Critique – Welsh Kennel Club Judge: Miss S J Whiting

Thank you to the Welsh Kennel club for inviting me to judge at this show. Everyone was friendly and I thoroughly enjoyed the day. This was my first appointment for giving CCs in GSPs, I had a lot of lovely dogs to go over and some decisions were very close in some of the classes. The exhibitors were very sporting with a lot of clapping and well wishes to the winners, thank you.

Veteran Dog (2,1). 1 Flaherty & Reddyhough's Sh Ch Isara Kurzhaar Wieser JW ShCM. Lovely 7 year old gentleman. Presented a clean outline with good head, muscled neck with clean shoulders, sound front, good feet, balanced hind quarters, muscled throughout and powered round the ring.

Puppy Dog (4,2). 1 Mann's Valger Ragnar. Handsome young man with an alert pleasing expression, he flowed through neck and shoulders, deep chest, correct front assembly, ribs developing well, strong back, super coat, compact in outline and muscled throughout, moved really well. BP. 2 Rose & Hunt's Pingarypoint Top Secret at Kavacanne. Set on heavier lines than 1st, he has a handsome head with good eye, muscled neck, ribs set well back and sprung, strong in loin, good legs and feet moved with drive.

Novice Dog (1). 1 Rose & Hunt's Pingarypoint Top Secret at Kavacanne.

Post Graduate Dog (1). 1 Richards' Bilston Banner. This young man has a lovely balanced head, strong neck into good shoulders, good width of chest, super bone and feet, did not give his all today as was not cooperating with his handler.

Limit Dog (4,1). 1 Harris' Barleyarch Pringle JW. Young man I have judged before as a baby and he didn't disappoint me when entering this class, he has a handsome head with kind expression, head of good proportions, lovely eye shape and colour, clean muscled neck, ribs well sprung and set well back, firm top line, good bone, legs straight and strong with firm feet, well-turned stifle and let down hocks, muscled throughout, moved true with super parallel action. DCC. 2 Braine's Grenetrest Canterbury Bell JW. Classic head with good eye shape and colour, good reach of neck and depth of chest, well ribbed, nice angulation in the rear, just not keeping his top line on the move today. 3 Stopforth's Taftazini Cesar Chance with Serenymor JW.

Open Dog (4). 1 Brown & Burns' Sh Ch Magregor Threesacrowd at Pothouse JW ShCM. Masculine head without any coarseness, kind expression with dark eye, super balanced outline, good return of upper arm, developed deep chest with ribs set back into strong loin, level top line, powerful hind angulation, he moved true and sound. *RDCC*. 2 Thurm's Sh Ch Bryburn Bacchus JW. Well–presented dog, balanced head, good length of neck, shoulder placement set well, deep chest, strong legs and feet, compact body, muscled quarters, not as positive on the move as 1 today. 3 Sielski's Orchidstar Bonds Of Speed JW ShCM.

Veteran Dog (1). 1 Thurm's Sh Ch Valger Odette. Pretty lady with excellent scull proportions, dark eye, clean neck and shoulders, deep chest with good forechest, strong firm top line, correct underline, excellent hind quarters, super sound on the move. BV.

Minor Puppy Bitch (2,1). 1 Staley's Jomeel Now I'm Here. Lovely youngster with a pretty head and intelligent expression, neck falls into correct shoulder placement, body developing well, good turn of stifle and muscle quarters moved well.

Puppy Bitch (9). 1 Sielski's Orchidstar Okey Dokey. Feminine head with soft expression, neck strong leading into well set shoulders, good forechest with deep ribs that are set back, strong top line with good tail set, covered the ground with ease. 2 Rose's Kavacanne at Karwendel. Has a beautiful head that is balanced, eye of good colour and shape, chest is deep, legs well boned with super feet, strong in back, developed quarters moved with drive. 3 Barker's Valger Rapunzel.

Junior Bitch (6). 1 Barker's Valger Rapunzel. Smart youngster with balanced head and good eye, correct front and rear angulation, deep and broad in ribs, plenty of bone, shown in lovely condition, moving well. 2 Jones' Keigame Sweet Lullaby of Barleydust. Gentle expression with well-set eyes, forelegs strong and straight with correct bone, ribs well sprung, muscled throughout with good bend of stifle, movement was good when settled. 3 Drysdale's Drysika Foxtrot.

Novice Bitch (2,1). 1 Serpa & Peters' Winterwell Piha at Pontopresa. This bitch has a lovely head and eye with good neck and shoulders, well bodied with good length of loin, when stood she seemed to arch her back slightly but when moving she relaxed and her movement is super, she covers the ground really well with a fantastic topline.

Post Graduate Bitch (9,1). 1 Elrington's Barleyarch Dorito at Tequesta JW. Lovely head and expression, neck flowing into well set shoulders, good depth and length of rib, loin strong giving her a good topline, well developed muscled rear, moving out well covering the ground with ease. 2 Birkenshaw's Barleyarch Sabrita for Gilcar. Delightful head with kind eye and expression, sturdy clean neck with shoulders well set, good width and depth of chest, strong bone with compact feet, excellent topline and tail set, moved true and steady. 3 Barker's Radstorm Legal Eagle at Barkersdream JW.

Limit Bitch (10,1). 1 Mann's Elfrindew Lacey To Valger JW. Beautifully balanced bitch, pretty head with correct eye shape and colour, good reach of neck and super front assembly, ample bone throughout, deep in chest with good ribs, moved with good reach and powerful driving from behind, unlucky to meet my open winners today. 2 Malin's Keigame Murphlette At Benrae. Feminine bitch with pleasing head and eye, well laid shoulders with correct front, balanced clean outline, good length of loin, firm top line, lovely coat, strong quarters what enabled her to move out well. 3 Pearson's Ladyhawke Dizzy Miss Lizzy.

Open Bitch (2). These 2 bitches where of super breed type and I am so happy to of had the opportunity to go over both of them. 1 Hustler's Aytee Katerina. This lady is what I was looking for today, she has the most exquisite head with an intelligent soft expression, flowing neck into super shoulders, has width in chest and deep ribs that are set back, true front, best of legs and feet, well off for bone, strong loin, developed muscled rear angulation, strong level top line, her standing profile is super and did not disappoint me when moving as she powered round the ring with reach and drive. BCC & BOB. 2 Trow's Ch Winterwell Inca Trail JW. Beautiful bitch from all angles, head is balanced, beautiful expressive eyes, neck strong and muscular, shoulders set well with good return of upper arm, deep in chest and body, strong loin, good turn of stifle, neat feet, moved sound and free. RBCC.