, well muscled and looking capable of doing the job they're bred for.

Veteran Dog or Bitch (3). **1 Smillie-Gray's Sh Ch Oakberrow Wotzinaname ShCM.** A real 'old type' GSP. He has a pleasing head, good eye colour. He won this class as I liked his front assembly with good length of upper arm. Good topline/tailset and a well angulated rear. He is balanced and moves well. **2 Cook & Lamb's Adhemar Alcyde.** Another nice boy with a super head. He is nicely put together but was roaching his topline slightly on the move today. In lovely, fit condition. **3 Braine's Kenine March to Victory ShCM.**

Minor Puppy Dog (2). **1 Hinchcliff's Goosepoint Gloster Grebe.** An impressive pup who is very together for his age. A good head, eyes need to darken. Good neck into well laid shoulders. He has excellent depth for one so young. Strong, well angulated rear. In super condition and beautifully handled. He is still moving like a puppy so a little erratic at the moment and it was this that cost him in the challenge for best puppy today. **2 Hooper & Brooks' Kentsteen Diemel. A flashy boy.** Not the lay of shoulder of my winner but otherwise a nicely put together pup with good bone and feet who moved soundly.

Puppy Dog (2). **1 Hinchcliff's Goosepoint Gloster Grebe. 2 Cooper's Gameglow Top Gun.** Though a month older than my winner, he isn't as together yet. I liked his head, he had plenty of depth to his chest, good bone and feet and he was in good condition. I found him a little upright in shoulder and over angulated behind. I'd also prefer less slope to his topline. Exuberant on the move but I saw enough to see he is sound. He needs time.

Junior Dog (3). **1 Coghlan's Soellis Smug Doug.** What a smasher this dog is. I liked his head, kind expression, good length of neck into well laid shoulders. He has good bone and feet, correct topline and tailset and is well angulated behind. He has good depth of chest. He is impressive in profile, doesn't disappoint on closer inspection and on the move, he further demonstrates his superb construction with excellent reach and drive. There is nothing overdone about him and to top it all, he was presented in hard, fit, muscular condition. Delighted that this CC gave him his title making him the breed's youngest show champion. Congratulations to all concerned. **DCC & BOB. 2 Marsh & Hoad's Winterwell Sam Spade at Kilnrae.** Another quality dog with lots to like about him. He has a lovely head, is well angulated fore and aft and is the correct height/length proportions. In tip top condition and moved well. Just a shame he met my winner on such top form. **3 Cook & Lamb's Brooke will do it through Wilcook.**

Yearling Dog (2,1). **1 Coghlan's Soellis Smug Doug.**

Limit Dog (6). **1 Adams' Barleyarch Ariat JW ShCM.** Really liked this dog, he was in my top three for consideration for the CC. He is typey and balanced. I loved his head, good length of neck, shoulders well laid back and good return of upperarm. Good bone and feet, his chest was deep, well angulated rear and he was in excellent condition. He covers the ground beautifully. Coat of excellent texture. **2 Tarrant & Powell's Malmelsa Romancing Romeo at Pawnic JW.** Another nice example of the breed, I just preferred the flow of neck into shoulder of my winner. I liked this boy's shape and he moved well. Well muscled. **3 John's Keigame Jigsaw.**

Open Dog (7, 2). **1 Harris' Am Gr Ch Sh Ch Vjk-myst Goeslikethewind of Barleyarch (Imp USA).** So different in type to the others in the class but I felt that with his superb construction and excellent ground covering movement, he had to win. He is every inch the showman. It was a close decision between him and the DCC winner but I just preferred the breed type of the younger dog. **RDCC. 2 Smith's Winterwell Fowl Play.** He has a good head, super front and good depth of chest. His topline/tailset is good. Good turn of stifle and well muscled. Presented in excellent condition and he moved beautifully. More my type of GSP but he just couldn't compete with the showmanship of my winner on the day. Well handled. **3 Jones' Sh Ch Barleyarch Dubarry ShCM.**

