

CRITIQUE - THE GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER ASSOCIATION

Judge: Mr G Haran

It is always a great honour to judge a breed specialty, especially when it's your own breed. I thank the Officers and Committee for the opportunity and the Exhibitors for bringing their dogs. A very good entry of 94 dogs. My thanks to my very capable Stewards.

It has been six years since I last judged and I was looking forward to the day, I was not disappointed, the quality was there, and a lot went cardless.

I got my first GSP in 1984 and although the type and coats are still to be found in abundance a few faults are beginning to creep in to our breed. Heads, small deep-set eyes, broad skulls with furrow, short muzzles, and heavy flews, these are completely alien to a GSP head. Exaggerated sloping toplines and rounded croups. I also noted dogs with hindquarters higher than forequarters – like running down a hole – Incorrect. Coats were generally good, remember short, flat and course to the touch - soft silky coats are not correct. Movement overall was not too bad, a few lacking in rear angulation and a lot lacking second thigh development. Smooth Lithe gait essential – exhibitors it is not a race to see who can get round the ring quickest, this trend of flash and dash is wrong, you lose the proper gait and balance.

Minor Puppy Dog (3). **1 Powell's Hiccup's Leaving a Legacy.** Lovely well balanced head, good eye, typical alert and gentle expression. Good bone and overall body proportions for age, I hope he does not grow too much more. Good coat and when settled was clean front and rear with good push from rear. **2 McCafferty's Thorscrag Hades.** Not as balanced as one, and did not have the reach and drive required. Head just ok, but has too much back skull, which I don't like to see in youngsters. **3 Marsh & Hoad's Kilnrae Richmond.** A very raw baby, giving so much away, has the essentials when he finds his feet.

Puppy Dog (5). **1 Russell's Fraulynzway Lightning Bolt.** Again, another youngster that was well up in size, but he is balanced and has a good typical stance. Head balanced, decent eye and expression. Super coat. Clean, tidy mover. **2 Heath & Robinson's Pinseeker Pep Guardiola.** Lovely head and expression, just not as balanced or moving as well as one today. When settled has a tidy typical outline, just needs time, but a decent prospect. **3 McCafferty's Thorscrag Hades.**

Junior Dog (5,1). **1 Bowler's Winterwell Iggy Inch JW.** Very pleasing outline and a lovely balanced head, good eye and muzzle. Clean neck, good fill to body and good bone. Nicely developed back end with a second thigh, good backline just a shade too much croup. Good coat. Active clean mover, clean front and rear with good extension and drive, an unhurried ground covering gait, a very good prospect, just needs a good six months and maturity and will have bright future. **2 Russell's Fraulynzway Lightning Bolt.** **3 Corkin's Kenzduo Firework.**

Yearling Dog (3,1). **1 Mellor's Evagrove Exclusive.** Lovely head and expression, good eye, good definition on cheeks. Decent body proportions just needs to fill and mature, bit of teenage stage, but has time. Good bone and a very good coat. Decent topline and had good reach and drive. **2 Corkin's Kenzduo Firework.** Decent size and coat, head ok but eye a bit round, which does not give that typical expression. Moved ok and had decent muscle tone.

Post Graduate Dog (2). **1 Hill's Ceilloch Russian.** Liked his head and expression and a very good coat. Decent body proportions and has a decent spring of rib and good strength of loin. Nicely muscled at rear. Held topline when moving, front action could be a bit cleaner but overall typical. **2 Russell's Fraulynzway Lightning Bolt.**

Limit Dog (8,2). **1 Pingault's Taftazini Aiden Abbott.** Super dog, he has that well balanced noble head, with a lovely dark eye, correct skull and muzzle and has that definition under the eyes, and eyebrows, which gives the GSP that alert and gentle expression. Good correct size and bone, well filled chest with good spring of rib, good strength of loin and correct backline and tailset. Well muscled rear with developed second thigh and clean hocks. Super coat. Has that typical reach and drive, holding topline and flowing unhurried smooth gait. I was happy to award him the ***DCC & BIS*** – well done. **2 Marsh's Kilnrae Berliner.** Another lovely dog with a super head and expression, has all the essentials and a tidy mover, today just needs a little more fill. **3 Collins' Barleyarch Hoopla at Forestpoint.** Decent dog could not match others on movement today.

