

CRITIQUE – BELFAST DOG SHOW SOCIETY

Judge: Mrs S Knowles

I would like to thank both the exhibitors and Committee for entering under me and asking me to judge, this is a show I do truly enjoy for the friendliness of the committee and exhibitors. I would also like to say I had the honour of being told that I had the highest entry of GSPs in so many years, so again to the exhibitors thank you.

Puppy Dog (0). No Entries.

Junior Dog (0). No Entries.

Post Graduate Dog (0). No Entries.

Limit Dog (0). No Entries.

Open Dog (5,0). **1 Gatcliffe's Allezweck Shamrock.** This is a dog I have judged before and I can say I am happy that the exhibitor came under me again as I can say this gorgeous specimen of male GSP is outstanding. He possesses amazing dark eyes and lovely working on this head, that is typical of the breed. He has the correct depth of chest leading to a nice length of neck. You then have the pleasure of going over the dogs correct spring of rib; this then leads you over his topline which is of the right length. His coat is both harsh and a great condition. As he moves around the ring you are reminded of many of the GSPs of old, as he possesses both reach and drive. This comes from his fabulously muscled back end to his correct shoulders. He truly commands the ring. I was more than happy to award him the **DCC** and learn after judging that it was his crowning Challenge Certificate, an award he more than deserves as he exudes champion quality. **2 Sielski's Orchidstar Bonds Of Speed JW SHCM.** A younger dog than first, however, he has many of the same qualities that I was looking for. He has correct dark eyes as well as a harsh coat and a lovely free flowing reach and drive, I know from watching this boy he will have a very bright future. It was my pleasure to award him the **RDCC** today. **3 Tierney's Puddledub Pyjama.**

Puppy Bitch (2,0). **1 Gibbon's Faubourg Truly Scrumptious.** A lovely young seven month old puppy bitch, she has a gorgeous feminine head, in which she has the most darkest of eyes, you are then lead to her correct length of neck and strong shoulders. She has a nice amount of depth in her chest as well as a good spring of rib. When on the move she holds her topline fabulously for a young pup. I was happy to award her the **Best Puppy** in Breed and it was great to see her strut her stuff in the Puppy group ring. **2 Tierney's Bramble Berry Down at Ceilloch.** A nice eleven month old bitch, with dark eyes who has plenty of heart room and depth of chest. She also has good reach and drive for a young bitch. I am more than sure she will have a bright show career.

Junior Bitch (2,1). **1 Rose & Gaffney's Pingarypoint The Way to Kavacanne JW.** This bitch catches your eye as soon as she enters the ring. As you start to go over her you first notice that she has dark eyes that are set in the most feminine of heads, she also has the correct length of neck leading you into the well-muscled shoulders and correct topline. As she moves around the ring she moves with reach and drive that doesn't disturb her topline in the slightest. I considered her for the bitch challenge certificate as she truly possesses everything I look for in a GSP bitch. I am sure she will have a bright future in the show ring, and I hope the **RBCC** I awarded her is the beginning of that.

Post Graduate Bitch (3,0). **1 McCafferty's Richtig Raognnait At Thorscrag.** A lovely compact solid liver bitch. Although she is slightly smaller than any other in the class, she has everything you would want and in the correct proportion to her. She has a fabulously harsh coat. And is a real little stylish mover. **2 Reed's Puddledub Pinwinnie.** Another compact bitch with everything in proportion, she also has a lovely harsh coat, a good topline that she carries well as she moves around the ring. **3 Gibbon's Kavacanne Cheeky Vimto At Faubourg.**

Limit Bitch (5,0). **1 Brown's Newlands Pass To Montalba ShCM.** This is a bitch I have admired from the ring side for a very long time and I have longed for the chance to go over her, I can say that she did not disappoint one little bit. She exudes typical GSP class. When standing she is a very striking bitch, she doesn't need to shout for attention and so could be easily overlooked, however, if you are looking for a GSP with everything you could want and ask for this bitch is it. From her dark eyes that are set into a beautifully chiselled head in which you can see the typical GSP working. You then move your hands down to her correct length of neck down to, (in one sweeping movement, because it is so effortless to go over this bitch), a good depth of chest and the right amount of heart room for a young bitch. You then flow over her topline which as you do you really feel the harshness of coat. Her rear end is fabulously muscled which leads into the correct hocks. As she flows around the ring, her movement could be taken from a text book on GSPs as she just powers around with reach and drive that is typical of a bitch. I was over joyed to not only award her, her second **BCC** (I learned after judging) but to also have the absolute honour to award her **BOB** as well. This bitch will have such a bright future in the show ring I cannot wait to watch what she achieves as I know it will be greatness. **2 Rose & Gaffney's Kavacanne Vixen JW.** Another lovely bitch of exceptional quality. She also has many of the same attributes as first. She is just slightly longer in topline. However, her movement is just as effortless and free flowing. I am sure she will have just as bright of a future as first. **3 Waddell's Magregor Wiff Waff.**

Open Bitch (5,0). **1 Lindridge's Amidala Fast And Furious JW.** This is a gorgeously striking bitch. She has lovely dark eyes, set into a very feminine head. She has the correct length of neck leading into a good topline which she carries with her on the move. Sadly, today she was a little lethargic, this however does not take away from her beauty. **2 Tierney's Ceilloch Crimson.** Another bitch that is very eye catching. She has dark eyes, good heart room and a correct depth of chest. Her movement has both reach and drive. Her coat is as harsh as you would desire it. I am sure she will have a bright future in the ring. **3 Coe & Pitman's Int Sh Ch, Lux Ch, NI Ch, Dt Ch (VDH) & Ir Sh Ch Pitwit Leeona.**