

CRITIQUE - GUNDOG BREEDS ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND

Judge: Mr R J Morris

I greatly appreciated the invitation to judge at this most friendly show where the welcome is always so warm after a long journey. Thanks to my excellent stewards Pam and Fiona who stuck with me to the end. Exhibitors traveling to support receive my grateful thanks I truly valued the privilege of assessing every GSP entrant and note much to be positive about in the breed. How lovely to find so many exhibits of real substance and excellent gundog muscling being brought forward, I had plenty of quality dogs to mull over and was especially pleased with the consistency in the bitch challenge. Some most promising youngsters on show too which is always a good sign, best wishes to you all in your endeavors to maintain and promote the breed especially in Scotland.

Minor Puppy Dog (1,0). **1 Elwood's Rievers Baron Von Autumn glory.** 7 months liver and white, well constructed throughout excelling in short back and slightly raised loin, strength of pads, width and firmness across the loin for his age. Head in proportion to body and muzzle length to skull, attractive eye colour and correct shape, depth of brisket pleasing, sound, straight well-formed front. Well muscled hindquarters, super strong bone throughout, needs to relax a bit and free up somewhat on the move, tail well set and carried.

Puppy Dog (2,0). **1 Harris' Barleyarch Pringle.** 10½ months liver and white, excellent breed type squarely built and of solid substance for a puppy, short coupled and tighter on the move all round than the second placed. Attractive intelligent expression, eyes well coloured, placed and set to ears, firm front elbows correctly set. Presented in excellent body condition, strong across the loins, well sprung ribcage reaching back, neat tuck up, powerful hindquarters used to advantage on the move, pasterns well boned and set, excellent full pads. A classic breed outline and a sound, determined, positive mover. **BP. 2 Donnelly & Rippon's Magregor Toffolossus.** Rising 10 months liver and white, impressive for size and overall balanced on this slightly bigger younger puppy possessing a head and muzzle I rather preferred for length and strength at this stage to that of the winner, moved well in profile with good forward reach but went slightly wide behind on the day in my opinion. Very well angulated overall, no exaggerations, excellent strength of lean bone running down through pasterns and will continue to develop over time which is what he needs to finish as a mature dog of quality.

Novice Dog (1,0). **1 Angus' Barleyarch Lismore Via Calmerell.** 20 months liver and white squarely built in outline moving soundly behind but with a tendency to slightly hackney in front on the day, elbows could be tighter. Standing a most typical breed presence, lovely moderate and strong neck set into well placed shoulders, excellent firm, raised loin, good bone but pads could be more thickly developed in my opinion. Good depth of brisket running back, ribcage well sprung, well muscled hindquarters, pleasing dense coat, coarse textured.

Post Graduate Dog (5,0). **1 Stopforth's Taftazini Cesar Chance With Serenymor.** 18 months liver and white, pleasing for size an honest young dog without exaggeration, typical breed outline and excellent balance resulting in very sound, positive movement fore and aft, flowing in profile. Strong bone and short back with neat tuck up, correct ratio of depth of body to length of leg. Head planes parallel with slight stop, proportions correct but would personally like a bit more strength in the head overall for a male. Won on his movement and attractive breed type. **2 Cox's Ceilloch Merlot By Cushatlaw.** 2 years 2 months liver and white, another very typical, masculine dog better muscled overall than the winner with more development in hindquarters and second thighs. Lovely strength and finish to the muzzle and the best full pads in the class on close, well arched feet leading into strong bone. Good depth of body throughout, short coupled, moved soundly but tail somewhat raised. **3 Marsh's Winterwell Sam Spade At Kilnrae.** Rising 2 years 4 months liver and white most typical standing, well sprung ribcage, firm and muscled across the loins, good topline and depth of body, hindquarters strongly muscle. Clean typical neck set into well placed shoulders, but he did not possess the rear movement of the winners on the day. Completed three medium sized noble dogs with lovely biddable breed expressions from dark brown eyes well set and shaped.