Good Citizens Dog or Bitch (2,1). **1 Beverley's Bryburn Artemis of Vinita.** One I have admired from the ringside in the past. She is just my type of bitch - compact, workmanlike, well constructed and with a beautiful head. She covered the ground beautifully demonstrating reach and drive from all angles. **RBCC.**

Minor Puppy Bitch (2). **1 Rose's Kavacanne Fraggie Rock.** A very nice puppy indeed. A lovely head/expression, good length of neck into well laid shoulders. Correct topline/tailset. Sufficient depth for age and a well angulated rear. At first, a little unsure of herself but she settled to show some really good movement. Will watch her career with interest. **2 Bee's Benbooe Bopfingen.** Another nice pup but longer cast and I preferred the squarer body proportions of my winner. Good bone and feet, shoulders a little upright but a good topline and tailset. Sufficient rear angulation and moved well. **BP.**

Junior Bitch (7). **1 Harris' Barleyarch Playtime (AI) JW.** Just my type of GSP. I loved her head and she is beautiful in profile. I found her balanced, feminine and in excellent condition. In the class, she moved superbly. For her age, I was impressed at how 'finished' she is. I was considering her for further honours but unfortunately she was side winding in the challenge. **2 Jones' Barleyarch Fairplay.** A quality girl who wasn't doing herself any favours as she kept fidgeting. Not the maturity of my winner and needs to body up but she is a lovely shape and moved well.

Yearling Bitch (5,1). **1 Pudney's Pitwit Winter Glow JW.** Stand out winner in this class. I really liked her and she pushed hard in the challenge later too - she was very close to getting the **RBCC.** She has a good head and is well constructed all through. She has an excellent return of upperarm which gives her super reach on the move. She is feminine, workmanline and was in tip top condition. Moved beautifully. **2 Stainsby-Soanes' Whistlecraft Go Go Gadget.** Was in the previous class but hadn't got her act together on the move. It was a different story here and she covered the ground well demonstrating really accurate footfall. She is a pretty bitch who is well made and balanced. Another presented in super condition. **3 Nixon's Quintana Qin Qiao.**

Post Graduate Bitch (5). **1 Beverley's Bryburn Artemis of Vinita. 2 Edwards' Kacela Sweet Imani in Jadenco.** I liked the type of this bitch. Found her a little strong in head for a female but she was smart in profile, well constructed and moved well. **3 Burford's Pingarypoint Eye Candy.**

Limit Bitch (6). **1 Gain & Dixon's Kavacanne A Vikmto for Molkara JW.** Headed a strong class full of quality bitches. This girl scored in front angulation with well laid shoulders and good length of upperarm. I liked her head, she is well made all through and moved beautifully. In excellent condition and well handled. **2 Hudson-Smith's Teverlarni Tapuaenuku.** I was really splitting hairs in this class and this girl shared many of the same attributes as my winner. They could easily have swapped places. Another with a lovely head, good expression, nicely put together and moved well. **3 Smith's Indijazz Young Love at Abbeyaire.**

Open Bitch (9,1). **1 Hayes' Valger Quartz in Elfrindew.** This bitch exudes quality and breed type. She is workmanlike whilst retaining femininity. I loved her head and expression. Good neck into well laid shoulders and good return of upperarm. Her topline/tailset are spot on and she has sufficient depth of chest. Well angulated rear. She is particularly impressive on the move where she demonstrates an effortless ground covering action. In excellent condition and handled to perfection. Delighted to hear this was her second CC and that she achieved the 3rd just 8 days later. A worthy title holder - congratulations. **BCC. 2 Dawson & Walker's Sh Ch Jolicoem Lalique.** One I have admired before. More elegant than my winner. A feminine bitch who is nicely constructed all through. Moved soundly but couldn't match the reach and drive of 1 today. **3 Brown's Ch Barleyarch Tigernut at Graygees.**