

CRITIQUE - DRIFFIELD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Judge: Miss S McAndrew

My sincere thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge at this most welcoming, enjoyable show. Thanks also to my super, efficient stewards, for keeping the classes running so smoothly, ensuring no time was wasted. Lastly, a huge thank you to all of the exhibitors who entered under me. I was/am, still absolutely delighted to have received such a super entry. The flip side of such a great entry being, a lot of first-class dogs went cardless, on this occasion. The adverse weather conditions, with high gales and driving rain, whistling through the marquee at some points, certainly didn't help but in the main, most coped admirably.

Minor Puppy Dog (1). **1 Harris' Barleyarch Pringle.** A quality youngster who is schooled impeccably, he coped very well with the conditions. Clean head and skull with a kindly expression. Strong neck set onto well laid-back shoulders, correct depth of brisket but as is correct for his age, his forechest has to develop further. Super feet and patterns. Strong top and underline, with a gradual tuck up to his short loin. Moderately angled rear quarters, already a well-muscled, fit looking boy. He moved very steadily, with drive. Handled to advantage, ***BPD*** and ***BPIB***.

Puppy Dog (1). **1 Gillen & Rippon's Magregor Toffolossus.** Another top-drawer exhibit who is going through the leggy stage at the moment. He has a very pleasing, noble head and expression. Strong, arched neck leading cleanly into his sloping shoulders. Level topline with his ribs extending well back to his strong, short loin. Good bone, straight forelegs with good feet and nails. He has well-muscled rear quarters with a good bend of stifles and strong hocks. He was rather unhappy on the move to begin with but improved as the wind lessened. Very sympathetically handled to get the best from him.

Junior Dog (3). This was a very good class, 3 different types here but all with plenty to offer. **1 Stopforth's Taftazini Cesar Chance with Serenymor.** I loved this boy's make and shape, masculine head with a definite mischievous glint in his eye. Strong neck and shoulders. Shoulders are well placed with correct return of upper arm. Ample forechest, well sprung ribs and a strong, short back and loin, another with super feet. He is well off for bone without being overdone and well-muscled throughout. His rear assembly is powerful with well bent stifles and strong hocks. He really comes to life on the move with super reach fore and aft. Very stylish, did consider him for the res CC but lost out on maturity. His time will come, I'm sure. **2, Braine's Grenetrest Canterbury Bell JW.** Solid liver dog, taller than 1 and longer cast. Another with a lovely head and expression. Masculine all through and well off for bone but not coarse, built on good feet. Strong neck, clean shoulders, firm, level topline. Doesn't quite have the ribbing of 1 but age is on his side. His hindquarters were balanced with a good bend of stifles. He also, is well muscled and very well-schooled. Moved out well with drive, covering the ground easily. **3 Sielski's Orchidstar Bonds of Speed JW.**

Post Graduate Dog (7,3). **1 Knowles & Glen's, Wilholme Had a Lovely Time with Bessalone.** Upstanding male who took all the noise and rain in his stride. Masculine head with a pleasing expression, strong neck, good forechest, set on well boned legs and tight feet. Strong top and underline. He is well ribbed up with his ribs extending well back, to his short loin. His hindquarters are well muscled with a clear definition of second thigh. Moved cleanly with an easy ground covering action, well handled. **2 Galloway & Anderson's Alayglow Gamul Kebir.** Really liked this dog's clean eye-catching outline. He has a really noble head with a kindly expression. Strong, well arched neck flowing into clean laid-back shoulders, not quite got the ribbing or forechest of 1 but again, he has time on his side. Correctly angulated rear assembly with plenty of muscle. Once he got into his stride he flowed round the ring showing plenty of reach in front and drive behind. Another handled to advantage. **3 Angus' Barleyarch Lismore Via Calmerell.**

Limit Dog (6). A very pleasing class with some very good handlers who got the absolute best from their charges. **1 Thomas' Brainscroft Tahiti.** A very pleasing dog viewed from every angle. Masculine head with a "ready to be doing" expression. Scored highly in his shape and size. Strong neck set on well-placed shoulders, correct depth of body, forechest and ribbing. His topline is level and strong with his underline, firm with a gradual tuck up. Well bent stifles and short straight hocks with a good covering of muscle throughout. Moved well with front reach and rear propulsion. **2 Wilkinson's Zarozinia Beinn An Oir.** Solid liver, taller and longer but very balanced. Super head and expression with those lovely dark eyes. Strong, reachy neck leading cleanly into his sloping well placed shoulders, good forechest with close fitting elbows, straight, well boned legs set on super feet. He is nicely ribbed up extending well back to his short, well-muscled loin. Rear assembly is balanced and well-muscled. Moved out really well, covering the ground with big effortless strides. **3 Staley's Keigame Chilli Bean at Jomeel.**

