Critique - West of England Ladies Kennel Society

Judge: Mrs S C Parr

Thank you all for a nice entry, speak as I find, heads need to be watched, several dogs look great in profile, but their heads were to broad/ heavy in skull and some short in muzzled with round eyes, almost Staffy like and a few gay tails, That said I found coats had improved a lot, most dogs were in hard condition, no bad bites and temperaments without exception were good.

Veteran Dog (5,1). Two lovely dogs heading up this class, great start to the day. **1 Harris' Sh Ch Barleyarch Paxo JW**. A dog I have always loved and it was my pleasure to finally judge him. Nicely balanced and well put together, good bone. Typical GSP head with nice dark kind eye, strong neck and clean over the shoulder lovely front on him good depth of chest correct angulation fore and aft, moved freely and enjoying his day out. **2 Smillie-Gray's Sh Ch Oakberrow Wotzinaname ShCM**. Another worthy champion, balanced dog of correct size and shape clean neck into well placed shoulder, chest well down to elbow, gentle slope to topline and nicely muscled quarters moved out well. **3 Tudor's My Little Old Man at Brocador**.

Minor Puppy Dog (7,3). 1 Cooper's Gameglow Top Gun. Striking smart young dog, balanced head with good planes, excellent bone, strong neck into clean shoulder, chest well down and nicely tucked in elbows. Good body, moved out well when settled. 2 Hincliff's Goosepoint Gloster Grebe (Ai). Close call here, I really liked this dog, he is well up to size, lovely clean lines, correct head and keen eye. Good length of neck into clean well placed shoulder Moved true coming and going, just needs to grow into himself but great prospect. 3 Hamlin's Jomeel Monkey Wrench at Nuash. (NAF, TAF).

Puppy Dog (8,1). **1 Coghlan's Soellis Smug Doug**. And smug he should be, what a cracker, square balanced dog built on good lines, head of correct proportions, good ear set, clean neck into well placed shoulder, level topline which he kept on the move which was free flowing and true coming and going, must have a very bright future *BP*. **2 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Gloster Grebe (Ai)**. **3 Staley's Jomeel Midnight Rambler**.

Junior Dog (4,1). **1 Thurm's Bryburn Bacchus**. Really nice young boy with lovely clean lines balanced head with kind dark eye, clean neck, good shoulder and upper arm ratio, deep chest and well angulated, moved freely with drive. **2 Harris & Scandrett's Barleyarch Swordplay (Ai)**. Talk about a dog doing everything it possibly could to throw a class, I liked everything about him and I feel when he and his handler sort it out they will push hard for top honours. **3 Woolley's Fayemm Get Ready For Dunsa**.

Yearling Dog (4). 1 Hopkins' Seasham Don't Stop Me Now. 20 months, smart dog, balanced head with dark eye, nicely put together, well angulated rear and moved well with drive. 2 Delaney's Redmires Ticket To The Stars JW. Lighter in build to winner, but nice square shaped dog, good shoulder and deep chest enough angulation and moved well, head needs to develop. 3 Harris & Candrett's Barleyarch Swordplay (Ai).

Novice Dog (4,1). **1 Cox's Ceilloch Merlot By Cushatlaw**. 8 month nice puppy with a balanced head good eye colour, needs time but good prospect. **2 Woolley's Fayemm Get Ready For Dunsa**. Smart boy with good substance, pleasing head and strong neck good front assembly, moved well. **Morris, Stainsby, Soanes & Evans' Whistlecraft Gito**.

Post Graduate Dog (1). **1 Milligan's Redmires Storm The Stars at Chevinlade**. Lovely balanced square dog, with good front assembly, deep chest and good topline on the move. Nicely angulated quarters and moved out well and true, for me the head needs to break.

Limit Dog (12,4). 1 Marsh's Koolwaters Pacific At Kilnrae. What a nice dog, handy size nothing overdone, typical GSP head, good angulation fore and aft, chest well down moved out well when handler slowed down, 2 Cooke & Hammond's Seasham Super Trouper JW. Eye catching dog, pleasing head strong clean neck into a good front, strong and powerful and in hard condition, moved well, just a touch longer than I would like. Brown's Pitwit Biddable Sapphire.

Open Dog (9,1). 1 Malin's Sh Ch Heathermark Irish At Benrae ShCM. This Black and white dog could not be overlooked, lovely balanced head with correct planes and good length of muzzle, strong neck into well placed shoulder with good length of upper arm, strong bone but not coarse, chest well down, short coupled and strong over the loin. Nicely angulated rear end and developed second thigh moved easily with power and drive on a good long stride, in gleaming condition, could not be denied the *DCC & BOB*. 2 Grant's Goosepoint Diper From Stairfoot. Another I like lots and grown on well, nicely balanced dog of good type, well off for bone, but again, not coarse. Correct head with kind dark eye, strong neck good front assembly and spring of rib, strong over the loin, powerful hind quarters and moved well, just unfortunate to come up against one in such good form. Smith & Reardon's Winterwell Fowl Play.

