Critique – Gundog Society of Wales Judge: Mrs W Pearson

First of all, I would like to thank the Committee for inviting me to judge GSPs, it is always an honour to be asked to award CCs in your own breed. I would like to thank the Show Committee and all those who worked so hard behind the scenes to ensure that the show was able to proceed and was managed in a COVID safe manner, you are all to be commended, the organisation was superb.

Thank you to my lovely stewards and finally a special thanks to all the exhibitors who provided me with a quality entry, it was a privilege to judge your lovely dogs.

Minor Puppy Dog (1). 1 Mann's Sparkenhoe Kith & Kin. Almost 9 months I/w dog, well-proportioned head, dark eye with gentle expression, good forechest, straight front, harsh coat, moved OK. BPD

Puppy Dog (1). 1 Marsh's Kilnrae Berliner. 9 month old flashy I/w dog, well-proportioned head, eyes a little light but should darken with time, good depth of chest and nice flow of neck into shoulder, good coat, still needs to mature into his frame, moved OK.

Junior Dog (2,1). 1 Sielski's Orchidstar Bolts of Speed. 17 month old I/w dog. Fabulous harsh coat, lovely head proportion, soft expression, good forechest and depth of chest, well–muscled, moderate rear angulation with nice turn of stifle and second thigh, moved with power and drive. Pleased to award him RDCC.

Graduate Dog (1). **1 Collins' Barleyarch Hoopla at Forestpoint**. 19 month old I/w dog of good breed type nicely balanced angulation fore and aft, good harsh coat, lovely dark eye and melting expression, nice forechest and depth of chest, moved well.

Post Graduate Dog (1). 1 Schoneville's Balvenie Double Diamond JW. Flashy I/w dog, well balanced workman like, with good head proportions, well-muscled throughout good coat, moved out well.

Limit Dog (5). Lovely Class of Dogs. 1 Smith & Reardon's Winterwell Maida Stone. Solid Liver dog, well balanced throughout with good angulation, straight front, lovely head and expression, short in back good coat, lovely driving movement. DCC. 2 Mann's Elfrindew Endrick to Valger. L/w dog with the most beautiful head and expression, lovely flow of neck into shoulder, slightly longer cast than 1, nice moderate angulation throughout, moved well. 3 Coe's Goosepoint Waddington at Abbanash (AI) JW.

Open Dog (2). 1 Sielski's Orchidstar Bonds of Speed JW ShCM. Smart I/w flashy dog, fantastic harsh coat, in great condition, well-muscled, lovely head and expression, nice turn of stifle. Moved out well. 2 Adams' Sh Ch Barleyarch Ariat JW. L/w dog, lovely breed type nothing overdone about him, moderate angulation and balanced throughout, good head and expression, nice flow of neck into shoulder. Moved well.

Minor Puppy Bitch (4,1). 1 Mann's Valger Symphony. Lovely 8 month old I/w bitch, beautiful head and expression, presents a lovely outline stacked, nice arch to neck and flow into shoulder, good coat, with nice angles fore and aft, balanced throughout, moved well when settled. BPB & BPIB. 2 Jackman's Navigareamor Spring Tide. 6 month old b/w bitch, a raw baby with lots of maturing to do but she oozes femininity she has a lovely dark eye and a melting expression. She stands on good bone and feet, slightly longer cast than my winner, giving a lot away in maturity today but moved well for one so young. 3 Sielski's Orchidstar Two to Tango.

Puppy Bitch (3,1). 1 Mann's Valger Symphony. 2 Schoneville's Balvenie Eye Candy. 10 month old flashy I/w, pretty bitch, again slightly longer cast than 1, correct coat, nice forechest, good depth of chest and angulation with nice turn of stifle, moved well.

Junior Bitch (2). 1 Brown & Filby's Winterwell ThatIldo for Desjiem. 14 month old I/w bitch. Loved her breed type, she is beautifully balanced, there is nothing overdone about her, she presents a lovely outline stacked, she stands on good bone and lovely feet, a pretty feminine head and good angulation fore and aft complete the picture and she moves with purpose. RBCC. 2 Clarke's Thorscrag Aphrodite. Almost 18 month old bitch, finer and longer cast than my winner, a very feminine bitch with a pretty head and balanced angulation, moved well.

Novice Bitch (2). **1 Brudenell-Pryke's Puddledub Pilis.** Solid liver bitch with a good coat, nice head of good proportions, she has moderate angulation all through, moved OK. **2 Clarke's Thorscrag Aphrodite**.

Graduate Bitch (4). 1 Joy's Solwaypoint Georgia at Mannlicher. Flashy I/w, balanced bitch, nice dark eye and feminine expression, lovely arch to neck, moderate angles and she moved round the ring with ease. 2 Hammond's Seasham Hot Love. L/w bitch, heavier built than my winner and longer cast, however there is lots to like about her, she has a beautiful head with the most gentle expression, she also has a lovely arch to her neck nicely flowing into well laid shoulders. She sports a beautiful harsh coat, and she glides around the ring. 3 Lauchlan's Blythehill Blossoms.

Post Graduate Bitch (5,1). 1 Lockett's Fayemm Forever Together. L/w flashy bitch, heavier built but balanced throughout, presents a nice outline stacked with nice angles and good bend of stifle, she has a nice coat and she moved out well. 2 Jackman's Balvenie Dressed to Thrill via Navigareamor. Flashy I/w bitch with a finer head than 1, a pretty bitch with good forechest, she is nicely balanced and shown in great condition, moved well. 3 Staley's Jomeel Now I am Here.

Limit Bitch (6). A lovely class of quality bitches. 1 Roden's Jacofraze Desire from Keigame. L/w bitch loved her for breed type, she is a compact and balanced bitch and has a lovely stacked profile, lovely feminine head and well-muscled hind quarters with a nice turn of stifle. Moved well. 2 Hammond's Seasham I Love to Boogie. L/w flashy bitch, longer cast than my winner but she has a beautiful harsh coat, a feminine head with a lovely arch of neck into well laid shoulders, balanced angulation fore and aft and she moves around the ring with ease. 3 Lisle's Barleyarch Masalla with Moonpainter.

Open Bitch (3). Another Lovely Class. 1 Izards Ch Yockletts Cordiale JW. Beautiful dark I/w bitch who is a worthy champion, she is beautifully balanced throughout and on the stack oozes GSP. She has a well-proportioned head and a correct harsh coat and she moved around the ring with reach and drive. BCC. 2 Roden's Keigame Queenie. L/w bitch of nice proportion, nice depth of chest good angulation fore and aft, lovely feminine head with a melting expression. She moved out well. 3 Lockett's Fayemm Remember Me.

Veteran Bitch (1). 1 Coe & Pitman's Int Sh Ch, Lux Ch, NI Ch, Dt Ch (VDH) & Ir Sh Ch Pitwit Leeona. 10 year old I/w bitch. Well-proportioned head, short in back and balanced throughout, she moved around the ring with ease. BV.