

CRITIQUE - GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER ASSOCIATION

Judge: Mrs J Squire

I wish to thank the GSPA for the invitation to judge their show & to the exhibitors for the wonderful entry, it truly was an honour.

Thanks too to my two excellent stewards Colin & Karen who looked after me so well and kept everything running smoothly and efficiently.

Across a great entry of over 100, I found a great variation in size and type, which did make for some challenging decisions. My main concern was seeing sloping top lines and steep sloping croups, this is not correct and something we need to watch carefully.

That being said there were some beautiful, quality dogs and I was happy with all my main winners. Coats, mouths, and temperaments on the whole were good.

Baby Puppy Dog (0). No Entries

Baby Puppy Bitch (1). **1 Gray's Brainscroft Ravensclaw at Belleveritas**. 5 month old dark L/W, this baby was thoroughly enjoying herself, she stood and showed well for one so young. A little on the fine side, but has good front and rear angulation, head needs time, tidy little mover coming and going.

Minor Puppy Dog (7). This class was a mix of all shapes and sizes, with many pups going through some unbalanced growth stages, which hopefully will sort itself out in the end. **1 Cooke & Hammond's Seasham Jingle Jangle**. Not a big boy and understandably immature given his age, but of all the puppies this L/W chap was the most balanced, he was beautifully schooled and stood rock solid. Head has some growing to do but eyes are already dark, neck long leading into good shoulders, topline level with good tail set and a good turn of stifle. He moves out well with confidence but is a little erratic behind, but at just 6 months he has plenty of time on his side. **2 Rusk's Valger Tuxedo at Booton NAF**. Promising L/W who has many breed attributes. Good head and eye, balanced angulation fore and aft. He moved well coming and going, he was a bit out of coat and just needs more schooling, lovely puppy in the making. **3 Eldin's Mistcapel Storm Shadow**.

Puppy Dog (9,3). **1 Daw's Pelenrise Blow A Gasket**. Dark L/W quality puppy of lovely size & type. Balanced head with eyes darkening nicely, clean neck leading into decent shoulders, body deep, lovely short back with gradual slope of his croup to a well set, undocked tail, which he carries well. Lovely on the move with good footfall coming and going, will be one to watch. **RBPIS**. **2 Cooke & Hammond's Seasham Jingle Jangle**. **3 Rusk's Valger Tuxedo at Booton NAF**.

Junior Dog (3). **1 Adams Tequesta Poldark JW**. Striking 14 month old L/W dog who really impresses you from the start with his super coat and short back. Head ok but would prefer more depth to muzzle, eyes are darkening nicely. Neck is long and strong, well angled front with good depth of brisket, super topline and firm short back with a good tail set. He has a good turn of stifle but would prefer more width of thigh, on the move he has good footfall and holds his topline well. No doubt he will do well. **2 Daw's Pelenrise Blow A Gasket**. **3 Rymer's Sarscottah Easy Ryder at Rollenwood**.

Yearling Dog (5). **1 Heath & Robinson's Pinseeker Pep Guardiola JW**. This super fit medium sized youngster looks fabulous in profile, he really has that look at me attitude. His head is balanced with such a soft kind expression, eyes still to darken a bit more, his ears are set high and hang close to his head. Neck is long and strong leading into well laid back shoulders with good length of upper arm, it's lovely to see a dog with a noticeable forechest and depth of brisket. Back is short and level with a strong loin and gradual slope of croup to his well set on tail, strong well angulated quarters with great muscle and width of thigh. He has lovely bone and super feet and is turned out in fit hard condition. He pushed hard for the RCC and going around in the final challenge he showed great reach and drive in profile, he just needs a bit more maturity and handler being able to move with him and he will trouble the best. **2 Russell's Fraulynzway Lightning Bolt JW**. A much bigger stamp of dog, he has the most beautiful balanced head, good length of foreface with a lovely Roman nose that is hard to find, his eyes are dark and kind. A balanced dog all through with good depth to his body and balanced angulation fore and aft. His coat is short and harsh, he stands on good legs and feet and he moved freely. **3 McCafferty's Thorscrag Hades JW**.

