## CRITIQUE - NATIONAL GUNDOG ASSOCIATION Judge: Mrs M M Waddell

Veteran Dog (2,1). 1 Smillie-Gray's Sh Ch Oakberrow Wotzinaname ShCM. Well made dog shown in tip top order. His head has the gentlest of expressions and a balanced muzzle to skull ratio, he may be a veteran but was certainly enjoying his day, firm topline and good tail set, moved out well, he has the best of harsh coats. BV.

Minor Puppy Dog (3). 1 Harris' Barleyarch Pringle. Well built youngster with good bone, square picture on the stack, head balanced but needs more definition, good length of neck, needs to fill in middle, moderate rear angulation but needs to develop in second thigh, correct touch to coat, good tail set and carriage, on the move held topline, would like to see more propulsion from the rear. Just a baby, has a way to go. 2 Hooper & Brooks' Booton Amalfi Of Lollitonk. Flashy pup, a bit phased by the occasion today, not settled, therefore not showing himself to advantage, pleasing head and eye, sufficient bone, movement hard to assess today. 3 Thomas & Taylor's Knabynnus Autumn Harvest.

Puppy Dog (3). 1 Brown's Graygees Gigolo. Presented a balanced outline and on the move showed good reach and drive, so typical of the breed, nicely balanced head with good definition and expression, strong muscular neck into body of good depth, held topline well, strong in loin, nicely muscled and angled rear, clean hock, good tail set, best of coats topped him off. BP. 2 Clark's Braneath Grouse. Not as advanced at first but liked his head, square picture on the stand, was feeling the heat today which reflected in his performance but nonetheless a quality young chap.

Junior Dog (3,1). 1 Stopforth's Taftazini Cesar Chance With Serenymor. Quality neat dog of good outline, liked his size, maturing nicely, muzzle to skull ratio balanced, liked his clean eye and expression, moderate angles fore and aft, gave him symmetry on the stand and on the move, this showed in his typical gait and true action, wonderful harsh touch to coat. 2 Knowles & Glen's Wilholme Had A Lovely Time With Bessalone. Although this chap is well up on size, his co-ordination and balance need time to catch up, pleasing style of head with gentle eye and expression, needs another 6 months to a year to develop into his frame to enable him to show off his virtues.

Special Beginner Dog (2). 1 Stopforth's Taftazini Cesar Chance With Serenymor. 2 Clark's Braneath Grouse.

Novice Dog (4). Good class. 1 Pingault's Taftazini Aiden Abbett. Typical clean square picture on the stack. Oozed type, he has the best of front constructions, forelegs straight, lean and muscular, balanced head with dark eye, true moving coming and going with excellent footfall, topped off with the best of coats. When handler learns to become one with him, they will go far. 2 Brown's Graygees Gigolo. 3 Barrett's Aytee Kalimor.

Graduate Dog (4,1). 1 Staley's Jomeel Monkey Wrench. Won here on balance and performance. First and second close up. Masculine head with no coarseness, muscular neck into body of good depth, strong in loin, well made hindquarters, tail set a tad high, well off for second thigh, hocks square with body which showed in his driving movement, good feel to coat. 2 Stopforth's Taftazini Cesar Chance With Serenymor. 3 Knowles & Glen's Wilholme Had A Lovely Time With Bessalone.

Post Graduate Dog (10,2). 1 Thomas' Brainescroft Tahiti. Head well proportioned to body, with well developed nostrils, slightly arched neck into short, firm back with well developed hindquarters, tail set on well, moved out and back true, harsh touch to coat. 2 Pingault's Taftazini Aiden Abbett. 3 Sielski's Orchidstar Bonds Of Speed JW.

Limit Dog (4,1). 1 Rose & Hunt's Kavacanne Gale Force Wind. The best of heads topped this lad. Clean cut, skull to muzzle of equal length, dark eye with gentle expression, excels in profile movement eating the ring with free and easy gait, on the out and back, footfall could be better, proud of his tail but set on correct nonetheless, coat flat and coarse to the feel. 2 Rose's Kavacanne Morgan It Seems JW. Plain in head which was lacking definition on the stack, found him to be unbalanced and lacking rear angles, better in front construction but upright in pastern, moved adequately. 3 Cook & Lamb's Brooke Will Do It Through Milcook.

Open Dog (6). Super class full of first-class males. It was an honour to judge. 1 Trow, Smith & Reichmuth's Nz Sp Ch & Nz Gr Ch Arosa Ur Upperclass. This noble dog headed this super class. I was splitting hairs between all five. Solid liver of medium size with super classic outline, clean cut head, deep chest, correct bone, presented in first class order, correct texture to coat, super feet, strong pasterns, good footfall out and back, used ring to his advantage in profile while holding his topline firm, would prefer his tail a little less proud but overall an exciting male. DCC & BOB. 2 Dymond's Int Sh Ch, NL Ch, Lux Ch, Bel Sh Ch, Dt Ch VDH & Benelux Ch Friarsbelle Marsh Mellow. This chap makes me smile, he has a super typical balanced GSP head with a lovely melting expression, well made all through, for me could be a little shorter in back, excellent muscle tone, another who excels in profile action, but the heat got the better of him today. RDCC in good company. 3 Thurm's Sh Ch Bryburn Bacchus JW ShCM.

Good Citizens Dog (2,1). 1 McPherson's Whistlecraft Gandalf. Well up on leg, taller than longer, pleasing head, dark eye, forelegs straight and muscular, good feet, has a rounded croup so tailset a tad low, steady on the move.