Limit Dog (4,0). **1 Sielski's Orchidstar Bonds Of Speed JW.** 17½ months liver and white, same sired half-brother to a number of well-placed exhibits on the day, he possesses an excellent bite and dentition, coarse textured, close, short coat and super muscled shoulders and hindquarters. Lovely square breed outline, excellent bone and feet, pads thick. Head all in proportion, planes correct with lovely dark eye and expression, head more finished than the second placed exhibit at this stage which clinched him the class. Sound mover though with a tendency to move a bit wide behind on times on the day. A quality dog overall impressive for balance, pleasing tuck up skin close fitting, muscled condition and dense, coarse coat qualities, **RDCC. 2 Galloway & Anderson's Alayglow Gamul Kebir.** 20½ months liver and white, a super mover with lovely forward reach and pushed the winner hard as presented in equally well muscled condition throughout, well sprung ribcage, slightly less body cover than the winner but this not a deciding factor for me. Noble appearance, medium sized, clean well stacked outline, correct depth of body to length of leg, strongly boned with the best of thickly, raised pads. Coat coarse textured, dense and short, close fitting skin, not quite settled at times but a very close decision between these two dogs. **3 Wilkinson's Zarozinia Beinn An Oir ShCM.** 4½ years old liver and white a bigger dog than those above well up for size but retained balance overall and breed type. Well proportioned head, kind eyes, lovely dark brown colour well set and shaped, neck arched and of moderate length, strongly boned overall, raised loins with strength, well covered. More scope in outline than those above, moved somewhat close behind on the day in my opinion but a dog with a lot to admire.

Open Dog (6,0). **1 Hinchliff's Sh Ch Goosepoint Gloster Grebe (Al) JW.** 2 years old exactly a noble presence, quick acting with a graceful outline, standing well over the ground, good length in the shoulders and totally unexaggerated in any department. A dog you could overlook as needing more time to finish and come to his very best, which he does, but close analysis cannot fail to absorb the many fine breed attributes this dog has on show. Delightful head and expression, well balanced proportions with dark eyes correctly placed and set as were his ears, skull slightly rounded and clean cut with correct planes. Body ratios correct with good length of leg and clear daylight beneath, proportionate length of ribcage and body overall, ribcage well sprung, chest appearing deeper rather than wide, neat tuck up. Well angulated and muscled throughout, tail well set and carried, coat dense, coarse textured and short, wearing his skin as a tight jacket. A super sound mover with flowing profile movement reaching well forward and driving from the rear, lithe and smooth in action. My clear **DCC & BOB** on the day and his birthday, a top-quality pointer and pleased to see him shortlisted in a strong gundog group still young and full of promise. **2 Mervyn's Ir Sh Ch, Lux Ch & Int Sh Ch Tomanipoint Celtic Knight An Ch Jun Ch.** 4½ years liver dog an outstanding mover with real reach and scope covering the ground with drive and determination, very sound and positive with convergence on show at speed. A masculine presence in the ring impressive for size, body condition and muscled condition throughout. Head well developed with strong muzzle and under jaw, dark eye colour, well set, but a cheeky head detracted somewhat from his expression for me. Good depth of body and strength in the hindquarters, shoulders appeared slightly thick and heavy which did not enhance his outline for me on the day and spring of ribcage I considered rather excessive. Coat texture coarse and close presented in gleaming condition. A dog with many fine virtues his movement being chief amongst them. **3 Brown & Burns' Sh Ch Magregor Threesacrowd At Pothouse JW ShCM.** Rising 4½ years liver and white, superbly well muscled throughout with strong shoulders and well-developed hindquarters, lovely squarely made outline, most typical breed presence, good bone and well-padded feet, close and well arched, ribcage well sprung and reaching well back, neat tuck up. Nostrils full and wide, head well balanced, another quality dog capable of taking top honours but lost out to the winners on the day on movement with a slight tendency to crabbing on times in my opinion.

Veteran Bitch (5,2). **1 Schoneville's Balvenie Midnight Rambler Sh.CM.** Mature liver and white bitch, stands well over the ground of medium size and well proportioned overall, well boned with thick pads on close knit feet. Broad ears set high, eyes dark brown well set and shaped strong moderate length of neck nicely arched. Pleasing breed type with noble attitude and clean outline head planes parallel and she carried the best muscled hindquarters in the class for a veteran. A super graceful mover, smooth, lithe and stretching action, **BV** and pleased to see her shortlisted in the veteran group. **2 Thurm's Sh Ch Valger Odette.** Another noble bearing medium sized liver and white with typical feet and good hindquarter muscling presented in excellent body condition. Well sprung ribcage with depth of brisket reaching well back, plenty of scope to her outline, pleasing expression, eye colour and shape, stands well over the ground with short back and neat tuck up. **3 Sielski's Eairycor Kara.** Excellent body condition and strong across the loins, well muscled hindquarters for her age. Delightful gentle breed temperament and still retains strong bone, coat texture dense and coarse. Correct head proportions, stifles well bent but not the rear driving action of the winners on the move on the day.