Post Graduate Dog (2,1). **1 Russell's Fraulynzway Lightning Bolt JW**.

Limit Dog (9,1). **Mellor's Evagrove Exclusive**. Lovely balanced dog of medium size, not overdone in anyway, he appeals for type and is so good on the move. He has a balanced head, although if I could change anything I would like a softer expression. Neck is strong and of good length, super front with legs well under him, body deep and ribs well sprung. His back is short and firm in topline with a well set on tail, right amount of rear angulation with good width across thighs which are well muscled. He moves with great reach and drive in profile and precise footfall going away and coming. Pleased to award him the **RDCC**. **2 Angus' Keigame Hvitserk of Sparkenhoe**. Another lovely dog of medium size. He isn't the most eye catching of colour being a much lighter shade of L/W and I'm quite sure he gets overlooked. You need to put your hands on him to appreciate what a lovely dog he is. He has a balanced head with the kindest of expressions, eyes are dark, scores in shoulder placement and balance of hind angles. He moves well with accurate footfall and a lovely free action in profile. **3 Shepherd's Orchidstar Full Speed Ahead**.

Open Dog (9,4). **1 Bowler's Sh Ch Winterwell Iggy Inch JW**. Medium size young male who just oozes breed type and quality. Gorgeous handsome head which is balanced with a good length of foreface showing a gentle rise to nasal bone, eyes darkening nicely, and his ears are broad and set high and lay close to his head. Neck is clean and of good length leading into well laid back shoulders with good return and length of upper arm. He has depth and length of rib and a strong loin; back is short and firm in topline with a well set on tail. His quarters are strong and balanced, he stands over his ground well on lovely legs and his feet are to die for. He is presented in fit hard condition with the very best of jackets, short and coarse to the touch. As you would expect his movement is free and easy with reach and drive and precision of footfall. Loved him & was delighted to award him the **DCC** and later on **BIS** over his beautiful sister. **2 Sielski's Orchidstar Bolts Of Speed JW**. Quality dog of medium size and so very sound as are all from this kennel. His head is balanced with lovely dark eyes, clean neck & well angled front, good spring of rib and depth of brisket. His back is short and strong but is a bit flat over the croup, well muscled moderate rear. Shown and presented in the very best of condition, strong positive mover. **3 Brown & Burn's Sh Ch Magregor Pop The Dom over Pothouse**.

Veteran Dog (3,1). **1 Thurm's Sh Ch Bryburn Bacchus JW ShCM ShCEx**. This handsome 8 year old is of lovely breed type and still looks lovely in profile. The most beautiful of heads so correct with the kindest of expressions. His neck just flows into his well laid back shoulders with long upper arm, his body is deep but just starting to show his age through his middle. He has well angled muscled quarters and moves soundly. Pleased to award him **BVIS**. **2 Brown & Burn's Sh Ch Magregor Threesacrowd at Pothouse JW ShCM**. An old favourite of mine and a lovely dog worthy of all his titles. At 10 years old he is still in good shape, but sadly wasn't quite sound today.

Special Veteran Dog (1). **1 Hamlin's Know No Bounds at Nuash JW**. 10 year old, flashy L/W dog looking very fit and well for his age. Sadly, his head is showing loss of muscle, but he has a lovely roman nose and the darkest of eyes. He has balanced angulation fore and aft, longer in back than preferred, stands on good legs and feet and moved so soundly for his age.

Field Trial Dog (0). No Entries

Good Citizen Dog (4,1). **1 Hamlin's Easesprings Oberon at Nuash**. Flashy L/W larger dog, he has a balanced head with a good length of foreface, eyes are dark, and he has a kind gentle expression. Neck is long, angulation fore and aft is balanced, I preferred his topline and croup to the other dogs in this class and he moved out well on a long easy stride. **2 Taylor & Taylor-Morris' Pelenrise All Guns Blazing JW**. Balanced dog of medium size, pleasing head with dark eyes, neck is of moderate length, tidy front but a little short in upper arm, well muscled moderately angled rear. He has a lovely harsh jacket, good legs and neat feet, moved well. **3 Fowler's Madcap Medlar**.

