

CRITIQUE - THE GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB

OPEN SHOW

Judge: Mr G Scobell

Thank you to the German Shorthaired Pointer Club for the invitation, also to my stewards who were very efficient. I must firstly apologise for the late submission of my critique, some of you may be aware that shortly after this appointment my mother became terminally ill and as her only carer my time was pretty much taken up until she passed away recently.

I would like to thank the exhibitors who entered, and my general opinion was that owners and breeders should be commended especially for the condition that the dogs were presented in, I find it offensive when dogs are clearly not exercised correctly and lack muscle and condition, happily this was not the case today.

The breed has some variance in size, but all had virtues and I always try to judge the whole dog rather than just a few breed points.

Minor Puppy Dog (4,1). 1 Braines' Grenetrest Canterbury Bell. At just over six months this youngster has lovely balance of bone and substance, clean head and good eye, well placed ears and flows nicely through the neck and shoulders, parallel front and well-placed shoulders, decent depth of chest and nice short couplings slight fall off the croup and well muscled rear for a youngster, moved well. **2 Stedman's Indijazz Designer Genes.** Another nice youngster who presented a pleasing outline, not quite as finished in head as 1 but maturity comes at different rates in all dogs, clean through the neck and shoulders, ribs well developed and good body proportions, strong through the loin and well angulated behind, a little loose on the move but nothing that I wouldn't expect at this age. **3 Jones' Penidasher Blizzard Boots.**

Puppy Dog (2). 1 Sielski's Orchidstar Bonds of Speed. A very nice youngster who at 10 months was so composed, his super coat and presentation make him stand out, masculine but without any coarseness, strong arched neck which flowed nicely into correct forequarters, nice strong bone and good depth of chest, short back and strength through the loin, good tail set and well-muscled rear which allowed him to cover the ground with ease, maturing well and was a strong contender in the challenge. **BPIS. 2 Stopforths' Taftazini Cesar Chance.** 11 months and quite mature, super head and eye, presented in tip top condition well angulated fore and aft, well ribbed and short couplings, strong through his neck and shoulders, movement was not as fluid and easy as one, but tail carriage was good on the move.

Junior Dog (1). 1 Stopforth's Taftazini Cesar Chance.

Yearling Dog (3,1). 1 Staley's Jomeel Monkey Wrench. Nice masculine headed dog presented in super body condition, good head and strength through the neck and topline which was held firmly when moving, well matched angulation and covered the ground with precision. **2 Marsh & Hoad's Winterwell Sam Spade at Kilnrae.** Liked his head and expression and strength of neck however not quite the flowing lines of 1 but is correctly proportioned and has a super outer jacket to his coat, a little steep in croup which meant he was not as easy and fluid on the move.

Novice Dog (2,1). 1 Stopforth's Taftazini Cesar Chance.

Post Graduate Dog (2). 1 Staley's Jomeel Midnight Rambler. Litter brother to the winner of Yearling and similar comments apply, Flashy and presented in terrific condition with nice harsh outer jacket, pleasing expression to make you smile, well balanced angulation and well muscled, moved with easy ground covering action. **2 Rogers' Disglairhill Red Kite.** Smaller than 1 all through but in proportion and nice substance for his size, short coupled and strong in body, well textured coat but lacked a little reach and drive on the move.

Limit Dog (6,2). 1 Hamlin's Know No Bounds at Nuash JW. Larger striking male who is so well schooled, strong in foreface and in proportion throughout, clean lines and well ribbed body, strong couplings and balanced angulation, he is so easy on the move and covers the ground precisely and fluently without any apparent effort, his movement in the challenge impressed. **RBD. 2 Sielski's Orchidstar Wotsit JW.** Another striking male preferred his size to 1, good masculine but refined head, clean lines throughout, short coupled and good balance of angulation, presented in super condition Just a little choppier on the move. **3 Milligan's Jessophia's Oberynt Martell.**

Open Dog (5,2). 1 Adams' Sh Ch Barleyarch Ariat JW ShCM. Immediately impressed by this boy, good size and balanced throughout, powerful and masculine while remaining refined, good strong head and super kind expression, strong through the neck and shoulders, good forechest with plenty of heart room, nicely ribbed and short strong loin, correct croup and tail set, movement was positive and precise and a pleasure to watch, delighted to award him **BIS. 2 Pearsons' Ladyhawke Sultan.** Another dog of good size, well-balanced bone and substance, correct overall proportions but was slightly shorter in rib and longer in loin than 1, well angulated fore and aft, moved positively. **3 Austin's Lofty of Child's Pond.**

Veteran Dog (1). 1 Marsh & Hoad's Koolwaters Pacific at Kilnrae. I always feel honoured to judge veterans and they can teach you such a lot, another boy who was presented in fabulous condition, masculine all through nothing overdone and gave a balanced picture, well angulated, good depth of body and strong loin, tail carriage positive and movement clean and true.

