

CRITIQUE – THE GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER ASSOCIATION

2020 Show – Judge: Mrs D R Gatliffe

It is an honour to be invited to judge a breed championship show, so thank you to the GSPA for the privilege. A big thank you to Bill, my steward and I would like to thank my fellow exhibitors for a lovely entry.

Coats and fronts were much improved since the last time I judged the breed 4 years ago. Sadly, hind movement is still a worry. However, I had some really nice surprises when “hands on” which goes to show, never criticise ringside.

Minor Puppy Dog (4,2). **1 Harvey’s Valger Snow Patrol at Imaniz.** Very mature puppy already balanced. Lovely head and expression, well angulated, level topline. Good coat. Excellent on the move. Delighted to award him *BPIS*. **2 Mann’s Sparkenhoe Kith And Kin.** Another nice lad, has everything to like for his 10 months, couldn’t match 1 for movement.

Puppy Dog (4). **1 Harvey’s Valger Snow Patrol at Imaniz.** **2 Brown’s Montalba Mister Teatime.** A different type to 1, has an old stamp to him. A kind head, lovely angles, good front and shoulder’s, strong rear. **3 Marsh’s Kilnrae Berliner.**

Junior Dog (3). **1 Sielski’s Orchidstar Bolts of Speed.** A good head, strong neck. he has good angulation and excellent coat. **2 Hill’s Ceilloch Russian.** Liver and white boy from an old stamp. A good head. An overall decent young dog. Good coat. **3 Garget & Morris’ Winterwell Eeh By Gum with Garwin.**

Yearling Dog (5,1). **1 Collin’s Barleyarch Hoopla at Forestpoint.** A very neat package. Good head ratio. Good shoulders running into a good front, he has good angulation and a good coat. **2 Peebles’ Seasham The Groover.** A taller boy has everything in the right place, but I feel he’s still coming together, but boy can he move. **3 Hamlin’s Brocks Bouncer at Nuash.**

Post Graduate Dog (2). **1 Schoneville’s Balvenie Double Diamond.** Strong looking liver and white boy. Good front and strong neck. leading to a good straight front, deep chest, and powerful hind quarters. He did look quite tense when stacked, although he moved out well with purpose. **2 Steadman’s Indijazz Designer Genes.** This solid black looked quite lovely when stacked. I liked his all-round conformation but couldn’t match 1 for movement.

Limit Dog (7,1). **1 Smith and Reardon’s Winterwell Maida Stone.** Solid liver boy with a clean outline. A good head and lay of shoulder, straight front, and level topline, nice angles, strong in the rear. Moved out well. **2 Mann’s Elfrindew Endrick to Valger.** A longer cast boy. Love his type. Gorgeous head, and nicely angulated, straight front, level topline and strong hind quarters. Looked lovely when stacked. Not matching 1 today on movement. **3 Knowles & Glen’s Wilholme Had A Lovely Time with Bessalone.**

Open Dog (7). My class of the day. It’s not often the dogs outshine the bitches but today they did, and any of the dogs in this line-up could easily change places on another day. **1 Brown’s Graygees Gigolo JW SGWC.** A powerful looking dog with ring presence. A noble head with a lovely kind expression, strong neck with a good lay of shoulder that runs into a straight front, deep chest and level topline, strong powerful hind quarters that powers him around on the move. Justly deserved his *CC and BIS*. **2 Sielski’s Orchidstar Bonds Of Speed JW ShCM.** Lovely boy. He has matured beautifully and is difficult to ignore. He presents a very clean outline with everything in the right place, topped off with a superb coat both in colour and texture. Today he moved better than I have ever seen him move, which is why I was pleased to award him the *RCC & RBIS*. **3 Harris’ Sh Ch Barleyarch Pringle.**

Veteran Dog (2). **1 Hamlin’s Know No Bounds at Nuash.** Flashy liver and white boy. Excellent head ration, good angulation fore and aft, level topline. There’s not many to match this boy on the move. **2 Smith & Reardon’s Sh Ch Winterwell Fowl Play.** Different type to 1. Good head, his lay of shoulder is good, and front straight. Well angulated. Just not matching 1 on movement today.

Field Trial Dog (1). **1 Steel’s Water Germander over Borderpoint.** This lad is just a good honest dog with no frills. An old type of GSP. I could just watch him move all day, so easy and effortless as it should be.

