CRITIQUE - GUNDOG SOCIETY OF WALES

Judge: Mr M Blay

Minor Puppy Dog (0). No Entries

Puppy Dog (2,0). **1 Harris' Barleyarch Pringle**. Liver and white ticked , one with a big future ahead of him I'm sure, still a little raw around the edges but maturing at just the right pace, liked his head planes and strong neck, eyes darkening nicely, well constructed front assembly, correct shape when stood, good rib and level top line, found him in excellent coat, strong loin and good angles behind, steady on the move but still showing plenty of reach in front and drive moving away. **BP** and pleased to see him shortlisted in the Puppy group. **2 Thomas & Taylor's Knabynnus Autumn Harvest**. Pleasing head and expression, good shoulders and shape, in good coat, correct behind, not as settled as 1 on the move, hope he doesn't grow on anymore.

Junior Dog (3,1). 1 Braine's Grenetrest Canterbury Bell JW. Tossup between type versus schooling, heavier in head than I normally would go for, good eye, clean strong neck and well-placed shoulders, good through rib and strong loin, would prefer slightly harsher coat, well muscled quarters, steadier on the move than 2 allowing him to show good drive and a good side on profile. 2 Brown's Graygees Gigolo. Liked his type but not the movement of 1 as he was being a pickle on the day, good head shape, lovely dark eye, good neck and shoulder, well sprung rib and level top line found him in super condition, unfortunately lost the class on his movement, a tad bouncy and excitable today.

Novice Dog (1). 1 Brown's Graygees Gigolo.

Graduate Dog (2,0). No Entries

Post Graduate Dog (2,0). 1 Stopforth's Taftazini Cesar Chance with Serenymor. Liver and white ticked. Fab head shape and lovely dark eye correct through neck and shoulders, deep well sprung ribs, correct proportions when stood, firm level top line, lovely harshness to coat, strong quarters allowing him to move effortlessly around the ring. One for the future when he fully matures. 2 Knowles & Glen's Wilholme Had a lovely Time with Bessalone. Liver and white. Bigger rangier dog than 1, strong masculine head, of a good shape, dark eye, strong neck set on well placed shoulder, deep rib and strong through loin, well muscled but would like more turn of stifle, just not the drive of 1 on the move.

Limit Dog (2,0). 1 Bennett's Barleyarch Firefly. Liver and white ticked. All male of a lovely size and shape. Liked his head shape, clean through muzzle and stop, lovely dark eye of a good shape, strong neck set on correct shoulders, deep well sprung rib, level top line and well muscled loin, hammy quarters and a good turn of stifle, on the move his effortless stride belies the power he generates, just let down for top honour as he had a tendency to carry his tail too high. Couldn't deny him his *RDCC*. 2 Delaney's Redmires Ticket to the Stars JW. Liver and white. Liked his type when he first came into the ring, good head type and correct front end, slightly sloping off over the croup on the day, not the drive and reach of 1 today.

Open Dog (7,1). Wow. My favourite class of the day. All quality dogs and a pleasure to go over them all. 1 Hinchliff's Sh Ch Goosepoint Gloster Grebe (Al) JW. A dog I've often looked at outside the ring. Didn't disappoint, an imposing dog of a good size and correct shape, liked his head type and kind dark eye, super front assembly set on well boned legs, deep in rib and good top line, lovely strength through loin and well muscled behind, capable of doing a day's work. Harshest of jackets on him. Came alive on the move, graceful yet full of muscle, loved his side on gait, with the reach and drive he showed. Pleased to award him DCC & BOB and watch him get a shortlist in the Group. 2 Brown & Burns' Sh Ch Magregor Threesacrowd at Pothouse JW SHCM. A dog who I've been over before, always seems to be the bridesmaid under me, this is not to detract from his quality, super masculine head and kind expression, good neck and shoulders, strong rear end, and good coat, lovely shape when stacked, lovely driving action behind, If I'm nit picking just not the straight lines of 1 when coming towards. 3 Gatliffe's Allezweck Shamrock.

Veteran Dog (3,2). **1 Tudor's My Little Old Man at Brocador**. Rangy Liver and white. Correct head shape, strong neck and good shoulders, good rib, slight fall away over croup, good turn of stifle, not the drive of the top winners but did enough to warrant the class and **BV**.

