

CRITIQUE - BATH CANINE SOCIETY

Judge: Mrs J M Miller

I do love this show and with its in and out weather tents the showground appeared immaculate with the short cut grass with the arrangement of stall holders around the edge of the ground. The large group and Best in Show tent situated in the centre of the show ground with the judges tables and chairs at the top end of the large ring with beautiful flower arrangements. I thank the Society for the appointment and the warm welcome and lovely hospitality. I had three breeds to judge, the quality of the German Shorthaired Pointers was very good, I found it a little difficult to find similar types, but was very pleased with my main winners, and the final line ups of both dogs and bitches were similar, and I could see what I liked stood before me. Some of the bitches were rather on the tall and coarse side, just needing to watch the strength in heads. Several of both sexes were steep in upper arm making for short forward reach, some were also lacking in rear musculature which is a shame in such a working gundog breed.

Minor Puppy Dog (1). 1 Hooper & Brooks' Kensteen Diemel.

Puppy Dog (2). 1 Coghlan's Soellis Smug Doub. What a stunning youngster with a lovely build and balance with correct outline, masculine clean developed head, broad skull, well developed muzzle, nice nose, good eye shape, kind expression, would like eyes a little darker, but this will no doubt improve with age. Correct arched neck of length to fore angles, in lovely body condition with depth, well ribbed back, strong broad quarters, muscled for age, correct straight well boned legs, just a fraction wide at elbow with good return of stifle. Strong compact feet. Moved out with style covering the ground well, just a little wide at front but with good reach and rear drive, much sounder than second with an excellent side stride, a pup with a future as he develops. **BP. 2 Marsh & Hoads' Winterwell Sam Spade At Kilnrae.** Nice liver youngster with a balanced outline and of breed type, .disappointing on the stance and the move as was roaching slightly in his topline. Smart, balanced, clean headed boy with slightly arched neck to shoulder, well bodied with good straight well boned forelegs, stood wide at elbow. Well ribbed back body with some depth, strong hindquarters, moderate stifle with good musculature for age. Moved out well with enough reach and drive but was close at hock and a little wide at front.

Novice Dog (1). 1 Marsh & Hoad's Winterwell Sam Spade At Kilnrae.

Post Graduate Dog (1). 1 Hopkins' Seaham Don't Stop Me Now. I love the stock from this talented breeder with another very youthful looking 22 months dark liver ticked in lovely coarse coat and skin condition. Medium size, well built on clean lines and balanced outline, nicely put together masculine head, nice dark kind eye, good use of ears, arched neck clean well set and laid shoulder into firm level short back. Correctly angulated front and hindquarters on a body with depth and a ribcage well sprung and back with nice tuck to loin. Straight well boned legs, pasterns could be stronger, compact feet, excellent mover once he settled, and was sound both ends with excellent side stride. Should have a good future.

Limit Dog (9,1). 1 Tarrant & Powell's Malmelsa Romancing Romeo At Pawnic JW. Headed a very nice class, my main winners were very breed type. Very impressive medium build presented in super condition liver ticked coat and taut skin over a body of substance and depth with good width of chest well ribbed back with nice loin. Strong front angles and broad hindquarters with well bent stifles with muscle development. Very positive and sound free striding with excellent ground coverage. This boy has a great headpiece correct shape and balance and carries it proudly when he moves, dark well shaped eyes and correctly used ears gives him a kind expression. Another I will watch with interest. **2 Stammers' Barleyarch Billbug At Lochpointer.** Liver and white spotted in super skin and coat condition, very impressive on the stance and shows good balance and medium build. Very well developed head of correct shape and lovely dark alert eyes and well placed ears, neck slightly arched holding head well but on the move seems to hold his head to one side which spoils his action, firm level backline and nice tail over a deep body well ribbed back, good angulations both ends. Straight well boned forelegs and bent stifle with musculature. Compact feet, sound free forward reach and driving rear once settled. **3 Hammond's Seaham Super Trouper JW.**

Open Dog (9,2). 1 Jones' Sh Ch Barleyarch Dubarry ShCM. A dog that impressed me from the moment he entered the ring. My thoughts went back to a show in Devon when a very smart puppy impressed as he entered the ring and I awarded him BPIS. Now this pup at just over 2 years has matured into a cleanly built and balanced dog that stood before me. Loved his headpiece with gentle look from dark eyes, high set broad ears. Head held proudly on a long slightly arched neck into well laid shoulders and firm level backline with slight fall to well carried tail, over a deep body with width to chest and elbows held well in to a body with substance and ribs well sprung and back to a tuck at loin, super skin and liver ticked flat coat in lovely condition. Broad rump muscular quarters strong thighs with well bent stifle. So well handled, on the move he produced a sound effortless gait that covered the ground with reach and drive. Proud to see he has gained his crown awarded **DCC & BOS. 2 Cooke & Hammond's Seasham Jumpin Jack Flash.** Another dog whom has impressed in the past and was on good form today but he did not seem to put effort into his gait, and although very sound he could not match the side stride of first, and thought his topline could have been firmer on the move. Very powerfully built with lovely angulation, balance and clean lines stood covering the ground well, great body with depth and substance and tone. Well sprung back ribs to a nice tuck at the loin and covered in a conditioned skin with a dark liver ticked coarse flat jacket. Straight well boned forelegs and muscular return of stifle. Such a nicely proportioned masculine head which I loved, expressive and alert looking dark eyes, super broad high set well held ears, another who held his head well on a long neck laid back into his shoulders. **RDCC. 3 Harris' Am Gr Ch & Sh Ch Vjk-Myst Goeslikethewind Of Barleyarch.**