Open Dog (11,2). What an outstanding class, brimming with quality. I could have done with more prize cards!!! Unfortunately, though, the second half of this class saw a good deal of the worst of the weather and this had a bearing on some of the placings. **1 Brown & Burns Sh Ch Magregor Threesacrowd at Pothouse JW ShCM.** A real top-drawer exhibit, completely masculine without a hint of coarseness. He has the classic GSP head and expression. Lovely dark eyes, noble yet kindly expression. Strong, well arched neck, well laid-back shoulders, correct depth of brisket, ample forechest, good bone and feet. His ribs are well sprung and extend right back. His topline is level with a slight rise over his short loin. His rear quarters are well muscled with a good bend of stifles and strong, straight hocks, another with clearly defined second thighs. He looks like he will work all day. Initially, as he ran headlong into the driving rain, his head was down but once he got going he moved steadily, completely at one with his owner, ***CC & RBOB***. **2 Thurm's Sh Ch Bryburn Bacchus JW ShCM.** Another lovely example of the breed and worthy Sh Ch, super shape and make. A very balanced dog, presented in hard, fit condition. Super head and expression, strong neck, well placed shoulders, elbows close fitting to his body, ample forechest and ribbing, strong topline with a short loin and correctly made rear quarters completed a lovely picture. His movement was precise and ground covering, gaining him the ***RCC***. **3 Trow, Smith & Reichmuth's NZ Sp Gr Ch Arosa Ur Upperclass.**

Special Beginners Dog (0). No Entries.

Good Citizen Dog (2,1). **1 Rusk & Marann's Lanson at Booton.** Solid liver dog, well up for size. Pleasing head and expression, strong neck and shoulders, would prefer a little more forechest. His topline was strong and level and his loin short. His rear assembly was moderate and well-muscled. After some encouragement, he settled well into his stride.

Minor Puppy Bitch (10). What a wonderful class of quality youngsters. **1 Mann's Elfindrew Lacey to Valger.** What a little cracker she is, from her feminine head to her graceful neck, well laid-back shoulders. Already, she has a super forechest, set on quality bone and good feet. Her ribs extend back to her short loin, topline is firm and level, with a slight rise over her loin. Her undercarriage is firm with a gradual tuck up. Her rear assembly is balanced and well-muscled for such a baby. Yes, she is a little loose on the move, but she is a baby and it is all there, good front reach and positive drive from her rear. One to watch, very well handled to ***BPB***. **2 Hammond's Seasham Love Bug.** Slightly bigger made bitch but still utterly feminine, very pleasing head and expression and another with that mischievous glint in her eyes. Correct front assembly, good neck and shoulders, strong top and underline, nicely sprung ribs. Super backend with a good bend of stifles and strong straight hocks. She moved with extension and drive, a little wide in front at present but this was easily forgiven and should correct itself as she grows and tightens up. **3 Elrington's Barleyarch Dorito.**

Puppy Bitch (3). **1 Hammond's Seasham Love Bug.** **2 Elrington's Barleyarch Dorito.** 3rd in minor puppy and more of a raw baby than 1 and 2, that is not meant as a criticism, merely an observation. She has a sweet, feminine head but is a little plain at present. Super neck and lay back of shoulders, adequate forechest that will develop as she matures. Quality bone and super feet. Strong topline, firm undercarriage, that gradually rises to her tuck up. She is short coupled with moderately angled rear quarters. Another who is already well muscled and as such holds herself well. She moves soundly with plenty of drive, again a little loose but as it should be for youngsters, handed well. **3 Prior's Booton Camille Avec Whinchat.**

Junior Bitch (4,1). **1 Squire's Taftazini Honour Wynna JW.** Real quality exhibit and very mature for her age. She has a really beautiful GSP head and expression. Her neck is strong and well arched, and her shoulders well laid back with her forechest deep and ribs well sprung. Her topline is level with a rise over her loin, her rear assembly is balanced with a good bend of stifles and strong straight hocks. She moved with style and drive, easily covering the ground. **2 Gatcliffe's Allezweck Evita.** Different in type but a very pleasing bitch. Very clean outline, with a feminine head and kind expression. Graceful neck leading in to her sloping clean shoulders, forelegs are straight with elbows close fitting. Strong top and underline with a gentle tuck up. Her hindquarters are wide and well-muscled with a good bend of stifles and straight hocks. She was a little unsettled to begin with but as she got into her stride she exhibited great reach and drive. Would like to see her again when fully mature. **3 Cooke & Barker's Radstorm Legal Eagle.**