Minor Puppy Bitch (1,1). Absent.

Puppy Bitch (2,2). Absent.

Junior Bitch (5,2). 1 Izard's Yockletts Cordiale. Liver and white. Lovely tidy bitch in firm condition, good head piece with kind eye darkening at just right stage, slight arch to neck set on well laid shoulders, deep rib leading to a well muscled loin, straight top line and well angled quarters, found her in good coat, good size and correct proportions when stacked, would like a bit more oomph about her on the move but nothing is out of place. 2 Mervyn's Tomanipoint Annie's Mazurka Jun Ch. Another lovely bitch when stacked, heavier set head than 1 with a slight banding across her nose, good neck and shoulders, slightly wider through chest than 1, level top line and lovely muscular quarters, harsh jacket on her, needs to steady herself on the move as everything is in place but just tended to race on a bit. 3 Gatliffe's Allezweck Evita.

Novice Bitch (5,3). **1 Howland's Graygees Zelda Sayre**. Liver and white. Liked her head and lovely kind eye, good head planes, strong neck and well laid shoulders, good front and deep rib, nice square shape when stacked, well angled behind and full of muscle, steady on the move showing drive when going away and good straight lines upon her return. **2 Desombre's Braneath Ptarmigan**. Liver and white. Finer type than 1, loved her feminine head and kind expression, liked her profile when stacked and settled, good front and well angled behind, in good coat, not as settled on the move as 1.

Graduate Bitch (3,0). **1 Burford's Pingarypoint Legolicious**. Liver and white ticked. A lot to like about this bitch, super feminine head and lovely dark eye, good neck and well placed shoulders set on straight legs, Nice level top line, and strong loin leading into well muscled quarters, held herself together on the move well, firm back and a lovely driving action. **2 Knowles & Glen's Wilholme Agnes Brown at Bessalone**. Sweetest of heads and kind expression, good neck and well laid shoulders, slightly narrower in chest than I would like, good top line and correct coat, well angled behind, not the drive of 1 on the move. **3 Hughes' Sonnenberg Silver Wraith**.

Post Graduate Bitch (4,2). **1 Rumney's Kacela Sweet Ayana**. Have liked this bitch in the past and now maturing up to be the full package, beautiful head and kind expression with a lovely dark eye, graceful neck and well placed shoulders, well sprung ribs leading to a strong loin and the best of hind quarters, super harsh short coat, free flowing on the move showing drive and reach, couldn't deny her the *BCC* on the day. **2 Hughes' Sonnenberg Silver Wraith**. Clean feminine head with a good eye, good neck, slightly upright in shoulder for me, good rib and firm level top line, found her in hard condition, good angles behind, liked her movement but lacking the

Limit Bitch (8,1). 1 Pudney's Pitwit Winter Glow JW. Unlucky to come against the 2 principle winners on the day. I'm sure her time will come, lovely honest bitch who is very understated, lovely kind eye and feminine to look at, loved her shape when stacked, lovely front assembly and beautifully angled quarters, short backed with a level top line, and found in the harshest of coats, graceful on the move, showing good reach and drive. 2 Drysdale's Drysika Fast Track. Another lovely bitch who on another day could swap places, feminine head, good neck and front, good rib and level top line, in lovely hard condition and harsh coat, good width of thigh, good bend of stifle, another good moving bitch whose gracefulness belies her power underneath. 3 Tierney's Ceilloch Crimson.

Open Bitch (7,1). 1 Harris' Sh Ch Barleyarch Playtime (AI) JW. Loved this bitch when she came in the ring, fills the ring with her natural presence, lovely head and good eye, good neck with slight arch set on super shoulders and front, good rib leading to strong loin and a lovely level top line, in good harsh coat, lovely angles to her muscled rear. Loved her shape when stacked, free flowing on the move, pushing for top honour. *RBCC*. 2 Desombre's Barleyarch Springtail at Braneath. Of a similar ilk to 1, liked her head shape and kind expression, strong neck and good front, lovely rib and short back, in super coat, good angles behind, moved with good drive and lovely straight line coming towards, just preferred the oomph of 1 on the day. 3 Schoneville's Balvenie Midnight Rambler ShCM.

Veteran Bitch (0). No Entries.