

# CRITIQUE - NATIONAL GUNDOG ASSOCIATION

Judge: Mrs S Allerton

Thank you to the exhibitors for a fantastic entry. It's been 8 years since I last judged GSPs, so virtually all of the dogs were new to me. I found that coats have improved considerably over this time. I wish I could say the same for heads. I found too many were broad in skull and lacking depth of muzzle, not in keeping with the breed standard. And where have all these untypical short ears come from? That said, I was more than pleased with my principal winners. My Best of Breed might not be to everyone's preference for colour, but to my eye he fits the standard, and it would be a shame if judges overlook him on colour alone.

**Veteran Dog** (1). **1 Thurm's Sh Ch Bryburn Bacchus JW ShCM ShCEx**. Typical GSP in outline with correct topline, tailset and angulation and a good texture of coat. Quality from every angle and sound as a pound. ***RDCC & BV***.

**Minor Puppy Dog** (3). **1 Desombre's Braneath Peregrine**. This boy was the most together in this class of three quite different puppies, all within the breed standard. I liked everything about him from head to tail, finding him to be very balanced in his angulation, short-coupled, super breed type, and moving so soundly for such a young one. ***BP***. **2 Rymer's Sarscottah Easy Ryder at Rollenwood**. Longer in body, but still held his topline on the move. Loose in the elbows at this stage in his development, but overall, a very nice puppy. **3 McMurdo & Tierney's Ceilloch Express**.

**Puppy Dog** (5,1). **1 Rymer's Sarscottah Easy Ryder at Rollenwood**. **2 Powell's Hiccup's Leaving a Legacy**. He's a big lad but with a lovely head and correct length of ear, good angulation producing smooth movement. Won his place on movement in this class, which was very varied. **3 Bull & Roberts' Keigame Chilli Chocolate**.

**Junior Dog** (5). **1 Heath & Robinson's Pinseeker Pep Guardiola**. 15 months old, presents a good stamp of GSP, very pleasing in outline, angulation and topline, balanced head, muscle development very good, enabling smooth ground covering movement. **2 Russell's Fraulynzway Lightning Bolt**. A bigger, stronger dog all round, but with lots to like. Construction good, excellent head with correct length of ear. **3 Powell's Hiccup's Leaving a Legacy**.

**Special Beginners Dog** (3). **1 Shepherd's Orchidstar Full Speed Ahead**. Won this class on type & movement. I find him a tad long in the back, but he moved very freely with good reach of upper arm and drive from behind. **2 Powell's Hiccup's Leaving a Legacy**. **3 Spencer & Husband's Waldberg Vonzach**.

**Novice Dog** (1). **1 Heath & Robinson's Pinseeker Pep Guardiola**.

**Graduate Dog** (3). **1 Angus' Keigame Hvitserk of Sparkenhoe**. Won on type and maturity. Well balanced GSP with strength of bone and good movement. Coat not at its best (a common problem today), but that is a changeable element. The elements that are fixed were all in place. **2 Russell's Fraulynzway Lightning Bolt**. **3 Schoneville's Orchidstar Themisto by Balvenie**.

**Post Graduate Dog** (2). **1 Taylor & Taylor-Morris' Pelenrise All Guns Blazing JW**. My notes read; moderate ticked dog, nothing flash, just sound. To flesh that out, he has an excellent head, with correct eye set and expression, good reach of neck and balance through his body. He was much more settled moving than stacked. A good GSP. **2 Spencer & Husband's Waldberg Vonzach**. A black dog of very heavy build, rather broad in the skull, his head more reminiscent of a Labrador. I found his body and rear quarters to be much more typical of our breed.

**Limit Dog** (7). **1 Marsh's Kilnrae Berliner**. I loved my winner for type, size and movement. Another moderate, ticked dog. Some would describe him as an old-fashioned type – I prefer to say correct! I found him absolutely sound to go over and on the move. He also has the most lovely kind head and expression. Just my cup of tea, he pressed hard in the dog challenge. **2 Mellor's Evagrove Exclusive**. Moderate size, well angulated dog who moves well. Very good tight feet. Another with a kind head and eye and correct length of ear. **3 Rusk's Booton Provence**. A good solid liver dog, well up for size, beautiful head. Does tend to move very wide behind.

**Open Dog** (11). What a class! I found some dogs to be way too long in body compared to length of leg (more in keeping with the GWP standard than GSP), others very short in ribcage and with choppy movement. Many quality dogs had to go cardless on this occasion. **1 Dodd & Hayes' Jhebron's Jenov via Elfrindew**. This 4 year old solid black dog had everything I wanted to see in a male GSP. He has lots of ring presence and shouts GSP in outline. The best head I'd come across today, with the correct depth of muzzle and that noble look. Presented in fit, hard condition, well muscled which really shows off his balanced construction. Good depth of chest and strength in bone without any coarseness. I was delighted to award him the ***DCC*** and subsequently ***Best of Breed***. **2 Pingault's Sh Ch Taftazini Aiden Abbott**. A smaller dog of great breed type. Deep chest with a gentle tuck up showing the required short back with well balanced angulation at front and rear, resulting in smooth, sound movement. Nothing flashy at all about this dog, he has to be gone over to appreciate his soundness throughout. **3 Peebles & Hammond's Seasham the Groover**. This solid liver dog wasn't in his best coat, nevertheless it did have a good coarse texture. I loved his head and expression, general construction, balance and movement.