Minor Puppy Bitch (5). **1 Taylor's Valger Tamara**. Just 7 months old, loved her for type, just the right size and bone for a puppy of this age. She has a delightful head, eyes darkening nicely. Moderate length of neck leading into well angled shoulders, good depth of brisket, she is a little roly poly through her middle at the moment, but at this age quite happy to see that. Her rear angulation is good, and she has a lovely width of thigh, she stands on good legs and tidy feet and was very together on the move. Look forward to watching her grow and pleased to award her **BPIS**. **2 Wilson's Seasham How Deep Is Your Love**. Another lovely puppy that shows great promise. Just 6 months old, feminine but with substance, pleasing head with eyes already dark. Good neck & front with nicely angled shoulders, like her topline and good turn of stifle, she too stands on good legs and feet, bouncy baby on the move but her footfall was good coming and going. At this stage I just preferred the size and a little more bone of the winner. I'm quite sure these two will be swapping places on many occasions. **3 Peebles' Seasham Too Much Heaven**.

Puppy Bitch (6). **1 Wilson's Seasham How Deep Is Your Love**. **2 Smillie-Gray's Pelenrise Blow Me A Kiss from Oakberrow**. Just over 9 months and a different type to 1. Head is well proportioned with good length of foreface, eyes to darken. Back is short and she has moderate angulation fore and aft, didn't move as well as the winner. **3 Sielski's Orchidstar Silver Lightnin**.

Junior Bitch (4). **1 Ellis' Soellis Feral Beryl**. She won this class on type. She makes a lovely shape in profile, her head is balanced with good length of foreface, such a kind gentle expression. Good length of neck with a slight arch that flows into her good front assembly, deep body and strong firm topline, her rear angulation is moderate. A beautiful bitch who I liked a lot, but she was carrying too much weight for me, so looked a little soft in muscle tone, that being said she moved out soundly. **2 Elrington's Tequesta Happy Valley**. Quality girl with a very eye catching coat. Balanced head with moderate length of neck, would prefer more layback of shoulder, body is deep with good spring of rib, back is short with a good topline and well set tail, she has a nicely angulated rear. Footfall is good coming and going but lacks a little forward reach. **3 Kania's Pinseeker Lady Luck at Peakforest**.

Yearling Bitch (3). **1 Angus' Keigame Hearts Desire of Sparkenhoe (Al) JW**. Love her for type, beautiful head so balanced with a good length of foreface, her eyes are dark, and she has a very soft gentle expression. Good length of neck leads into well laid back shoulders, she has depth and length of rib and strong loin, back is short and firm in topline with a well set on tail. Strong angulated quarters that match her front well, she stands on good legs and well shaped tidy feet, presented in fit condition with a great coarse jacket. She moves on a lovely long free stride and her footfall is good coming and going. Lovely bitch, pleased to award her the **RBCC**. **2 Tait's Benboee Beeloved**. Larger bitch of a different type, in great condition with a gleaming jacket. Decent head, strong clean neck leading into well laid back shoulders, her body is deep, good turn of stifle with great width of thighs which are well muscled, she moves well with accurate footfall. **3 Russell's Fraulynzway Hayley's Comet**.

Post Graduate Bitch (11,1). **1 Bunker's Winterwell Little Itch at Karitagan**. Super smart bitch who looks very impressive in profile. Head is balanced, eyes darkening well, and she has a very soft gentle expression, really good length to her foreface and I love her big nose. Neck is of good length and runs smoothly into her clean well laid back shoulders, upper arm is long and her body is deep, back is short and strong, good over the croup and tail is well set. She pushed hard for the RCC but splitting hairs she is a little over angulated behind so isn't as positive moving away. Her time will come as her handler gets the very best out of her. **2 Merritt's Sperant Chocolate Cosmos JW**. Flashy L/W of good breed type, really smart and well balanced, good head and eyes are dark. Good length of neck, well angulated fore and aft, deep body and strong topline, she moved well on her tidy feet. **3 Edlin's Graygees Tsarine**.