Veteran Dog (1). 1 Baines' Kenine March Of Victory ShCM. Powerfully constructed with correct outline to this eight and a half year old, well presented in a liver and white spotted coat in lovely clean condition. Such a quality very noble looking dog with good headpiece, dark eyes with soft expression and alert, correct high set ears. Strong long slightly arched neck into well laid shoulders and upper arm angles to well held in straight forelegs with tight compact feet, deep chest with width a muscular well sprung body. Muscular hindquarters with good return of stifle and straight hocks. Sound powerful mover with good side stride and reach and drive. **BV.**

Minor Puppy Bitch (4,1). 1 Stammers' Deena Ballettanzler At Lochpointer. I really like the look of this seven and a half months old, but I just hope she does not grow on anymore as she must certainly be near the top end of the standard. However, she was so nice to go over and as sound as you can make them with lovely reach and drive. Very pretty correctly constructed head, dark eyes with sweet expression and well held and used ears. Super length to neck well arched set correctly into shoulders and well angled forequarters, lovely straight well boned legs and compact feet, elbows well in on a body with substance and depth with ribs well sprung back and tuck to short loin. Such a lovely presented coarse textured flat coat. Broad hindquarters with good return of stifle and straight hocks. **BPB. 2 Roses' Kavacanne Fraggie Rock.** Very impressed by this youngster who was of a smaller and slighter build but has good substance and depth to her body which was presented in a flat coarse nicely conditioned liver ticked coat. Sweet well proportioned head, nice eye shape and colour, high set on ears well held. Level short backline, nice hindquarters, well angulated, elbows in on straight boned legs and compact feet. She was a little apprehensive which showed on the move as she seemed to be moving a little scarred and appeared to be hard for her handler to control, but with such a good handler working hard and got her to settle and produced a good stride and both ends were sound. **3 Bee's Benboee Bopfinger.**

Puppy Bitch (4). 1 Stammer's Deena Ballettanzler At Lochpointer. 2 Ellis' Soellis Fannie Annie. I loved the classical clean lines of this eleven and a half months old who stood covering the ground well. Clean cut head proportionate and feminine, but was disappointed to see light round eyes spoiling her expression. Arched neck of good length into well laid shoulders, firm level short back and nicely set tail. Well bodied with depth, substance good width of chest and elbows in on legs with bone a little fine, compact feet. Good stifle and hocks, muscled for age. Nicely conditioned and presented dark liver ticked coat. Stylish mover and sound. **3 Nixon's Quintana Qin Qiao.**

Junior Bitch (4,1). 1 Harris' Barleyarch Playtime (AI). Gave a good account of herself as she entered the ring which touched my attention, a very stylish youngster who, with clean outlines, really impressed, and I was certainly not disappointed on going over her, and this continued into her movement which was effortless with good forward reach and rear powerful drive and in a sound package. Lovely feminine balanced clean-cut head, dark expressive alert eyes, well used ears, big nose, strong jaw. Head carried on a long arched neck into well laid shoulders with correct angles and width and depth to her chest. Straight well boned legs and tight compact feet. Short firm level back over a body with depth and substance and ribs well sprung and back with elbows held well in. Nice body line to tuck up, to a short loin, beautiful flat, coarse textured, dark liver ticked coat. Muscular hindquarters with breadth and excellent return of stifle. Could not find anything to equal her and awarded **BCC & BOB. 2 Rose & Gaffney's Kavacanne Vixen JW.** Lovely medium sized youngster who looked of good balance and build. Very feminine proportionate head, good soft expression but eyes could be darker, correct broad ear placement, strong jaw. Correct neck length into well laid shoulders and firm backline and nice tail. Well bodied with depth and ribs well back but into slightly longer loin. Presented well in liver ticked flat coat with good skin. Strong broad hindquarters, just enough bone to forelegs, compact arched feet. Another slightly unsettled on the move but well handled to get her settled and sound with good stride. **3 Stopforth's Smilek Running Up Snowden.**

Novice Bitch (2,1). 1 Lauchlan's Wingfielding Believe In Yourself. Stood well covering the ground, a bigish bitch at the top end of the standard but still a very feminine lady with many good points to admire. Very well developed pretty head, dark expressive and alert eyes, well positioned and held broad ears. Strong long neck into well laid shoulders and a level longer backline inclined to dip slightly on the stance to a well set on tail. Substance and depth to her well ribbed and sprung body, little long in loin. Depth to chest and straight well boned forelegs and compact feet, strong rump and muscular hindquarters and strong hocks, well handled to move out very well with good stride and soundly.