**Good Citizen Scheme Dog** (3,1). **1 Hamlin's Easesprings Oberon at Nuash**. Good texture to this brightly coloured boy's coat. Top size and strong in bone, but not overdone. Correct length of skull and muzzle. Moved steadily and so soundly – this, along with his coat texture won him the class. **2 Coe's Goosepoint Waddington at Abbanash (AI) JW**. I liked this dog for his general type and outline, but his feet aren't his fortune, sadly.

**Veteran Bitch** (5,1). **1 Malin's Keigame Murphlette at Benrae**. 7 yr old, ticked bitch of very good breed type. Strong yet feminine, good topline and tailset, moderate angulation, coarse coat. Moved well. **2 Nixon's Quintana Cloud Berry**. Another good bitch, taller than 1st and coat not as coarse. **3 Attwood & Turner's Kavacanne Pina Colada of Patterscourt**.

**Minor Puppy Bitch** (4). **1 West's Ceilloch Luck Be a Lady**. **2 Tierney's Ceilloch It Had to Be You**. **3 Fallan's Ceilloch That's Life**. Three puppies from the same litter, just 6 months old, real babies. All very similar, sweet heads, good coats. I found the 1st to be more moderate in angulation at present, which enabled her to move the most soundly in the class.

**Puppy Bitch** (3,1). **1 Angus' Keigame Hearts Desire of Sparkenhoe**. 11 months old looking quite mature and well balanced in construction. I liked her head, with a good length of skull & muzzle. She stands on strong tight feet and has a coat of good texture. **2 West's Ceilloch Luck Be A Lady**.

**Junior Bitch** (8,1). **1 Barnett's Magregor Howl To The Moon over Tibertich**. This exhibit has everything I wanted to see, which won her this difficult class full of quality. Feminine head, correct angulation, coarse texture coat and moving very well. I shall be interested to see how she develops. **2 Sielski's Orchidstar Missing Link JW**. Stronger through, yet still feminine. Good chest, moderate angulation, powerful mover. **3 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Zsazsa Gabor**.

**Special Beginners Bitch** (6,1). **1 Swatman's Duckmire Mystery Penny**. A good, sound bitch that was unplaced in previous class. Lots to like, the handler needs to practice to get the best out of her. **2 Whittaker's Pingarypoint Milk Shake**. This girl is well up to size but is soundly built, has a good coat and moved well. **3 Goff's Coldoak Athos**.

**Novice Bitch** (3,1). **1 Davies' Faircastle Electra**. 2 yr old solid black bitch who stands on tight feet. She has strength of bone but is still feminine. Her movement won her the class. **2 Fry's Waldburg Seren**. Absolutely gorgeous head on this bitch, with the correct length of skull and muzzle I was looking for. However, her rear movement was very close.

**Graduate Bitch** (4,2). Two cracking girls in this class. **1 Magregor Howl To The Moon over Tibertich**. **2 Staley's Jomeel Olivia's Choice**. A good stamp of GSP. Head of the correct length and proportions, clean over the shoulder, correct ribcage leading to short coupling. Good profile movement but she moved wide behind when viewed from the rear.

**Post Graduate Bitch** (12,1). This was a difficult class, with too many good exhibits carrying excess weight. **1 Gatcliffe & Holderness' Allezweck Inga**. I loved this one for type. Good head of correct proportions, classic outline, angulation balanced at front and rear enabling her to move well. Carrying a bit too much weight around the middle when viewed from above. **2 Nixon's Quintana Qing Ping**. Very close up to the class winner. A smaller build, well muscled and presented in fit condition. Another with a good head, well angulated and balanced. **3 Nixon's Quintana Lunar Eclipse**.

**Limit Bitch** (9,1). What a tremendous class, but again, too many quality exhibits carrying too much weight. **1 Izard's Yockletts Hambleton**. I found this girl to represent my interpretation of the breed standard for a GSP bitch, with everything I was looking for. Feminine head, good reach of neck, correct topline and angulation at front and rear, enabling smooth ground covering movement, coarse texture to coat. I wouldn't want any more weight on her, but that is my only criticism. Delighted to award her the ***BCC***. **2 Brown & Filby's Winterwell That!do for Desjiem JW**. Another one of great breed type. She has good balance in construction, topped off by a beautiful head with expressive eye, good length of ear. I just preferred the coat texture of 1st, but I liked her a lot. ***RBCC***. **3 Elliott's Ankerwycke Silk Stockings**.

**Open Bitch** (8,3). **1 Squire's Sh Ch Taftazini Honour Wynna JW**. 6 yr old bitch with good length of skull & muzzle, well-angled front, clean over the shoulder, tight feet, moved soundly. Nothing overdone at all about her, absolutely sound. **2 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Gambler**. A bigger girl all round and longer in body than the class winner, but she was presented in well-muscled, hard condition, absolutely fit for function. **3 Thurm's Sh Ch Dappledele First Date at Bryburn**.