Good Citizen Scheme Dog (2). **1 Hamlin’s Easesprings Oberon at Nuash.** Liver and white dog, good head and angles, level topline. Moves very well. Another making his movement look so easy. Well up to size. **2 Steadman’s Indijazz Designer Genes.**

Minor Puppy Bitch (9,2). **1 Whitehouse’s Kazanpaul Prawn Cracker.** A lovely breed type and so feminine. A little raw at the moment, but that’s to be expected. No reason why she shouldn’t come together with maturity. Won this class on coat texture and movement. **2 Mann’s Valger Symphony.** Very balanced for one so young. Lovely head and front assembly. Strong hind quarters. Another tipped for a bright future. **3 Rumney’s Kacela Sweet Hadiya.**

Puppy Bitch (7). **1 Whitehouse’s Kazanpaul Prawn Cracker.** **2 Hallam’s Redic Shiraz.** This little girl had a stamp of the old school. Very compact, excellent angles, strong in the rear, good coat. **3 Schoneville’s Balvenie Eye Candy.**

Junior Bitch (5). **1 Brown and Filby’s Winterwell Thatldo for Desjiem.** Lovely feminine bitch, so balanced. Good angulation both fore and aft. **2 Edlin’s Graygees Tsarine.** I really liked this bitch, so typical. Everything in the right place but such a shame she was playing up today. **3 Schoneville’s Balvenie Eye Candy.**

Yearling Bitch (3). **1 Thurm’s Dappledele First Date at Bryburn.** Longer cast bitch with a lovely head and expression. Good front assembly and strong rear. She seemed a little unsettled today. **2 Joy’s Solwaypoint Georgia at Mannlicher.** Flashy liver and white bitch. Very compact with good angles and an excellent coat. **3 Trocki’s Aytee Octavia.**

Post Graduate Bitch (13). **1 Harris’ Barleyarch Pakora.** Strong looking bitch with well laid shoulders, good angles and topline. Excellent coat. Moved with purpose. **2 Hammond’s Seasham Hot Love.** Nice type. Good head and expression. No exaggeration here, just a good honest bitch. **3 Lockett’s Fayemm Forever Together.**

Limit Bitch (9,1). **1 Hammond’s Seasham I Love To Boogie.** My type of bitch. Feminine head, good front and lay of shoulder. Level topline and strong rear. Very like her litter sister, but with a little more finesse. Love her and pleased to award her the *RCC*. **2 Barker’s Radstorm Legal Eagle at Barkersdream JW.** This girl has a stamp of the old school. So typical. Liked everything about her, my only criticism would be coat texture. Unlucky to meet 1. **3 Trow & Jowsey’s Winterwell Stoney Trail.**

Open Bitch (7,1). **1 Rumney’s Sh Ch Kacela Sweet Ayana.** This girl cannot be ignored in a line up. A good head, straight front, level topline, strong in the rear, lovely angles, and an excellent coat. A little upright in pasterns. **2 Elrington’s Barleyarch Dorito at Tequesta JW.** A compact bitch, very feminine. Lovely to watch on the move. Sadly, out of coat today. **3 Pearson’s Ladyhawke Dizzy Miss Lizzy.**

Veteran Bitch (2). **1 Cox’s Sh Ch Cushatlaw Irresistible JW ShCM.** What a happy girl! Beautiful head and soft expression, well angulated fore and aft. Good coat. Moved out well. **2 Prior’s Jolicoem Jevington of Whinchat.** A larger type. Lovely head and expression, a good front and strong in the rear. She didn’t seem relaxed today although moved out well.

Special Veteran Bitch (2). **1 Thurm’s Sh Ch Valger Odette JW.** Wow! What can one say about this girl, only that she is amazing. She has everything in the right place, a true GSP and a cracking mover to boot. **2 Coe and Pitman’s Int Sh, Lux Ch, NL Ch, DT Ch (VDH) & Ir Sh Ch Pitwit Leona.** A larger set girlie with a good head, strong neck runs into good shoulders and front, a strong well-muscled rear.

Field Trial Bitch (2). **1 Iizard’s Ch Yocketts Cordiale.** Have admired this bitch from the ring side and pleased to be able to get my hands on her, she didn’t disappoint. A good head with a good lay of shoulder, giving way to an excellent front. Perfect angulation, no exaggeration here. A well-muscled rear with a lovely coat both in colour and texture. Moved well. A lovely bitch which richly deserved the *CC & BOS*. **2 Nixon’s Quintana Qin Qiao.** No frills on this girl. She has everything in the right place, her movement is a dream. She just melted my heart. A true GSP.

Good Citizen Scheme Bitch (2). **1 Jackman’s Balvenie Dressed to Thrill Via Navigareamor.** A good compact neat bitch. Lovely head, good angulation and topline. A lovely little mover. **2 Barker’s Barkersdream Who Dares Wins.** Attractive bitch. Good head and angles, level topline. Her movement was a little erratic, but she’s still a baby so has plenty of time.