

# CRITIQUE - CITY OF BIRMINGHAM CANINE ASSOCIATION

## Judge: Mr G Hargreaves

Not having judged GSPs for some six years, there was a large proportion of partnerships which were completely new to me amongst the splendid entry which I was honoured with, which contributed greatly to the enjoyment of my day at the NAC and I would like to thank all exhibitors for giving me the opportunity to assess some excellent dogs. Not forgetting my two excellent stewards who worked so efficiently to keep the day running so smoothly. The one slight reservation on the day was the ring itself, which although perfectly adequate in size seemed to have a restricting effect on the free movement of some of the dogs, which I can only guess was due to the surface, I would love to move my winners on grass. To a breed enthusiast, the entry generally presented a pleasing picture of soundness and evenness with no evidence of exaggeration or construction faults and temperament was faultless. However, my attention was drawn to a small number of points which, I feel demand attention by breeders (and judges). The GSP breed Standard requires the dog to have a “short back standing over plenty of ground”. This is one of the features that sets the breed apart and is part of that distinctive breed type, unfortunately, I saw a number which were too long cast in the body. There was also a number with light eyes and I was surprised to find some dogs which did not have a “perfect, regular and complete scissor bite”. The Standard states that “any departure from these points should be regarded as a fault” and moreover, such failings detract from the unique impact of the breed. I mention these points not because they appear to present any serious threat but because their presence raises a concern that needs to be addressed by breeders before they start to have an adverse effect on the breed. Having said all that, I was delighted to note that every exhibit sported that other unique GSP attribute, a short, flat, coarse coat, not one having a coat which could be described as incorrect. In all, an impressive assembly of the breed which was a real pleasure to judge.

**Veteran Dog (4,3) 1 Drysdale’s Ch. Barleyarch Farthing at Drysika.** Excellent example of the breed, they did not look old enough to be in Veteran. Correct size and shape, correct proportions. Good head, eye and expression with nice, dark eyes. Excellent hard coat and free on the move. **2 Thompson’s Redmires High Society.** Another good example, very close to 1, correct all round and sound on the move. **3 Beresford’s Tuptonsett Million Dollar.**

**Minor Puppy Dog (2) 1 Harris’ Barleyarch Pringle.** Very nice youngster of correct size and shape for his age giving a pleasing out-line. Good, dark eye and excellent dentition and a super, hard coat. Dead straight on the move, both going away and, on the return, still a bit ‘bum up’ but that will develop with maturity. Pleased to award him **BP** and even more pleased to note that he went on to win **Best Puppy in Group** and then **Reserve Best Puppy in Show.** **2 Thomas’ Knabynnus Autumn Harvest.** Taller youngster than 1 but still a good example of the breed, good top-line and correct angulation front and rear. Nice and free on the move.

**Puppy Dog (2) 1 Harris’ Barleyarch Pringle. 2 Brown’s Graygees Gigolo.** Masculine dog with plenty of substance. Eyes not as dark as winner’s but correct scissor bite. Just a tendency to toe in but moved well.

**Junior Dog (5,2) 1 Sielski’s Orchidstar Bonds of Speed.** Well proportioned dog with a well balanced out-line. Good masculine head with a pleasing expression and good dentition. Good, hard coat and well muscled body on good feet, giving excellent movement. **2 Brown’s Graygees Gigolo. 3 Braine’s Grenetrest Canterbury Bell.**

**Graduate Dog (4,2)** Two very nice GSPs very hard to separate, both correct all round. **1 Staley’s Jomeel Monkey Wrench.** One of those dogs that the more you look at him, the more you like, he really shone in the challenge. Correct size and proportions all round, typical head and expression with a good dark eye, correct ear-set and super dentition. Strong neck of correct length into an ideal front assembly flowing into an excellent short back with a correct top-line and nicely angled croup. Good spring of rib and plenty of fore chest, limbs correctly angled front and rear with good bone and firm muscles, all wrapped up in a flashy coat of superb hard texture. Neat, tight feet allowing sound movement. Pleased to award him **DCC.** **2 Woolley’s Fayemm Get Ready for Dunsä.** Another top class GSP. So typical and correct in every respect, just lost to winner on detail points.

**Post Graduate Dog (3) 1 Wooley’s Fayemm Get Ready for Dunsä. 2 Staley’s Jomeel Midnight Rambler.** Brother to winner of the last class but unfortunately not out of the same mould but nevertheless a decent example of the breed with all the required breed characteristics, just lacking his brother’s refinement. **3 Thomas’ Brainscroft Tahiti.**

**Limit Dog (5)** Very mixed class, difficult to separate, lot of variation. **1 Delaney’s Redmires Ticket to the Stars JW.** Finely built dog moved well, best in class. **2 John’s Keigame Jigsaw.** Lacking in depth of muzzle giving a snipey appearance, coat longer than required, moved well. **3 Tarrant & Powell’s Malmelsa Romancing Romeo at Pawnic.**

**Open Dog (8,1) 1 Hinchliff’s Sh.Ch. Goosepoint Gloster Grebe JW.** Excellent example of the breed, masculine but elegant with a pleasing, typical head and expression, good, dark eye and correct ear-set and correct scissor bite. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulders, correct top-line and croup. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Strong limbs of good bone and musculature and correctly angulated front and rear. Excellent hard coat and confident in the move **RDCC.** **2 Harris’ Am Gr. Ch. Sh Ch Vjk-Myst Goeslikethewind of Barleyarch (Imp US).** Impressive dog of correct size and shape who is a real showman and knows how to exhibit his attributes to the best effect, helped by the eye-catching colour of his excellent hard coat. Correctly proportioned all round with no exaggerations and shown in prime condition with sound action. **3 Brown & Burns’ Sh Ch Magregor Threesacrowd at Pothouse.**

**Good Citizens Dog (3,1) 1 Woolley’s Fayemm Get Ready for Dunsä. 2 Rusk’s Marann’s Lanson at Booton.** Pleasing solid liver dog of good type, nice head, eye and expression with excellent dentition and good, hard coat. Moved well on correctly angulated limbs, slightly longer cast than winner.

