

CRITIQUE – BORDER UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Judge: Mrs S Parr

Thank you to the committee for inviting me to judge and thanks to my two very capable stewards for keeping it running smoothly including when we had to move into the wet weather rings.

My overall impression was, dogs seem to have more substance than I've seen in a while, heads have improved, just a couple a bit broad in skull, all had sound temperaments and correct dentition. Coats have also improved, and most dogs were shown in good working condition. My biggest bug bear is overstretching dogs on the stand and handlers moving dogs too fast, there's more depth of quality in the bitches and most classes had several that would be winners on another day.

Thank you for a lovely entry and accepting my decisions gracefully.

Puppy Dog (2,1). **1 Brown & Smart's Montalba Mister Teatime.** nicely shaped l/w puppy, good lay of shoulder, deep in chest, well-muscled and moved well, he has correct eye shape and colour. Just a tad broad in skull at the moment.

Junior Dog (1,0). **1 Sielski's Orchidstar Bolts of Speed.** Nicely balanced young l/t dog of good breed type. Correct head with a kind expression, strong in neck into well placed shoulders, nice topline, tailset and good angulation fore and aft, lovely on the move.

Graduate Dog (1,0). **1 Collins' Barleyarch Hoopla at Forestpoint.** Good sized l/w dog. Typical head with parallel plains, good ear set and kind eye, clean in outline with deep chest. Nice free moving dog.

Post Graduate Dog (2,0). Tough choice here. **1 Schoneville's Balvenie Double Diamond JW.** Nice square, balanced dog and pleasing on the eye, particularly loved his head and expression, strong in neck and nice and clean over the shoulders with good depth of chest and forechest, strong and powerful through the loin and standing on good strong legs, loved him enough to be considered for the CC but today it was RCC for this boy, I think his best is to come. **2 Mann's Elfindrew Endrick to Valger.** L/t dog of good size and nice to go over, masculine head with kind eye and correct ear-set, strong elegant neck and well placed shoulders with correct shoulder to upper arm. Strong quarters, moved really well in profile just not as positive in front as winner, and to be critical just a bit longer than I like. Nevertheless, a nice dog.

Limit Dog (2,0). 2 very different dogs here. **1 Goff & Dales' Seasham Live Wire at Shoshoni.** This boy looked nice standing, most of the time. he has a balanced head with good eye colour, clean in neck and good depth of chest. Nice topline and tailset, he moved out well, just a little fine for me. **2 Knowles & Glen's Wilholme Had a Lovely Time with Bessalone.** An upstanding l/w dog with nice head and expression. Deep chested with good front and nicely angulated fore and aft, not as positive on the move as one and just a bit too much dog for me.

Open Dog (6,0). 3 quality dogs heading up this class. **1 Adams' Sh Ch Barleyarch Ariat JW.** I've judged this l/w boy before but like a fine wine he has matured beautifully and looks the picture standing, lovely balanced head with kind dark eye and slight roman nose. Strong neck flowing into correctly placed shoulder, strong deep chest and tight elbows, lovely topline and tail set. Well angulated fore and aft and powered round the ring and today could not be denied the CC. **2 Mann's Valger Ragnar JW.** Of good breed type. Presents a balanced picture stacked, good head proportions, and correct eyes with kind expression. Good forechest and depth of brisket, strong neck flowing into well laid shoulders. Another powerhouse of a dog on the move and shown in good hard condition. **3 Thurm's Sh Ch Bryburn Bacchus JW ShCM ShCEx.**

Puppy Bitch (7,0). Some really nice puppies here, which is good for the future. As I started this class it began to rain and some of the puppies were unsettled, so we headed for cover. **1 Mann's Valger Symphony.** Something about this puppy that charmed me, pretty feminine head, clean outline, deep in chest and well angulated fore and aft, BP. **2 Schoneville's Balvenie Eye Candy.** Lovely square shaped, nicely put together puppy, with good bone, deep in chest and strong in back. Moved out well, lost out to winner on eye colour which will come. **3 Sielski's Orchidstar Two to Tango.**

Junior Bitch (3,1). **1 Brown & Filby's Winterwell That'll do for Desjiem.** Really liked this youngster and think she will do well in the future. Square in shape and balanced throughout, super head, plenty of substance, in hard condition and moved out well. **2 McCafferty's Thorscrag Arora.** Pleasing in shape and feminine. Clean in neck, good front and deep in chest, just finer than I like.

