CRITIQUE - RICHMOND DOG SHOW SOCIETY

Judge: Mrs D R Gatliffe

A most enjoyable day spent with the GSPs. Thank you for your quality entry. I found heads and necks a little worrying, very heavy square type heads with short muzzles and overhung lips, some had long swanlike necks. Hind movement is still a problem and many were overweight or no muscle tone. On a brighter note, front and shoulders were much improved since the last time I judged, as were mouths and coats.

Veteran Dog (2). 1 Marsh & Hoad's Koolwaters Pacific at Kilnrae. Lovely size. Correct head. Good front and shoulders. Level topline and good bend of stifle. Good coat and moved well. Considered him for top honours but flagged in the final lineup. 2 Ottaway's Plumhollow Top Hat. Nice dog. Good shoulders and front, topline and stifle. Lost out on movement and carrying too much weight. Well handled.

Puppy Dog (3). 3 lovely puppies, all at different ages and types. 1 Hooper & Brook's Kenteen Diemel. Just at the right stage for his age. Lovely head and the most gentle expression. Good shoulders and front, level topline and turn of stifle. Excellent coat. Moved well. 2 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Gloster Grebe. This boy is a real showman. Well angled front and rear. Good shoulders and front. Level topline. Moved well. Expertly handled as always. 3 Knowles & Glen's Wilholme Had A Lovely Time with Bessalone.

Junior Dog (3). **1 Coghlan's Soellis Smug Doug**. Not a big boy but everything in the right place. Well angulated front and rear. level topline. Good coat. Won this class on movement. **2 Marsh & Hoad's Winterwell Sam Spade at Kilnrae**. Lovely head and neck. Good shoulders, front and topline. Would like a little more angulation on the backend. Reminded me of the older type of GSP. **3 Cox's Ceilloch Merlot by Cushatlaw**.

Yearling Dog (2). 1 Thurm's Bryburn Bacchus. Loved his head. Good neck, shoulders and front. Level topline and good turn of stifle. Very balanced. *RDCC*. 2 Cox's Ceilloch Merlot by Cushatlaw. Wondered if this boy was having an off day, he really didn't seem together! Strong dog with good angles, good coat.

Post Graduate Dog (2). **1 Hamlin's Know No Bounds at Nuash**. Balanced head, strong neck, good front, shoulders and topline, well bent stifles. Excellent flowing movement. Well up to size. **2 Hopkin's Seasham Don't Stop Me Now**. Good head, shoulders and angles. Moved well but would like more of him.

Limit Dog (5). 1 Adam's Barleyarch Ariat. Lovely size and well balanced. Strong head and neck. Good shoulders and front. Level topline, would like a little more on the rear. Good coat and moved well. So together with his handler. *DCC*. 2 Rusk's Marann's Spring Mist over Booton. A heavier type to 1. Loved his head. Well angulated both front and rear. Good mover. 3 Cooke & Hammond's Seasham Super Trouper.

Open Dog (10). 1 Cooke & Hammond's Jumpin Jack Flash. Lovely size. Excellent head and neck. Very good front and shoulders, good rear angulation. Excellent coat. Sadly, his topline let him down in the challenge. 2 Brown & Burn's Sh Ch Magregor Threesacrowd at Pothouse. Nice sized boy with excellent angles. Seemed rather sluggish on the move today. 3 Thompson's Redmires High Society.

Veteran Bitch (2). 1 Rusk's Booton Yvette. Lovely head and the sweetest expression. Well angulated and balanced. Moved well.

Puppy Bitch (10). Wow! I was spoilt for choice here. 1 Rutherford's Cushatlaw Charisma of Dappledele. Beautiful puppy with a correct head and expression. Good shoulders and front. Level topline and rear angulation. Good coat. Moved well. Well handled. 2 Blay's Barleyarch Skye at Longbarrow. OK, so she wasn't behaving all the time but enough for me to see that she is a stunning puppy with lots of promise. Same comments apply as 1 and I'm sure these two will change places many times. Personally, I quite like to see a puppy showing a little mischief. 3 Knowles and Glen's Wilholme Agnes Brown at Bessalone.

Junior Bitch (6). 1 Tierney's Ceilloch Crimson. Very nice bitch. Lovely dark liver coat. Feminine head and kind expression. Lovely angles. Well balanced. 2 Nixon's Quintana Qin Qiao. Very feminine girl. Lovely angles front and rear. Moved well. Sadly, out of coat today. 3 Milligan's Isara Kurzhaar All Spice.

Yearling Bitch (4). A really good class with 3 girl's that could change places on another day. 1 Joy's Pitwit the Best Surprise at Mannlicher. Lovely honest bitch. Correct allround. Beautiful head. Moved well. 2 Nixon's Quintana Qin Qiao. 3 Pudneys Pitwit Winter Glow.

Post Graduate Bitch (7). **1 Burford's Pingarypoint Eye Candy**. Well balanced girl with a good head. Well angulated. Excellent coat. Moved well. **2 Legg's Kavacanne Morgan a feeling**. Pretty bitch of good type. Excellent coat.

Limit Bitch (6). 1 Tierney's Puddledub Pour Moi. Good head and expression. Lovely dark coat. level topline and excellent turn of stifle.

2 Schoneville's Balvenie Bella. Honest bitch. Correct head and neck. Good shoulders and front. Level topline and good strong rear. Just feel I would like a little more of her. 3 Burford's Pingarypoint Hot Topic.

Open Bitch (9). Excellent class. Best of the day. 1 Dawson & Walkers Sh Ch Jolicoem Lalique. So typical. Lovely head and such a kind expression. Strong neck into well laid shoulders. Well angulated without any exaggeration. Level topline. Excellent coat. So very sound on the move. One of only a few with good hind action. It was a pleasure to award her the BCC & BOB. 2 Cox's Cushatlaw Irresistable. This girl was in tip top condition and was unlucky to meet 1 today. Lovely head and expression. She has everything in the right place. Couldn't quite match 1 for movement. 3 Elrington's Barleyarch Beetle at Tequesta.