**Veteran Bitch (4) 1 Pudney’s Stairfoot Skye.** Sound, mature bitch, with a pleasing head and expression, good scissor bite and correct coat. Well proportioned and correct all round. **2 McKinstry & Uytman’s Magregor Airs n’ Graces.** Pleasing eleven-and-a-half-year-old, carrying her age well, good, hard coat and sound in every department. **3 Coe & Pitman’s Multi Ch Pitwit Leeona.**

**Minor Puppy Bitch (8)** Very pleasing class of excellent youngsters, bodes well for the future. **1 Waddell’s Magregor Wiff Waff.** Finely built pup, full of breed type. Pleasing head, eye and expression with excellent dentition. Good reach of neck and nice top-line, firm body and good angulation all round, producing best movement in class. Correct, hard coat of rich colour. **2 Hammond’s Seasham Love Bug.** Another pleasing youngster with all the required attributes. Well proportioned and balanced out-line. Typical head and expression, sound body and good bone and correctly angulated limbs and sound on the move. **3 Mann’s Elfindrew Lacey to Valger.**

**Puppy Bitch (6,1) 1 Hammond’s Seasham Love Bug. 2 McCullough’s Winterwell Oh So Sharp.** Pleasing youngster with a typical head, eye and expression and correct scissor bite, nice reach of neck into good top-line, topped with a correct coat. Moved well on good, straight legs. **3 Roden & Mann’s Jacofraze Desire from Keigame.**

**Junior Bitch (6,1) 1 Izard’s Yockletts Cordiale.** Well made youngster of sound proportions, with best top-line in class if a touch long cast. Good coat, good dentition and correctly angulated all round, sound on the move. **2 Harvey’s Soellis Jammie Pammie at Imoniz.** Very similar to winner in every respect, with all the breed attributes and correct movement. **3 Teece’s Fleetapple Florin.**

**Graduate Bitch (9,4) 1 Burford’s Pingarypoint Legolicious.** Elegant young bitch, with a pleasing, feminine head, dark eyes giving a kind expression and correct scissor bite. Well proportioned body and correct top-line, with a correct, hard coat. Good lay of shoulder and bend of stifle giving correct, free movement. **2 Rumney’s Kacela Sweet Ayana.** Another typical bitch out of the same mould as winner, correct all round. Effortless on the move. **3 Hughes Sonnenberg Silver Wraith.**

**Post Graduate Bitch (7)** Very strong class with some splendid examples of the breed, difficult to separate but a great pleasure to judge. **1 Stammer’s Deena Ballettanzer at Lochpointer.** Substantial bitch but not coarse, full of breed type with strong bone and solid muscle, with the required short back and excellent top-line giving a super out-line. Correct head, eye and expression with correct dentition good reach of neck and super coat. Excellent front assembly and correct rear angulation on good feet enabled her to power round the ring with poise **RBCC.** **2 Nixon’s Quintana Qin Qiao.** A well put together, feminine bitch, correct in all aspects and free on the move. **3 Rumney’s Kacela Sweet Ayana.**

**Limit Bitch (8,1) 1 Peebles’ Keigame Belle of All.** Very typical, substantial bitch with a pleasing head eye and expression and good dentition. Good reach of neck and correct top-line. Correctly proportioned body and good angulation front and rear, sound on the move. **2 Malin’s Keigame Murphlette at Benrae.** Very close to winner in every way. Pleasing head, eye and expression, correct scissor bite, good, hard coat. Sound proportions, good, straight limbs, correctly angulated and correct movement. **3 Burford’s Pingarypoint Eye Candy.**

**Open Bitch (5,2) 1 Harran & Waddell’s Sh. Ch. Magregor Fluffernutter.** What a showgirl, the embodiment of refinement. Excellent feminine head with a correct, dark eye giving a pleasing expression, correct dentition and ear-set, elegant neck into well laid shoulders, good spring of rib and correct top-line and angle of croup. Correct bend of stifle and neat feet. Superb, hard coat of a rich liver colour, an excellent example of the breed, both standing and on the move. **BCC & BOB.** **2 Trow’s Sh.Ch. Inca Trail.** A very nicely balanced bitch with all the breed attributes. Correct size and shape with pleasing head and expression, good neck and shoulders and sound body. Good bone and correctly angulated limbs on good feet giving sound movement. **3 Stewart, Currie & Boyles’ Winterwell Dominique at Levagrad.**

**Good Citizens Bitch (4,2) 1 Upton-Lovett & Upton’s Seasham A Kind of Magic.** Good example of the breed correct in all aspects and sound on the move. **2 Teece’s Fleetapple Florin.** Pleasing, feminine solid liver, very close to winner and a sound mover.

# CRITIQUE - GUNDOG PUPPY BEST IN SHOW

## Judge: Mr P Wilkinson

**Reserve Best Puppy in Show. Harris’ Barleyarch Pringle.** Male German Shorthaired Pointer. Another outstanding puppy, in tip top condition, who won through from an excellent line up of gundog puppies, nice head shape for his age, excellent muzzle and fore face, lovely eyes giving a great expression, lovely neck into good shoulders, excellent weight and body condition for his age, beautiful top line, tail set and carriage, standing on good legs and feet, super bone, moved very well, nice profile with good extension. Made for a close decision for the top.