Limit Bitch (10,2). **1 Sielski's Orchidstar Missing Link JW**. This bitch presented a classic outline. She has a typical head, eye and expression, good shoulder and length of upper arm. She's a little longer in back than some but her topline is strong and firm, deep in brisket with good ribs and perfect hind angulation. She's presented with a good coat and in fit hard condition, she moved out well on a good length of stride and accurate footfall. **2 Barnett's Magregor Howl To The Moon over Tibertich JW**. Smart bitch of pleasing size, lovely balanced head, neck of moderate length leading into a tidy well angulated front, chest is deep, and her quarters are moderately angled showing good muscle. She moves out well, but I preferred the topline of the winner, smart bitch, nonetheless. **3 Nixon's Quintana Qing Ping**.

Open Bitch (10,1). **1 Pearson's Sh Ch Winterwell Lulu Moppet to Ladyhawke JW**. Dark L/W bitch of a smaller stamp but with bone and substance. She has a beautiful feminine head with the darkest of eyes, good length and depth to muzzle and showing a rise to the nasal bone. Strong clean arched neck leads into well laid back shoulders, showing good forechest and depth and spring of rib. Her back is short and firm, croup is wide with a gentle slope to her well set tail, she has a lovely turn of stifle with good width of thighs, and they are well muscled. She stands on good legs and the neatest of feet, presented in fit hard condition with a short harsh jacket. She moved with great style and footfall, delighted to award her the **BCC** & **RBIS**. **2 Thurm's Sh Ch Dappledele First Date at Bryburn**. Beautiful bitch of lovely breed type. She too has a beautiful feminine head with the kindest of expressions, her neck is long and leads into well laid back shoulders with good length of upper arm, good depth of brisket. She is a little longer in back, but is in no way weak, her topline is level and she has good width across her loin and croup, quarters are moderately angled and well muscled, she moves well. **3 Nixon's Ch Quintana Lunar Eclipse**.

Veteran Bitch (2). **1 Malin's Keigame Murphlette at Benrae**. 8 years old and still looking good. She has a lovely head with good length of foreface, eyes are dark. Good length of neck and well angulated front, her body is very deep, she has well angulated quarters. Her movement is a joy to watch, she has great reach and drive and accurate footfall coming & going. **2 Pearson's Sh Ch Ladyhawke Dizzy Miss Lizzy**. Flashy L/W who looks very smart and balanced and looking very fit for her 7 years. Her angulation is balanced fore and aft but was roaching her topline. She moved out well but couldn't match the winner.

Special Veteran Bitch (1). **1 Whitehouse's Kazanpaul Crème De La Crème**. 10 plus years, what a sweetheart, lovely head with such a soft kind expression, still looking good over her front and sound on the move, I'm sure she enjoyed herself.

Field Trial Bitch (4,1). **1 Nixon's Ch Quintana Lunar Eclipse**. This lovely bitch was 3rd in a hotly contested open class. She is a fine example of what this breed should be, fit for function! She has a pleasing head but would prefer more depth to her muzzle, but it is balanced, and she has good length of foreface. Good strong neck leading into a decent layback of shoulder, slightly longer upper arm would be preferred. Her body is deep, good topline and nicely angulated quarters. She is beautiful to watch on the move, she shows on a loose lead and just floats around the ring, pleased to award her **BFTIS**. **2 Nixon's Quintana Qin Qiao**. Balanced bitch in fit hard condition, moderately angled fore and aft, not the best of toplines and couldn't match the winner on movement. **3 Monie's Myles Blue Drimmie at Stanehus**.

Good Citizen Bitch (4,1). **1 Nixon's Quintana Qing Ping**. Placed 3rd in a good limit class. Pleasing bitch of medium size, good head with dark eyes, very balanced all through, lovely coarse coat and moved well. **2 Whitehouse's Kazanpaul Prawn Cracker**. Very smart balanced bitch who looked good in profile, finer in head than 1st but balanced with dark eyes, neck is long, and she is deep in body, balanced angulation fore and aft, great coarse coat, lovely feet and she moved well. **3 Monie's Blue Drimmie at Stanehus**.