Novice Bitch (2,1). **1 Brudenell-Pryke's Puddledub Pilis.** Nicely shaped girl with good head and kind expression, strong in neck flowing into good shoulders, shoulders deep in chest, correct topline and tailset. Moved well.

Graduate Bitch (7,1). **1 Jackman's Balvenie Dressed to Thrill Via Navigareamor.** Just loved this girl and so 'my type'. Looked the part standing and didn't disappoint on the move, powered round the ring on a loose lead, couldn't deny her the CC & BOB. **2 Hammond's Seasham I Love to Boogie.** Another of good type, with good bone, correct feminine head. Clean over the shoulders strong throughout and sound as a pound on the move. **3 Thurm's Dappledele First Date at Bryburn.**

Post Graduate Bitch (5,1). **1 Lockett's Fayemm Forever Together.** Lovely eye catching l/w girl with super bone, feminine head, lovely dark eye, clean neck flowing into well placed shoulders, good depth of chest and forechest, tight elbows, good topline, strong well-muscled quarters and moved out with plenty of drive. RCC. **2 Staley's Jomeel Now I'm Here.** Another nice girl, square in shape and nice clean lines, elegant neck and well placed shoulders, good angulation and moved with drive. **3 Hammond's Seasham Hot Love.**

Limit Bitch (5,2). Really liked these two girls very different in type but close call. **1 Cox's Cushatlaw Serendipity JW.** L/W bitch of good size. Looked nice stacked, pretty head with a kind expression, good ear set. Strong in neck, flowing into well placed shoulders, nice depth of chest, good angulation throughout and moved with purpose. **2 Gatcliffe's Allezweck Edessa.** People of a certain age will understand what I mean when I say this girl has Inchmarlo stamped all over her, square, flashy l/w with a good harsh jacket. lovely head, strong neck good shoulders and depth of chest, strong well-muscled quarters and moved effortlessly round the ring, slightly light in eye at the moment, which cost a higher place, she's only young and that will come. **3 Garvey's Richtig Roma.**

Open Bitch (8,1). Really spoilt for choice here. **1 Sielski's Orchidstar Jenga.** Square in shape presenting a nice outline, feminine head with gentle expression, good reach of neck and clean over the shoulders, strong in back and well angulated throughout well-muscled and moved with plenty of drive. **2 Pearson's Ladyhawke Dizzy Miss Lizzy.** Quality girl of correct size, pretty feminine head and soft expression, clean neck into well placed shoulders strong short back and well angulated quarters, covered the ground with ease. **3 Elrington's Barleyarch Dorito at Tequesta.** Another quality bitch just a bit finer than I like.

Veteran Bitch (4,0). **1 Thurm's Sh Ch Valger Odette JW.** What a lovely old lady, beautifully put together, lovely feminine head with sweet expression, on the move striding out well with plenty of drive, one of the best movers on the day and thoroughly enjoying her day out. BV. **2 Knowles & Glen's Sh Ch & Ir Sh Ch Wilholme Sharp n Smart at Bessalone.** L/w girl well up to size but lots to like, well balanced with good bone, nice head and dark eye, good ear set. Clean neck into well placed shoulders, good depth of chest and slight tuck up, strong over the loin and strong quarters. Moved out well. **3 Stewart & Currie's Int Sh Ch Winterwell Dominique at Levagrad ShCM.**