Veteran Bitch (3). 1 Pudney's Stairfoot Skye. Three lovely ladies here. Symmetrical balanced bitch of medium size, short back standing over plenty of ground, best of heads, strong in frame while retaining femininity, her head is balanced with an intelligent expression, all this topped off with a dark, flat, coarse to the touch jacket, moved with purpose. 2 Rose's Sh Ch & Neth Ch Kavacanne Toff Talk JW. This lady is very switched on and showed of her virtues with style, she has the best of heads with a noble appearance, clean in neck and throat, could watch her move all day. Pity to meet first today. 3 Coe & Pitman's Int Sh Ch, Lux, NL, Dt Ch (VDH) & Ir Sh Ch Pitwit Leeona.

Minor Puppy Bitch (3,1). 1 Mann's Elfrindew Lacey. Very smart, typical in head, clean elegant lines, needs to settle in front, smart in profile movement, good jacket, just pipped by the more mature puppy for top honours today. 2 Dickens' Tywivale Amaranthus. Well up on leg, narrow from tip of nose throughout to rear, needs time to body up, crabbed on the move making it difficult to assess footfall, not her day.

Puppy Bitch (9,2). 1 Hayne's Graygees Skyhawk. Pretty well constructed bitch. Classic lines to head, notes say "old fashioned type", strong while feminine, well muscled neck into body of good depth, straight forelegs and good feet, held topline well both on the stack and moving, moved with drive and extension. 2 McCulloch's Winterwell Oh So Sharp. All there, just needs time to fill and deepen which I am confident will come. Attractive bitch, pretty in head, clean in throat, slight arch to neck, moved well when confidence grows, she will benefit from moving out with more deliberation. 3 Howland's Graygees Zelda Sayre.

Junior Bitch (7,1). 1 Blay's Barleyarch Skye At Longbarrow. This class gave me one of the hardest decisions today. I feel certain there will be future champions here. What a difference the last six months have made to this girl. Just love her head with work in the right places. She is balanced throughout, wears a correct flat, dark, coarse coat, she is tidy and accurate in her footfall and driving movement laid down in super condition. RBCC in good company. 2 Squire's Taftazini Honour Wynna JW. Another top-drawer bitch, loved her head, expression and gentle eye, well made in all departments, correct touch to coat, she has a free and easy true gait with super drive off her strong hocks. 3 Pearson's Ladyhawke Dizzy Miss Lizzy.

Special Beginner Bitch (5). 1 Hayne's Graygees Skyhawk. 2 Milligan's Isara Kurzhaar All Spice. Head of quality with super muzzle shape, soft, intelligent eye, muscular neck into body, deep at elbow with good spring of rib, would prefer shorter couplings, could be more animated on the move, could be the heat. 3 Teece's Fleetapple Florin.

Novice Bitch (4,1). 1 Slack's Pingarypoint Legolustrous. Moderate bitch, not playing today, there were brief moments in which it was possible to see she had balanced angles fore and aft, held her topline firm on the move. 2 Teece's Fleetapple Florin. Like overall type of this one but at the in-between stage at the moment, she is bum high presently which affects her topline which was flagging. Another one not playing. 3 Arkley's Indijazz Show Girl.

Graduate Bitch (8). 1 Izard's Yockletts Cordiale. Tidy, like her size, on the stack she presents a balanced picture, strong in back with firm topline, good depth of chest, elbow could be tighter to body, clean cut balanced head, muscular neck, well developed second thigh, moved out with extension driving well from the rear. In good coarse jacket. 2 Pearson's Ladyhawke Dizzy Miss Lizzy. Another quality bitch, typy in outline, in good coat with correct touch, pleasing balance to head, short, strong couplings, well developed rear, moves out well. 3 Burford's Pingarypoint Legolicious.

Post Graduate Bitch (4). 1 Malin's Keigame Murphlette At Benrae. Well constructed, strong, square outline on the stack, all the while retaining her femininity. Well boned straight muscular legs, deep chest with well sprung rib, firm short back with good tail set, balanced head with definition and kind eye, moved well coming and going and on the round covered ground well, best of coats. 2 Joy's Pitwit The Best Surprise At Mannlicher. Fits standard well in shape, short backed, covering ground well on the stand, clean in throat, muscular neck, leads into body of good depth to brisket, well tucked in elbow, powerful rear end with moderate angles, head ok, but no personality today. 3 Stammer's Deena Ballettanzer At Lochpointer.

Limit Bitch (11,5). 1 Burford's Pingarypoint Eye Candy JW. Feminine with substance, no exaggerations here. Moderate throughout, good front make-up, firm topline and short couplings, correct tail set, strong rear end, showed in her free, easy action in profile. 2 Pudney's Pitwit Winter Glow JW. Different mould to first, workmanlike bitch which, for me, could have better definition in head, did her job well but lacked personality and presence today. 3 Tierney's Ceilloch Crimson.

Open Bitch (8). 1 Hustler's Aytee Katerina. A beautiful mature bitch with that typical GSP silhouette, classic balanced head with definition, she has a lovely gentle eye and expression, she flows from her well developed nose through to her tail with no exaggerations or frills, drove around the ring with ease showing herself to be fit for purpose, pleased to award her BCC, her second. 2 Burford's Pingarypoint Hot Topic. Quality girl who presents well on the stack. Moderate angles front and back, she is feminine in appearance with a well ribbed back with strong couplings, good turn of stifle, moved true out and back, topped off with a quality head. 3 Trow's Ch Winterwell Inca Trail JW.

Good Citizens Bitch (3,1). 1 Teece's Fleetapple Florin. 2 Gardiner's Malmelsa Flirty Fleuri. Pleasing head, un-coordinated on the move, short upper arm which restricted any extension in front movement, coat ok.