Open Dog (9,1). A Lovely Class to judge, was splitting hairs. **1 Goff & Dales Seasham Live Wire at Shoshoni.** Loved his head and expression. Presented a typical stance with a super coat and good body proportions. Tidy mover coming and going and has super reach and drive in profile. He was shown in A1 condition and was a smidgen away from the CC. Today the ***RDCC***, I am surprised he is not a Champion, deserves to be. **2 Mann's Sh Ch Valger Ragnar JW.** A favourite of mine just was not showing as well as others. Super head and expression, was a little out of coat but has the correct coat. Lovely balanced proportions, good backline and tailset. Moved well but did not have that sparkle today. **3 Smith & Reardon's Sh Ch Winterwell Maida Stone.** Balanced dog has all the essentials, for me preferred the heads on the first two and the toplines.

Veteran Dog (4,1). **1 Thurm's Sh Ch Bryburn Bacchus JW ShCM ShCEx.** Classic in so many ways, lovely head and expression, Noble look, still in good body and condition. Moved out well. ***Best Veteran in Show.*** **2 Wilkinson's Zarozinia Beinn an Oir ShCM.** Well balanced dog, just preferred one's head and expression, clean active mover. **3 Adams' Sh Ch Barleyarch Ariat.** Another lovely head, just feeling his age and not as steady in movement today. 3 lovely dogs, always a pleasure to judge veterans.

Field Trial Dog (1). **1 Coe's Goosepoint Waddington at Abbanash JW.** Nicely balanced dog with a decent head and expression, coat could have been a bit coarser to touch. Clean enough in movement and decent in profile.

Good Citizen Scheme Dog (1). **1 Schoneville's Orchidstar Themisto by Balvenie.** Decent head and expression, ok bone, would prefer ribs coming back a little more. Moved ok coming and going, topline could have been a little cleaner and tail a shade high. Decent coat and well shown.

Minor Puppy Bitch (2). **1 Duddridge's Newtonbriar Moment in Time.** Very typy pup, just needs more fill to complete. Very pleasing head and good eye, decent bone. Clean coming and going and has that reach and push, coat ok. **2 Angus' Keigame Hearts Desire of Sparkenhoe.** Lovely head and expression. Good bone and very typical in outline. Movement was not as coordinated as one and one was better in topline.

Puppy Bitch (2). **1 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Zsazsa Gabor.** Beautiful stamp so very classic. Super head and expression, has that definition. She is well balanced throughout with correct bone. Coat is good. I hope that her growing is almost complete. Movement fore and aft is clean and precise, in profile has that ease of movement to cover the ground well, holds the correct topline and tailset. She shows great promise and was shown in good condition. ***Best Puppy in Show.*** **2 Swatman's Duckmire Mystery Penny.** Another decent pup, pleasing head but eye needs to darken. Has good fill to body and well angled behind, coat ok to touch. Tidy mover.

Junior Bitch (5). **1 Pearson's Winterwell Lulu Moppet to Ladyhawke JW.** Another very classic stance and outlook. Lovely head and eye with correct definition. Cleanly built on good bone with good fill and decent spring to rib, nicely angled and muscled rear with correct second thigh and clean hock. Clean mover front and back and has that ease of reach and drive holding topline with correct tailset. Good coat and shown well, will go far, a very exciting prospect. **2 Staley's Jomeel Olivia's Choice.** Another lovely bitch, just not as mature as one but has all the essentials. Very pleasing head with that alert gentle expression. Clean mover and good coat, just needs time. **3 Sielski's Orchidstar Missing Link JW.** Completes a pleasing trio, just not as coordinated in movement, has a good head and expression and good coat.