Post Graduate Bitch (9,1). **1 Rutherford's Cushatlaw Charisma of Dappledele.** I was very taken with this this ultra-feminine solid liver bitch. She presents a picture of grace and elegance. She has a super head with alert expression. An elegant neck flowing into her well placed shoulders, good bone, close fitting elbows. Correct forechest and ribbing, strong topline and a slight rise over her loin which is short and strong. Her underline is firm and her tuck up gradual. Her rear quarters are well muscled with a good bend of stifles and strong, straight hocks. Her movement is precise and ground covering with super reach and drive. The more I watched her, the more I liked her. A very well deserved ***RCC***. **2,** and littermate to **1 Bellinger & Felstead's Cushatlaw Chaos at Woodhawk.** Slightly smaller in statue than her sister but many of my other comments apply. Lovely head and expression. Strong, reachy neck, correctly placed shoulders, good forechest, close fitting elbows and quality bone. Nicely ribbed up with a level topline and balanced, well-muscled hindquarter. She also moved with drive and style, unlucky to meet her sister on such sparkling form. **3 Milligan's Isara Kurzhaar All Spice.**

Limit Dog (12,1). Another cracker of a class!! **1 Pudney's Pitwit Winter Glow JW.** Such a well-balanced and perfectly presented bitch. Very feminine but retaining a look of power and endurance. Very pleasing head and expression. Strong neck, well placed shoulders with a good return of upper arm. Correct forechest and topline, well sprung ribs, short loin and a firm undercarriage. Her hindquarters are wide and powerful with a good bend of stifles and strong hocks. Her movement was totally at one with her handler. Ground covering with drive, very well handled. **2 Schoneville's Balvenie Bella.** Smaller type with lots to like, from her lovely head and bright expression to her strong neck with sloping shoulders and ample forechest. Close fitting elbows with well sprung ribs and level topline. Her rear assembly is balanced and nicely muscled with well let down hocks and good bend of stifles. She moved with real power and drive. **3 Thomas' Brainscroft Saffron.**

Open Bitch (9,2). Wow, another super class, this one full of champions. **1 Trow's Ch Winterwell Inca Trail JW.** I have admired this stunning bitch for a while but have never had the pleasure of judging her, till now. She presents a picture of power and grace. Feminine head and keen expression, strong, well arched neck which flows cleanly into her well placed shoulders. She has ample heart room, well sprung ribs and strong topline, that rises slightly over her loin. Her underline is firm, rising gradually to her loin which is well muscled. Her stifles are well bent and her hocks, strong and straight. She is very well muscled throughout, real fit for function bitch. Her movement is totally effortless with great reach in front and plenty of drive behind. Was very happy to award her the ***CC*** and ***BOB***, was further delighted to learn she had gone ***Gp3***. Huge congratulations!! **2 Harris' Sh Ch Barleyarch Playtime (AI) JW.** Another very worthy champion, love her shape and type. Feminine head with a kind expression. Super neck, forechest, ribbing and shoulder placement. Her topline is strong and level and her hindquarters broad, with correctly bent stifles and strong hocks, well-muscled throughout and her movement was stylish with plenty of drive. **3 Thurm's Sh Ch Valger Odette.**

Special Beginners Bitch (1). **1 Cooke & Barker's Radstorm Legal Eagle.** 3rd in junior bitch and one I judged earlier this year. She is maturing nicely but still has ways to go. Again, this is not meant as a criticism. Pleasing head and expression. Strong neck, correct shoulders and topline. Good depth of brisket and close-fitting elbows. Her forechest has to develop further. Her hindquarters are well muscled with correct angulation and her movement was more co ordinated than in the earlier class.

Good Citizen Bitch (2). **1 Bellinger & Felstead's Cushatlaw Chaos at Woodhawk.** **2 Cooke & Barker's Radstorm Legal Eagle.**

CRITIQUE - GUNDOG GROUP

Judge: Mrs S Bunting

Gundog Group 3. Trow's Ch Winterwell Inca Trail JW. German shorthaired Pointer bitch who pushed for top honours. Extrovert personality and shown in really hard, well muscled condition with firm topline which she held on the move. Pleasing feminine head, well sprung rib, and firm topline. Powered around the ring using her strong hindquarters to advantage. Expertly handled and a credit to her owner.