Post Graduate Bitch (7). 1 Pudney's Piwit Winter Glow JW. Very sweet and impressive on the stance with lots of quality and good breed points. Lovely outline and super head carriage being very feminine and well balanced, medium soft looking dark eyes very alert and well set. Broad high set on ears used well giving good attentive look. A medium build with lovely overall balance and clean outline. Super muscled body under a firm short back with a slight slope to well set on and carried docked tail. Correctly developed with good angulation to front and rear, lovely chest depth and width, nice underline and slight tuck to loin, well sprung ribs. Moderate straight boned forelegs tight compact arched feet, strong thighs well bent rear stifles which together showed in a very free sound and driving action. **2 Burford's Pingarypoint Eye Candy.** Slightly taller and a different type to that of my winner, but nevertheless, very well built and put together with a lovely feminine outline. Beautiful proportionate head construction with medium shaped dark soft eyes giving a kind look, good ears, strong jaw big nose. Muscular neck of length into well laid back shoulders would have preferred better fore chest angulation, enough depth to chest and elbows held in, nice under line to a body with substance and well sprung ribs into a short loin with tuck. Very well condition dark liver heavily ticked flat course coat. Excellent hindquarters super musculature and shortish hocks. Moved out well and was sound. **3 Gardiner's Malmelsa Flirty Fleuri.**

Limit Bitch (5). 1 Trow's Winterwell Inca Trail JW. Really liked the overall look of this very typey bitch with a lovely moderate balanced and very feminine build who gives an air of importance and she stands covering the ground. Very pretty well constructed and balanced head held very well on long strong neck set into well laid shoulders and short level and firm topline, has super angulation to shoulder and upper arm with depth and width to chest and elbows well in on straight well boned forelegs to her tight arched feet. Muscular well sprung body with nice underline to tuck up to a short loin. Broad hindquarters, well muscled, good return of stifle short hocks. Stunningly sound mover with reach and drive and in the final mix. **2 Stewart & Currie's Winterwell Dominique At Levagrad.** Similar in type and build and impressive on the stance but for a short time seemed unsettled. Very pretty head well proportioned to body, super eye shape and colour nice kind expression, well set ears, strong jaw and good bite. Head held proudly on a neck of good length and muscled, set into well laid shoulders with good angles to upper arm and depth to chest. Firm short back, nice tail set on and carriage. Sprung ribs in a body of good weight and depth, nice short loin, strong rump and hindquarters, correctly developed stifle and short hocks. Straight forelegs well boned, compact feet. Slightly unsettled but moved out well once under control well handled and showed good reach and drive and was very sound both ends. **3 Drysdale's Drysika Fast Track.**

Open Bitch (8,2). 1 Hammond's Sh Ch Seasham Lovestruck JW. Presented a most beautiful balanced and feminine outline on the stance and I was delighted to see this lovely 4 year old stood before me. As a baby I found her at a match and thought she had so much quality, style and breed type and for one so young was very precise in her movement then to hear she had gained her title. Today she did not disappoint, now a matured lady built on medium who grew with such elegance, correctly proportioned feminine breed type head, sweet kind dark eyes, good use of ears, strong jaw. Lovely arched neck of good length well laid back shoulders and correct angulation to upper arm with depth and width to chest. Firm and level short back nice set to tail carried correctly. Well sprung ribs, a developed and muscular body covered with a conditioned and beautiful course liver ticked coat. Straight legs lovely bone and tight feet moved out so soundly with excellent drive and reach. In the challenge she just gave up and refused to stand correctly and was pulling back out of the stance. Disappointed. **RBCC. 2 Coe & Pitman's Int Sh Ch, Lux, NL & Dt Ch Vdh Pitwit Leona.** Another with a lovely feminine outline with correct balance and so well put together which was nice when going over her. Nice head broad skull lovely eye colouring and kind expression, preferred foreface proportions of first. Head held well on long neck, well laid shoulders, firm level back, good rump with slight slope to nice docked and carried tail. Well muscled body with depth and substance, good spring of rib, well angulated front and rear, straight lean boned legs and compact arched feet. Lovely presentation to a lighter liver ticked coat. So very sound on the move with rear drive and forward reach. **3 Brown's Barleyarch Tigernut At Graygees.**

Veteran Bitch (2). 1 Thomas' Knabynnus Midsummer Hermia. A nice type and shape to this seven and a half year old, still retaining her femininity with a pretty head would prefer a stronger foreface, clean correct teeth, lovely dark expressive eyes, broad set high ears. Smart head carriage on good length of neck, well laid shoulders, level short back well carried tail. Retaining a muscular body with depth and a good weight and ribs well sprung back into short loin with nice tuckup. Correctly angled both ends, straight legs well boned neat feet best of two movers, very sound with side stride. **2 Gardiner's Kilnrae Barley Sugar.** Another old favourite, nearly 11 years and unfortunately starting to show her age, her lovely head showing grey in her muzzle, and her eyes slightly fatter than first, good clean condition. Her movement today was good, but not the drive and reach she had as a younger lady. Still has correct angles front and rear with nice boned legs and tight feet. Good depth of body well ribbed retains a tuck to loin, is also well muscled for her age and her dark liver coat was in lovely flat coarse condition.