Minor Puppy Bitch (2,1). **1 Galloway & Anderson's Torranpoint Gilda From Alayglow.** 7½ months, sweet natured l/w squarely built and typical outline well balanced overall with good neck set into well placed, long sloping shoulders. Attractive expression typical dark eye colour and shape impressive for a youngster, well ribbed back possessing strong bone throughout. Scores on her excellent overall angulation, body proportions and condition, tail well set and carried, a promising puppy.

Puppy Bitch (5,2). **1 Mann's Elfindrew Lacey To Valger.** 9½ months liver and white, the soundest mover in the class with a lovely, soft, alert, appealing expression, well constructed overall with pleasing arched neck deepening into well set shoulders. Excellent breed type and short back standing well over the ground, depth of brisket reaching well back, good bone and close-knit feet, skin held tight. Not quite the strength in the hindquarters at present of the winning puppy dog for me but deservedly scored a major win in the later puppy stakes classes. **2 Garvey's Richtig Roma.** 10 months liver and white with a head I preferred to that of the winner due to enhanced strength of muzzle, but she did not possess the firmness in front nor quite the positive movement of the first placed on the day though she did have better hindquarter muscling at this stage in my opinion. Well muscled also across the loins, well sprung ribcage but lacking depth of ribbing throughout in my view. A puppy with a lot to admire and a super, coarse textured, dense coat on display. **3 Blair's Richtig Raxano.** Litter sister to second above and similar remarks apply in relation to front and depth of ribbing underline though well sprung. Very well covered across the loins but does not need to carry any more weight in my opinion to her advantage, she carried the best hindquarter muscling in the class and good length of leg to depth of fore-chest. Her head is promising, and she holds a pleasing tail set and carriage though was determined to play her handler up both standing and moving on the day.

Junior Bitch (3,1). **1 Mervyn's Tomanipoint Annie's Mazurka Jun Ch.** Rising 16 months liver and white, impressed me greatly for her well muscled and solid condition throughout particularly on shoulders, across loins and hindquarters with deep second thighs on show. Not the biggest of bitches but very squarely balanced, noble appearance and stood covering the ground well, well knit together overall with strong, straight front, nice depth of fore-chest, well sprung ribcage reaching well back, beautifully short coupled, neat tuck up. Typical short back with slightly raised loin, nicely sloping broad croup to well set on thick tail. Super coat qualities really thick, dense, hard wearing and coarse, skin especially close fitting enhancing her outline and quality for me. Typical head profile well proportioned with intelligent feminine expression, dark eyes, well shaped and another exhibit with impressive strength and length of muzzle. A sound mover, perhaps not quite the full convergence in evidence at speed one would like to see but positive and demonstrating excellent forward reach and determined rear drive from her hocks in profile. No hesitation in awarding her the **BCC & BOS** on the day a lovely solid, well coated and typical young bitch of quality. **2 McCafferty's Richtig Raognhailt.** Rising 17 months a bigger bitch than the winner slightly more refined and with more scope overall to her outline, a most sound and true mover though tail set slightly low I considered. Another strong, lengthy muzzle good to see on a bitch, full, wide open nostrils on display, correct dark brown eye colour, well set and shaped. Presented in solid, well covered body condition with strong hindquarter muscling. Well sprung ribcage, firm across the loins, stifles well bent and standing well over the ground. Unavailable when called for the RCC challenge as I would have been pleased to have had her attend.

Novice Bitch (2,0). **1 Begg's Alayglow Casus Soraya.** Rising 19 months liver and white litter sister to second in limit dog of same pleasing breed type and noble, streamline outline good bone and feet and well muscled hindquarters. Very well constructed throughout which reflected in her splendid profile movement with wonderful forward extension and driving rear propulsion, lithe and energetic. Correct spring of ribcage, short backed and carrying a well covered body condition and typical dense coat. A most typical medium sized bitch who looked deservedly at home in the final challenge. **2 Blair's Richtig Raxano.**