Yearling Bitch (4). **1 Trow's Fayemm Treacle Tart with Winterwell JW.** Another one with a classic stamp. Very typical in outlook with a nicely balanced head and eye, which to be critical would prefer a little darker, but she has time. Nicely constructed and stood on good legs, has super fore chest and fill. Well muscled and correct second thigh. Moved out cleanly with a good topline and good coat. Shown in lovely condition. **2 Davies' Faircastle Electra.** Today was a bit raw, needs weight and fill, has a decent stamp with a pleasing head and expression. Was a smidgen longer in loin than I prefer. Decent tidy mover. **3 Cox's Cushatlaw Athena JW.** Nice headed bitch, was just not moving out and has too much croup for me. Good size and coat.

Post Graduate Bitch (13,4). **1 Iizard's Yocketts Hambledon.** So very classic and typical. Lovely balanced head with good eye and definition which gave a super expression. Nice size with correct bone, feet could have been a little better. Good front assembly with good fill and spring of rib, strong loin and nicely angled backend with super muscle definition and correct second thigh and clean in hock. Super coat and condition. When moving was at ease and has that noble outlook as she drove round the ring. She came, she conquered, ***BCC, RBIS & BOS*** well done, first of many, I am sure. **2 Nixon's Quintana Qing Ping.** I loved this bitch for type and outlook as well, she has everything you would want in a GSP, and I am sure, she will come to the top. First class coat and tidy mover with super reach and drive. **3 Desombre's Braneath Ptarmigan.** Another nice bitch, with a super coat. Just could not match the energy of the others today.

Limit Bitch (11,3). **1 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Gambler (AI).** Another that screams GSP so very classic in stance and outlook. Lovely head and eye with that typical expression that welcomes you. Good bone and fill to body. Super coat and condition. Nicely muscled and clean coming and going. Moved with power yet ease, definitely fit for purpose, holding topline. She won a very good class today. **2 Stopforth & Squire's Taftazini Jenu Wynn.** Very pleasing and well balanced throughout. Good head and expression, good size and bone. Decent fill to body. Good coat and nicely angled rear quarters. Moved out well holding topline. Another with a typical stamp. **3 Hammond's Seasham Hot Love.** Good head just not the movement today, but a really nice type with good coat.

Open Bitch (13,2). **1 Hammond's Sh Ch Seasham I Love to Boogie.** Classic and noble, yet feminine and graceful. Lovely head with definition and classic expression. Well made throughout, with a first class coat. Tidy coming and going. Tends to move too quickly but once settled has that balance and with super reach and drive with good topline and tailset. Did very well to win this fabulous class, ***RBCC.*** **2 Blay's Sh Ch Barleyarch Skye at Longbarrow.** Beautiful bitch, loved her head and that expression it just melts you. Built on classic lines with the best of coats, pushed the winner hard. Felt the winner just had the edge on movement today. You did not disappoint, it's a decision made at that moment in time. **3 Lockett's Fayemm Forever Together.** Another out of the top drawer, and I am surprised she is not a Champion, lovely classic line and another with a very good head and expression.

Veteran Bitch (2). **1 Lockett's Fayemm Remember Me.** Super type and so well made. Lovely head and eye with a very knowing alert expression. Good fill to body and well muscled with correct second thigh and clean hock. Good coat and condition. **2 Nixon's Quintana Cloud Berry.** So very typical and a lovely head and expression with a super coat. A little more range to stature but moves very well, another good one.

Special Veteran Bitch (2,1). **1 Nixon's Quintana Hollie Berry.** Well at 12 and a half, looked great. Lovely head and that expression, another that melts you. Good body and moved out well. Good coat for age, pleasure to judge her.

Field Trial Bitch (3,1). **1 Nixon's Quintana Lunar Eclipse.** Classic bitch, lovely head, good fill to body and super muscle tone. First class coat. Moved out well with ease yet power and very much fit for purpose. ***Best Field Trial in Show.*** **2 Nixon's Quintana Qin Qiao.** Close up similar comments felt one just had the edge on movement another with a very good coat, a credit to the breeders.

Good Citizen Bitch (5,1). **1 Nixon's Quintana Qing Ping.** **2 Braine's Grenetrest Tulip.** Clean typy bitch, pleasing head and expression, decent coat. Smooth active mover. **3 Staley's Jomeel Olivia's Choice.**