Critique – Gundog Breeds Association of Scotland Judge: Mrs E A Grewcock

So sorry the original judge was ill, but what a treat for me to take over her entry. Having owned a German Shorthaired Pointer in the 1970's my love and interest in this beautiful breed has never waned. I was delighted to find good breed type, quality exhibits through all the age range, from 6 months right up to the veterans present here today. I will watch many of the winner's future careers with interest. This is such a good sign for the future of the breed.

Veteran Dog (3,2). 1 Tierney's Puddledub Pyjama. 7 years old. True type showed in good condition. Pleasing head, clean neck, firm topline. Good bone and feet. Covered his ground with ease. Quality dog. Was pleased to award him Res Dog **CC & Best Veteran**.

Minor Puppy Dog (2). 1 Schoneville's Balvenie Double Diamond. 6 month old. Had many qualities for one so young. Nicely bodied and showing good proportions. Just needs to tighten in front. Working well with his handler standing and on the move. 2 Crozier's Faubourg Valentino. 8 months old, less mature and bodied than my winner, so not exhibiting the balance and not at one with his owner, but this will all improve with time.

Puppy Dog (2). 1 Schoneville's Balvenie Double Diamond. 2 Crozier's Faubourg Valentino.

Junior Dog (4). 1 Mann's Valger Ragnar JW. 14 month, typy, good head proportions, clean neck. Solid looking dog without any coarseness. Correct feet and hindquarters which he put to good use when asked to move. Think he will have a very bright future. 2 Rose & Hunt's Pingarypoint Top Secret at Kavacanne. 13 month old, different type to my winner, not quite the chest or depth of body of my winner. Well-muscled showed and moved well. 3 Coe's Goosepoint Waddington At Abbanash (AI).

Novice Dog (2). 1 Rose & Hunt's Pingarypoint Top Secret at Kavacanne. 2 Elmwood's Rievers Baron von Autumnglory. Not co-operating with his handler today. So quite difficult to assess standing. Nice head and expression, clean neck, not the shoulders of my winner. Happier on the move. Moved free.

Post Graduate Dog (1). 1 Angus' Barleyarch Lismore Via Calmerell. Nice size but a little longer in back than many here today. Well balanced head, dark eye, clean neck of good length. A little light on forechest. Good bone and front, well balanced hindquarters.

Limit Dog (6,1). 1 Staley's Jomeel Midnight Rambler. Striking looking dog. Slightly bigger made than some but well in the standard. Liked his ground covering typical GSP movement. Shown in good muscular condition which won him this class. 2 Stopforth's Taftazini Cesar Chance with Serenymor JW. Nice short back, straight front, good bone and feet. Well-made hindquarters. Moved free and true. 3 Braine's Grenetrest Canterbury Bell JW.

Open Dog (11,3). 1 Thurm's Sh Ch Bryburn Bacchus JW ShCM. What can I say, stood out in a class of quality. Correct size, balance. Clean although. Good bone, straight front, good feet. Correct hind construction. Covered his ground with ease. Fits the standard well. DCC. 2 Hinchliff's Ch Goosepoint Gloster Grebe (AI). JW. Another worthy titleholder. Clean although. Correct head and eye, neck, straight front, good feet. Just preferred hind construction of my winner. But hard decisions in this class. Moved true fore and aft. 3 Brown & Burns' Sh Ch Magregor Threesacrowd At Pothouse JW ShCM.

Veteran Bitch (2,1). 1 Schoneville's Balvenie Midnight Rambler ShCM. 8 year old. Good head and eye. Short strong back. Correct bone, well balanced and muscled hindquarters. Moved free.

Minor Puppy Bitch (7,1). 1 Jackman's Balvenie Dressed To Thrill via Navigareamor. 6 month old and already a little star. Loved her size, balance. Feminine and has ring presence. Clean although. Good shoulders, straight front, correct feet and hind construction. Moved free and true. I shall follow her future career. Best Puppy. 2 Drew's Archerpoint Native Dancer. 7 month old. Another quality puppy. Good type. Good head proportions, clean neck. Good length of body. Needs time to fill out in forechest. Nice type. Moved free. 3 Gibbon's Faubourg Truly Scrumptious.

Puppy Bitch (5). Lovely quality again in this class. Bodes well for the breed. 1 Staley's Jomeel Naughtylicious. Splitting hairs, and the decision was made with the zest my winner put in on the move, both 10 months, quality although. Covering her ground free and true. First and second have many similar attributes and I am sure will change places often. 2 Cox's Cushatlaw Serendipity. 3 Gibbon's Faubourg Truly Scrumptious.

Junior Bitch (6,2). 1 Drysdale's Drysika Foxtrot. Showing real quality. Well balanced feminine head, good eye. Balanced body proportions. Best of fronts and feet. Correct hind construction, showing clean hocks. Moved as good as she looked. Another one to watch. 2 Barker's Valger Rapunzel At Barkersdream JW. Pleased to say again another bitch of quality. Slightly lighter built than my winner but typy although. It's all there and came together on the move. Moved with great ground covering free movement. 3 McIlwaine's Winterwell Steppin Stones to Benoveor.

Novice Bitch (4). 1 Cox's Cushatlaw Serendipity. 2 Gibbon's Faubourg Truly Scrumptious. Smart bitch. Good head proportions. Dark eye. Straight front. Well balanced body and hindquarters. Moved free. 3 McIlwaine's Winterwell Steppin Stones to Benoveor.

Post Graduate Bitch (7). 1 Rose & Gaffney's Pingarypoint The Way to Kavacanne JW. Elegant built bitch. Straightest of fronts, excellent feet. Good hind construction. Shown in good condition. Real free flowing true mover. 2 Blair's Richtig Raxano. Many of the above comments apply, just preferred forechest of my winner. Moved free and true, a close decision. 3 Garvey's Richtig Roma.

Limit Bitch (8,1). 1 Rutherford's Cushatlaw Charisma of Dappledele. Another quality class, everything to like here from her correct head, expression, clean neck, well laid shoulders. True front, great body proportions, well–turned stifles, upright hocks. Workman-like and quality although. Covered the ring with ease. Was delighted to award her BCC and BOB. 2 Mann's Elfrindew Lacey to Valger JW. Just my type of bitch. Lovely to be able to say in a breed quality so many times. Slightly overshadowed by my winner but sure this one is another for top honours. Not quite the presence or zest on the move as my winner. 3 Pearson's Ladyhawke Dizzy Miss Lizzy.

Open Bitch (6,2). 1 Drew's Sh Ch Cushatlaw Illustrious JW. Best of head proportions, feminine, true breed head, dark eye, into clean neck, good shoulders. Correct body proportions. Good hindquarters. Moved free and true. RBCC. 2 Schoneville's Balvenie Bella JW. Hard decision again in a good class. Quality although, many of the above's attributes. Moved free and true. Just preferred head of my winner. 3 Milligan's Isara Kurzhaar All Spice.