Minor Puppy Bitch (1). 1 McCullochs' Winterwell Oh So Sharp. A delightful little bitch of good size and proportions, clean through head and neck into good parallel front, good depth of body and firm topline, well angulated but has a tendency to overstretch which straightens out her angles.

Puppy Bitch (5). A delightful class of promising youngsters. **1 Izard's Yocketts Cordiale.** What a super balanced young lady, so typical in outline and in super condition for one so young, pleasing head and expression, excellent strong clean neck well placed shoulders, nice depth of body and moderate tuck up, correct balanced angulation and firm loin and topline, composed and easy on the move, it is very clear on reflection that she is the daughter of the RBIS winner. **2 Squires' Taftazini Honor Wynna.** Another super youngster who looks a picture both standing and moving, clean feminine head, strong arched neck and good forequarters, nice balance of bone, good tight feet, body well developed and firm through the loin, well muscled rear gave her a powerful action, close up to 1 and I am sure will have a bright future. **3 Angus' Sparkenhoe Overture.**

Junior Bitch (5,1). 1 Rumney's Kacela Sweet Ayana. I loved her head and expression, so typical in outline and stood provided a super outline, clean head and neck, strong well muscled quarters, correct body proportions with slight rise over her firm loin, good reach and drive on the move and tail carried with confidence. **RBB. 2 Pearsons' Ladyhawke Dizzy Miss Lizzy.** Rangier than 1 but still a quality example, feminine head, clean through the neck and shoulders, would prefer a bit more depth to the body to bring things more into proportion, well angulated front and rear and moved well, covering the ground with easy strides. **3 Peebles' Keigame Belle of All.**

Yearling Bitch (4,1). 1 Pearson's Ladyhawke Dizzy Miss Lizzy. 2 Nixons' Quintana Qin Qiao. Excellent first impressions when stood and gave a pleasing outline, a little steep in shoulder which limited her reach and consequently the angulation didn't match the rear too closely, her body proportions were good and coat texture and condition was super. Positive on the move if a little restricted. **3 Peebles' Keigame Belle of All.**

Novice Bitch (3). 1 Pearson's Ladyhawke Dizzy Miss Lizzy. 2 McCullochs' Winterwell Oh So Sharp. 3 Harvey's Soellis Jamie Pammie at Imaniz.

Post Graduate Bitch (6,2). 1 Joy's Pitwit The Best Surprise at Mannlicher. The steadiest and most fluent mover in this class, good head and pleasing expression, nice eye and correct ear set, nicely proportioned throughout and good angulation propelled her easily with a steady gait. **2 Milligan's Isara Kurzhaar All Spice.** Another who made a super outline, in excellent hard condition and harsh jacket, well muscled but lost out on the move to 1. **3 Nixon's Quintana Qin Qiao.**

Limit Bitch (3,1). 1 Lockett's Fayemm Remember Me. My notes say strong and powerful yet still feminine, correct length of foreface, clean head with correct earset, firm through the body and loin, matching angulation which she used to advantage on the move. **2 Sielski's Orchidstar Xtra O'live.** Heavier and deeper all through, not as refined in the head as 1, in good coat with harsh outer, well muscled but a little choppy on the move in comparison.

Open Bitch (3). 1 Trow's Ch Winterwell Inca Trail JW. What an impressive bitch, refined, aristocratic but still strong and workmanlike, in the best of coats, I just felt she was a little soft today but certainly a very worthy title holder in any discipline, moved well with precision and purpose. **2 Lockett's Winterwell Bobbie Dazzler of Fayemm.** Another well bred bitch of good type, liked her head and overall proportions, lost out on the move to 1. **3 Nixon's Quintana Quixotic.**

Field Trial Bitch (2,1). 1 Izard's Goosepoint Chincapin JW. Just what I was looking for today at 6years she totally belies her years, in rock hard muscle tone and fantastic coat, harsh and gleaming, strong but so feminine, super balance of bone and substance, matched angulation and she came alive on the move, so true and easy to watch, was challenged hard but I was delighted to award her **BB & RBIS.**