Post Graduate Bitch (10,5). **1 Galloway & Anderson's Zarozinia Ballindalloch Via Alayglow.** 23 months liver and white, half-sister I see to the winner of novice, medium size quality bitch, most typical and sound slightly unnerved by ringside clapping but confident, alert and biddable by nature. Attractive balanced outline strong bone and close-knit feet, head and tail carried typically on the move which was smooth and positive fore and aft with excellent reach and drive on display. Head well proportioned and a biddable feminine expression, pleasing dark brown eye colour, short backed and standing well over the ground, neat tuck up. **2 Jackson's Archerpoint One Vision.** 21½ months well angulated overall with pleasing ratio of depth of brisket to good length of leg, most attractive and typical breed outline standing and covers the ground well. A bitch with many breed qualities to admire but not moving as true as the winner at the rear on the day in my opinion and could carry slightly more body condition to advantage. Broad ears well set of correct length but not quite the appealing expression of the winner for me. Tail well set and carried, coat close and dense, skin tight and neat tuck up. **3 Jackman's Katelands Cosmic Affair Via Navigareamor.** 2¼ years, black and white with lovely length to her muzzle on beautifully balanced head, skull nicely rounded, beautiful dark eye colour well set and shape eyes, mellow expression. Placed on her outstanding hindquarter muscling the best in the class and super quality dense, coarse coat which really impressed me presented in clean, full bloom. Slight deep in brisket I considered and could be shorter in the back and couplings, but I made allowance for her sex, ribcage correctly sprung reaching well back.

Limit Bitch (10,3). **1 Tait's Benboee Bring It On.** Rising 5¼ years old liver and white possesses a head full of character with strong under jaw, excellent mature proportions with lovely chiseled features, slight stop and correct planes, dark brown eye colour pleasingly shaped and set. Good ratio of body depth to length of leg, wide and strong across the loins, well developed hindquarter muscling. Shoulders long and well set, neck thickening at base and nicely arched, good bone and feet and particularly well-developed thick pads. Well sprung ribcage carried well back, a sound mover with typical head and tail carriage, stood well over the ground presented in very solid mature body condition. **2 Milligan's Isara Kurzhaar All Spice.** 2 years 8 months liver and white, half the age of the winner and pushed her very hard but still needs time to come to her full potential in my opinion though she was the more impressive mover. Excellent breed type and lovely square outline, intelligent expression but not quite carrying the strength of bone of the winner nor tightness of feet. Well proportioned and balanced overall, close dense coat, tail correctly set and carried. **3 Tierney's Ceilloch Crimson.** 2¼ years old liver and white, not quite the bone of the winner nor her finish in the muzzle or movement of the second place was displayed by this bitch on the day in my opinion. Pleasing for breed type and outline, stood covering the ground well, straight front with good depth of brisket. She had the best coat qualities in the class for density, coarse texture and shortness, skin close fitting all round, and possesses many admirable breed virtues presented in pleasing body condition with neat tuck up.

Open Bitch (10,6). **1 Cox's Sh Ch Cushatlaw Irresistable JW ShCM.** 5 years 2 months liver and white, noble, energetic appearance, very well angulated and presented in excellent body condition, strong arched neck, raised loins, short back, tail well set and carried. The best mover in the class for soundness in my opinion, head qualities were particularly to be admired with alert, intelligent expression, full, open nostrils, dark brown eye colour, well shaped and set, strong muzzle of good length, skull slightly furrowed and slightly rounded. Head well proportioned to body carried well on the move. Good depth of body with plenty of daylight on show underneath, well sprung and ribbed back, straight front and fore-chest fullness especially notable. Coat dense and particularly well textured, strong, long hindquarters, well muscled. Not quite the power on the move of my best bitch and I preferred her squarer outline but most worthy of the **RBCC. 2 Drew's Sh Ch Cushatlaw Illustrious JW.** Litter sister to the above bitch, liver and white and similar remarks apply though she lacks the finish in the muzzle of the winner, but she also is a sound lithe mover with an attractive, typically noble breed outline. Another excellent fore-chest and good length of leg, broad ears well set and held as was tail. Similar very attractive expression with lovely dark brown eye colour. Both these sisters stood well over the ground and are a credit to the breed and their owners. **3 Tierney's Puddledub Pour Moi.** 4½ years, liver and white presented in very fit, tight skinned and solid body condition, well muscled across broad loins though somewhat longer in the back than the bitches above her. Well muscled hindquarters, tail well set and carried, pleasing dark eye colour and shape. I considered her to have not quite the muzzle finish of the winner nor be as positive on the move on the day. Another bitch carrying a really excellent dense coat, coarsely texture and tight fitting with neat tuck up.