

CRITIQUE – GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER ASSOCIATION

Judge: Mr D P Flaherty

I would like to thank the GSPA Committee for giving me the opportunity to judge such a prestigious show. I consider this such an honour and privilege.

My very capable stewards Colin and Sue kept the day running smoothly and for this I was very grateful.

In my opinion the breed now is lacking correct movement with reach and drive becoming a thing of the past. The present “Pit-ter-Patter, Short Stepping” movement shown by several dogs is becoming acceptable which according to the breed standard is not correct! Judges beware promoting incorrect movement will not do the breed any favours going forward.

Minor Puppy Dog (3). **1 Hunt’s Pingarypoint Top Secret at Kavacanne.** Although still a youngster this dog shows promise with a clean-cut head having the correct eye shape and ear placement. Good bone and condition. His movement was effortless with reach, drive, power and attitude. **2 Rusk’s Booton Bradley.** Similar attributes to 1. Correct head, kind expression, good bone and correct coat. Just not showing to his best today. **3 Sielski’s Orchidstar Willy Nilly.**

Puppy Dog (4). **1 Coe’s Goosepoint Waddington At Abbanash (AI).** *BP.* Good head, neck and shoulders. Presented in good condition with good muscle definition and this was evident on the move with reach and drive. Won over 2 on maturity. **2 Hunt’s Pingarypoint Top Secret at Kavacanne.** **3 Rusk’s Booton Bradley.**

Junior Dog (3). **1 Milton & Lewis’ Molkara Air Gunner.** A dog presented in great condition. Correct head with a kind expression. Strong neck leading into well placed shoulders. Short back, strong loin and power in the rear assembly used on the move. **2 Lee-man’s Arbourtrees Dogwood.** A finer dog than one, with a nice kind expression and level topline. Moved OK. **3 Round’s Fleetapple Fabian.**

Yearling Dog (4). **1 Braine’s Grenetrest Canterbury Bell JW.** *RDCC.* A strong looking dog with the correct height to length ratio. Does not need to grow anymore. Good depth of chest and powerful hindquarters. Moved well. **2 Stopforth’s Taftazini Cesar Chance with Serenymor JW.** A slightly smaller dog than one. Shown in very good condition with correct front and rear assembly. Just lacked the reach and drive of one today. **3 Stedman’s Indijazz Designer Genes.**

Post Graduate Dog (4,2). **1 Brown’s Graygees Gigolo JW.** A fine picture of the breed. Short strong back, standing over plenty of ground. Nice head and kind expression. Good reach of neck and well laid shoulders. Moved with reach and drive. *DCC & RBIS.* **2 McPherson’s Whistlecraft Gandalf.** Longer than one. Good coat and level topline. Moved well.

Limit Dog (14,2). **1 Cook & Lamb’s Brooke Will Do It Through Milcook.** A powerful looking dog fit for purpose. Good front and level topline. Good harsh coat. Moved with reach, drive and a positive attitude. Showed well. **2 Knowles, Knowles & Glen’s Wilholme Had A Lovely Time with Bessalone.** A similar overall outline to one. Correct head and kind expression. Just lacked ring presence of one. **3 Wilkinson’s Zarozinia Beinn An Oir ShCM.**

Open Dog (8,1). **1 Staley’s Jomeel Monkey Wrench.** Correct head, neck and shoulders. He has a short back but stands over plenty of ground. Moved correctly in the class but was not the same dog in the challenge. **2 Gatcliffe’s Allezweck Shamrock.** A dog I have admired in the past and did not disappoint today. Good head, shoulders and front. Kind gentle expression. Moved well. **3 Hinchliff’s Ch Goosepoint Gloster Grebe (AI) JW.**

Veteran Dog (4). **1 Parr’s Pruso Blue My Cover.** A noble head with correct eye and ear set. Strong topline and rear quarters. Good bone and nice feet moved with reach and drive. **2 Thompson’s Redmires High Society.** Another good head. Strong neck and well laid shoulders. Correct topline with strong quarters, moved well. **3 Rusk’s Marann’s Lanson at Booton.**

Special Veteran Dog (3). **1 Smillie-Gray’s Sh Ch Oakberrow Wotzinaname ShCM.** Old but correct. Reach and drive on the move, good noble head with a kind expression. I was once told by one of the great founders of the breed in the UK. “if it moves correctly, it is made correctly”. This applied with this boy. **2 Braine’s Kenine March To Victory.** Just lacked the reach and drive of one today. Good depth of chest and shorter coupled still shown with good balance in outline.

Field Trial Dog (2). **1 Hinchliff’s Ch Goosepoint Gloster Grebe (AI) JW.** *BFT.* A nice dog in profile showing power in the front and rear. Level topline held on the move. **2 Deephatch Rocket.** Nice head and expression. Good bone and shown in good condition. Lacked the presence of one today.

