CRITIQUE - NATIONAL GUNDOG ASSOCIATION Judge: Mr I B Halbert

Thank you to all the exhibitors for the wonderful entry. I had many close decisions to make. Also thank you to my excellent stewards Des Flaherty and Sue Reddyhough who ensured a smooth running of my day.

Puppy Dog (3). 1 Mann's Valger Ragnar. 11 month old, smaller type than second, excels in head, reach of neck and lay of shoulders. Very good coat of correct texture. Good front, deep brisket and good tailset. Moved straight going and coming. BP. 2 Rose & Hunt's Pingarypoint Top Secret at Kavacanne. Liked his long arched neck, excellent coat. Straight front. Moved out well, especially in profile movement. 3 Murray's Winterwell Whakapapa with Worlewood.

Junior Dog (2). 1 Arrowsmith's Fleetapple Fergus. Masculine head with kind eye. Good front, well boned. Good top line. Correct tailset, like several, coat ginger due to sun. Moved true.

Special Beginners Dog (1). 1 Pingault's Taftazini Aiden Abbett. 2 years old, good size. Short backed, deep brisket and forechest. Excellent coat texture, but again very ginger in places. Moved well with good profile movement. Pleased to see him go on and win the Special Beginner Stakes.

Novice Dog (2,1). 1 Rose and Hunt's Pingarypoint Top Secret at Kavacanne.

Post Graduate Dog (3). 1 Pingault's Taftazini Aiden Abbett. 2 Goff & Dale's Seasham Live Wire at Shoshoni. Handsome dog, slightly finer than one. Excellent harsh coat, lovely length of neck, good front and return of upper arm, Lost out on movement. 3 Steel's Water Germander over Borderpoint.

Limit Dog (6,1). 1 Harris' Barleyarch Pringle JW. Handsome boy. Long arched neck, good topline, deep brisket, not overdone in any way. Hard decision between first and second but just preferred head of this dog over the second, both nice types. 2 Stopforth's Taftazini Cesar Chance with Serenymor JW. A fine example. Many of the same attributes as 1, an elegant dog. 3 Hopkins' Seasham Don't Stop Me Now.

Open Dog (6). My first two were so close I had to be really critical. 1 Thurm's Sh Ch Bryburn Bacchus JW ShCM. 3 years old. Excels in head with dark eye and that kind noble expression. The length in foreface which was missing in some was evident. Straight front, short backed, as the breed should be, good depth of brisket and forechest. Well angulated rear, but not overdone, good feet. Excellent coat. Held topline well on move. DCC. 2 Hinchliff's Ch Goosepoint Gloster Grebe (AI) JW. Loved the dog's relaxed easy flowing movement. Also, a handsome dog with many of the same attributes as 1. Just preferred the forechest and eye of 1. A fine example of the breed and a worthy champion. RDCC. 3 Sielski's Orchidstar Bonds Of Steel JW ShCM.

Good Citizens Dog Scheme Dog (0).

No Entries.

Veteran Bitch (1). 1 Gardiner's Indijazz Truly Scrumptious. 7 year old solid liver. Well boned, pretty head and dark eye. Moved well holding topline on the move. BV.

Minor Puppy Bitch (2). 1 Cox's Cushatlaw Serendipity. 7 months old. Pretty, good length of muzzle, long arched neck, well laid shoulders. Won on movement. 2 Staley's Jomeel Now I'm Here. Rather raw young puppy, liked her long neck, and well boned.

Puppy Bitch (5). 1 Barker's Valger Rapunzel. Headed two lovely puppies. 11 months in excellent condition. Good head and dark eye. Long arched neck. Well boned with straight front. Well angulated rear and correct tail set. 2 Rose's Kavacanne at Karwendel. 10 months old. Pretty, short backed bitch, lovely type, excellent coat, deep chest, moved very well, very promising. 3 Sielski's Orchidstar Okey Dokey.

Junior Bitch (4,1). 1 Barker's Valger Rapunzel. 2 Rose & Gaffney's Pingarypoint The Way to Kavacanne JW. 15 months, another excellent type. Pretty, feminine head, short backed, good front and well arched neck. Well angulated rear. 3 Galloway & Anderson's Torranpoint Gilda From Alayglow.

Special Beginners Bitch (6,2). 1 Jones' Keigame Sweet Lullaby of Barleydust. The most substantial bitch in class, but best movement. Others carrying too much weight. Solid liver, good head and neck, well angulated rear. 2 Gardiner's Malmelsa Flirty Fleuri. 5 year old bitch, deep chest and good topline, unfortunately did not move well today. 3 Lauchlan's Blythehill Blossom.

Novice Bitch (3). 1 Cox's Cushatlaw Serendipity. 2 Taylor and Taylor-Morris' Drysika Cha Cha at Pelenrise. Strong bitch in good condition. Good length of muzzle, well boned, good rear angulation. 3 Lauchlan's Blythehill Blossom.

Graduate Bitch (7,2). 1 Elrington's Barleyarch Dorito at Tequesta JW. 19 months old, good front, short back, feminine with well laid shoulders, deep brisket and good rear angulation. Moved well. 2 Barker's Radstorm Legal Eagle at Barkersdream JW. Dark liver and white. Pretty with well set ears, lovely neck, good bone, deep brisket and good feet. 3 Attwood & Turner's Taftazini Laura Byding of Patterscourt.

Post Graduate Bitch (7,2). 1 Bellinger & Felstead Cushatlaw Chaos at Woodhawk. Dark liver ticked. Feminine, short backed bitch, lovely neck and lay of shoulder. Straight front and good feet. Moved well fore and aft. 2 Glen & Knowles' Wilholme Agnes Brown at Bessalone. Feminine head with well set ears, long arched neck. Deep brisket and strong loin. Excellent bone, good feet. 3 Roden & Mann's Jacofraze Desire from Keigame.

Limit Bitch (9). A great class, spoilt for choice. 1 Rutherford's Cushatlaw Charisma of Dappledele. Feminine bitch with lovely head, dark eyes with soft expression. Straight front and good forechest. Correct bone, deep chest. In fine condition and excellent coat. Good second thigh, well angulated rear. Moved out well, never out of sync with handler. Could not be denied BCC & BOB. 2 Ellis' Soellis Fannie Annie JW. 3 year old liver & white bitch. Another fine mover. Short backed, lovely arched neck and well angulated rear. Pushed hard for top honours. 3 Mann's Elfrindew Lacey to Valger JW.

Open Bitch (7,1). 1 Burford's Pingarypoint Hot Topic. Lovely head and darkest of eyes. Beautiful arched neck. Excellent profile movement really reaching out and driving from behind. Well angulated rear. Another in good coat and condition. RBCC. 2 Izard's Sh Ch Yockletts Cordiale JW. Very close up to one. Excels in head, neck and shoulders, in fine condition, a worthy champion. 3 Cox's Sh Ch Cushatlaw Irresistable JW ShCM.

Good Citizens Dog Scheme Bitch (3,2). 1 Arkley's Indijazz Show Girl.