Veteran Bitch (3). **1 Brown's Montalba Millie Chillum ShCM**. Loved this girl, so smart and what I would call a good old fashioned GSP, pretty feminine head with dark eye and melting expression, built on nice square lines balanced through, with good bone, well muscled quarters and good second thigh, moving freely with drive on a loose lead. Happy to award her **BV**. **2 Hopkins' Seasham Dressed For Success**. Another of good type, perhaps a tad longer, lovely head with kind eye and expression clean through the neck and shoulders with good deep chest, moved well. **Gardiner's Kilnrae Barley Sugar**.

Minor Puppy Bitch (8). Always such a difficult class because of the age differences, and some nice babies here that on another day could easily win. There was very little between my two winners, I actually thought they were sisters. They were the most together on the day, I would however say they are both well up to size for their age and I wouldn't want them to grow on any more. 1 Stammer's Deena Ballettanzer At Lochpointer. Square shaped and well balanced clean lines, good head with dark eye, good lay of shoulder and deep chest moved with driver and kept topline on the move. 2 Merritt's Brownsview Arrows Flygte. So similar in type to 1 and same comments apply.

Puppy Bitch (13) **1 Ellis' Soellis Fannie Annie**. Loved everything about this puppy, such a neat package and surely has a bright future, litter sister to puppy dog winner who just was a bit further on at the moment, I think the breeder must be having a very proud breeder moment with these two youngsters. **2 Malin's Keigame Murphlette At Benrae**. Another smart youngster with good bone, correct shaped head with dark eye and soft expression, clean neck and good front, with chest down to elbow, correct angulation through and moved out well. **3 Ottaway's Nalapound Red Glory**.

Junior Bitch (8,2). Three quality girls here, that I am sure will change places many times and have bright futures in front of them. 1 Harris' Barleyarch Playtime (Ai). Lovely balanced head with kind dark eye and good ear set, good length of neck into well placed shoulder with correct ratio of upper arm. Chest well down with nice tight elbows. Sweeping underline, good topline and tail set which she kept on the move well muscled quarters and good second thigh, moved and handled as always very well, a worthy *RBCC* winner. 2 Jones' Barleyarch Fairplay (Ai). Loved this girl, good type lovely head and eye, quality through and through. Not surprised to find out these were litter sisters, same comments apply, winner just a bit more together on the day. But will follow with interest. 3 Beverley's Bryburn Artemis of Vinita. Nice shape and good lines pretty feminine head, just a little unsettled on the day on the move, I understand she was missing her usual handler, another to watch though.

Yearling Bitch (5). 1 Pudney's Pitwit Winter Glow JW. Lovely square youngster, feminine balanced head with dark eye, good length of neck and clean over the shoulders, nicely angulated fore and aft and moved out well, just needs to fill out and mature a bit now, time is on her side. 2 Beverley's Bryburn Artemis of Vinita. 3 Upton-Lovett & Upton's Seasham Kind of Magic.

Novice Bitch (4). **1 Beverley's Artemis of Vinita**. **2 Baines' Sparowbridge Crazy Diamond**. 10 month old black, square in shape and of good type correct head proportions, slightly light in eye at the moment, good lay of shoulder and deep chest, short coupled, a little unsettled on the move.

Post Graduate Bitch (4,2). **1 Hopkins' Seasham Dancing Queen.** Correct sized feminine girl with pleasing head and dark eye, of good type short coupled with good angulation fore and aft moved freely. **2 Thomas & Taylor's Knabynnus Aurora Borealis**. Nice female with feminine head and dark keen eye. Clean neck with excellent shoulder and upper arm, good depth of chest, short coupled and good rear angulation moved OK just a little unsettled. **3 Gardiner's Malmelsa Flirty Fleuri**.

Limit Bitch (9,2). 1 Schoneville's Balvenie Bella. This girl is just, so my type, nice square balanced outline and flash in colouring. Nothing overdone well angulated fore and aft, in good hard condition moved out freely with drive pleased to award her first *BCC*. 2 Desombre's Barleyarch Springtail At Braneath. Another quality square girl built on good lines very feminine head with dark kind eye, good upper arm/shoulder, good depth of chest, moved positively. 3 Whitehouse's Kazanpaul Creme De La Creme.

Open Bitch (7,3). 1 Brown's Ch Barleyarch Tigernut At Graygees. A female I really like, feminine head, nicely constructed front with good forechest and body and strong short back, moved OK but today was not giving her best, perhaps due to change of handler. 2 Thurm's Sh Ch Valger Odette. Lovely neat package, feminine head good clean neck and well laid shoulder, good depth of body and strong quarters and move out well. 3 Elrington's Barleyarch Beetle of Tequesta.