Good Citizens Dog Scheme Dog (8,3). **1 Whiting’s Ranger Two Rodale JW ShCM.** Short backed standing over plenty of ground. Good condition and well-muscled which he used on the move which gave him the advantage in the class. **2 Rusk’s Marann’s Lanson At Booton.** Good head with the kindest expression. Level topline and good tail set all held well on the move. Just lacked the enthusiasm of one. **3 Coe’s Goosepoint Waddington At Abbanash (AI).**

Minor Puppy Bitch (7). **1 Sielski’s Orchidstar Okey Dokey.** Winner of my class of the day. Any of my first three could change place going forward. The more experienced of the class in my opinion showed very well. Good neck and shoulders, level topline, strong rear quarters used well on the move. **2 Rose’s Kavacanne at Karwendel.** Very nice head and kind expression strong neck leading good lay of shoulders. Good feet. Moved well. Just lacking the show presence of one today. **3 Whittaker’s Pingarypoint Top Class.**

Puppy Bitch (3). **1 Taylor & Taylor-Morris’ Drysika Cha Cha at Pelenrise.** A mature bitch for her age. Good neck and front assembly. Strong rear quarters and a good coat. **2 Ashcroft’s Hillanhi Dreaming of Gold Fur Eschenof.** A different type to one. Not as mature. Good reach of neck, level topline. Good head carriage on the move. **3 Campbell’s Rhosynglas At Rhobell Fawr.**

Junior Bitch (9,3). **1 Galloway & Anderson’s Torranpoint Gilda from Alayglow.** Lovely type with a nice head and kind eyes. Good reach of neck and well laid shoulders. Strong rear quarters. Moved with reach and drive. **2 Tudor’s Torranpoint Tenille.** Litter sister to one so the same applies. Winner won on movement today. **3 Taylor & Taylor-Morris’ Drysika Cha Cha at Pelenrise.**

Yearling Bitch (8,3). **1 Gatcliffe’s Allezweck Evita.** A lovely bitch who needs to be judged to be appreciated. Typical head. Good reach of neck and correct shoulders. Shown in good condition, moved with reach and drive. **2 Rittscher’s Zakova Amrone.** A similar bitch to one, with the same qualities. The reach and drive of one won the class on the day. This bitch will in my opinion improve with age. **3 Brown’s Graygees Fun N’Games.**

Post Graduate Bitch (13,2). **1 Pearson’s Ladyhawke Dizzy Miss Lizzy.** Another quality bitch. She is shown with good muscle condition and does not disappoint when you get hands on. Nicely fits the breed standard and moves as required. **2 Burford’s Pingarypoint Legolicious.** *JW.* Nice bitch with a good reach of neck, short coupled, correct topline held on the move. **3 Pitman & Heydt’s Pitwit Festive Time at Westard.**

Limit Bitch (9,1). **1 Rumney’s Kacela Sweet Ayana.** *RBCC.* In outline a typical GSP. The best of heads and nice lay of shoulders. Good bone and tight feet. Strong over the loin and quarters. Moved well with purpose. **2 Rutherford’s Cushatlaw Charisma of Dappledele.** Similar to one and it was difficult to split them. Both bitches fit the breed standard very well and all the above applies. Just piped on movement today. **3 Peebles’ Keigame Belle of All.**

Open Bitch (8,1). **1 Pudney’s Pitwit Winter Glow JW.** *BCC & BIS.* A bitch I have admired since she was a pup. Very nice head and expression with good neck and shoulders. Strong level topline. Good rear angulation which showed when moving with the desired efficiency. I was pleased to award her the third CC today to give her a well-deserved title. **2 Cox’s Sh Ch Cushatlaw Irresistible JW ShCM.** Another nice bitch with a pleasing head and kind expression. Typical GSP outline just preferred the movement of one. **3 Burford’s Pingarypoint Hot Topic.**

Veteran Bitch (4). **1 Schoneville’s Balvenie Midnight Rambler.** *BV.* Won the class on movement. Her effortless front and rear movement, with the correct angles in both profile and the away and back. Age is just a number for this girl, I think. **2 Nixon’s Quintana Quixotic.** Finer in bone than one but still a typical GSP fitting the breed standard well. **3 Coe & Pitman’s Int Sh Ch, Lux, NL, DT Ch (VDH) & Ir Sh Ch Pitwit Leeona.**

Special Veteran Bitch (4,2). **1 Sielski’s Eairycor Kara.** Nice neck and shoulders, with a level topline held on the move. **2 Pitman’s Pitwit Playing Games JW.** Such a pleasing bitch still having the kind and gentle look in her eye. As with all GSPs the willingness to please was still evident today. Just lost out on movement.

Field Trial Bitch (4). **1 Nixon’s Quintana Qin Qiao.** Good head with a kind alert expression. Strong neck and topline. Moved with purpose. **2 Nixon’s Quintana Quixotic.** As above with good outline and a typical GSP from this breeder. Just preferred the movement of one. **3 Hustler’s FT Ch Aytee Isadora.**

Good Citizens Dog Scheme Bitch (5,1). **1 Beverley’s Bryburn Artemis of Vinita JW.** A good strong headed bitch which is sometimes lacking. Good neck and shoulders, powerful rear quarters used well on the move. **2 Coe & Pitman’s Coe & Pitman’s Int Sh Ch, Lux, NL, DT Ch (VDH) & Ir Sh Ch Pitwit Leeona.** A pleasing bitch in profile with good angles front and rear just lacked the co-ordination of one on the move today. **3 Hayne’s Graygees Skyhawk In Rebeldye.**