

CRITIQUE - WINDSOR DOG SHOW SOCIETY

Judge: Mrs M Hayes

Firstly, I would like to thank the society for inviting me to judge, it was an honour and a pleasure. Also, thanks to my hard-working stewards who kept me on the straight and narrow, and the ring running smoothly and efficiently. A few comments about the breed as a whole. "Type" is being lost and we are at risk of producing generic constructed dogs that do not resemble a GSP. Another big concern of mine is that many dogs could not move away and back in a straight line and were "crabbing", it indicates incorrect construction and is not a reflection of the breed standard. I was also concerned about tail sets and carriage, either set too low or carried too high.

Special Beginners Dog or Bitch (1). **1 Gosling's Disglairhill Brown Hawk.** Liver & white attractively marked flashy bitch. Compact and square, presented in good condition. Had well laid shoulders and good length of upper arm, with corresponding angles behind. Had a beautiful head of correct proportions and a nice dark eye with kind expression, topped off with an excellent harsh jacket. **BSpBeg.**

Veteran Dog or Bitch (2). **1 Thurm's Sh Ch Bryburn Bacchus JW ShCM ShCEX.** My notes say wow, what a dog and can't believe he is a veteran, and it is true. Good depth all through from his ample forechest, length of rib and depth of loin. Excellent typical head, with kind eye and expression. Moved out with reach, drive and accuracy of footfall, this dog was the whole package consisting of breed type and sound construction, no hesitation awarding him the **DCC and BV.** **2 Nixon's Quintana Cloud Berry.** Pretty girl, slightly longer cast than I would like but all in proportion generally. Nice straight front stood on good feet. Correct lay of shoulder with good return of upper arm, nice sweep of stifle, allowing her to stand over plenty of ground.

Puppy Dog (1). **1 Roberts' Keigame Chilli Chocolate.** 10 month old typey solid liver. Good clean head with nice working under the eyes that so many are missing. Short and compact with excellent angles fore and after. Took some settling but once this happened showed good positive strides that were accurate, all topped off with a cracking harsh coat. **BPD & BPIB.**

Junior Dog (5). **1 Heath's Pinseeker Pep Guardiola.** Won on type. Good length of rib and short loin and back. Stood over plenty of ground. Good lay of shoulder and correct return of upper arm. When settled and handled correctly, moved well. **2 Mapes' Agdenusher Mulberry.** Nice enough type but needs further schooling, still managed to see enough to award second in a decent class. Has good depth all through with correct topline and tail set. His best feature was certainly his movement. **3 Russell's Fraulynzway Lightning Bolt.**

Yearling Dog (2). **1 Angus' Keigame Hvitserk of Sparkenhoe.** Again, won on type and movement. Square dog, stood on good feet, of excellent substance all through including length of rib and depth of loin. Had the best of heads with dark kind eye and expression. **2 Russell's Fraulynzway Lightning Bolt.** Longer and rangier than 1 but another with a beautiful head and expression. Excellent coat and moved well enough.

Limit Dog (3,2). **1 Rusk's Booton Provence.** Square liver dog with beautiful clean lines. Stood alone but deserved his win. Good lay of shoulders and return of upper arm, moderate rear angles but still stood over plenty of ground. Correct depth and length of rib with short loin. Correct topline and tail set/carriage all held together on the move. Pleased to award him the **RDCC.**

Open Dog (7). **1 Smith & Reardon's Sh Ch Winterwell Maida Stone.** A short square dog stood over plenty of ground with good clean lines. Had good depth of rib. Nice head and eye with kind expression. Scores well in front construction. **2 Pingault's Sh Ch Taftazini Aiden Abbott.** A dog with great type but just not as clean and tidy as 1. Good head and nice coat. Moved out well enough. **3 Peebles & Hammond's Seasham The Groover.**

Good Citizen Dog or Bitch (3). **1 Staley's Jomeel Olivia's Choice.** Still raw and needs to darken in eye, but a neat package. Sweetest of heads with just enough strength. Moved with real purpose showing true drive and accuracy in footfall. Correct coat colour and texture. **2 Schoneville's Orchidstar Themisto by Balvenie.** A small square dog with well laid shoulders and good depth to his body. Stood on good feet, moved well enough. **3 Barton's Kavacanne Wild Berry Waffle.**

Puppy Bitch (2). A class that could have gone either way, two bitches of different types and qualities, a hard decision had to be made. **1 Angus' Keigame Hearts Desire of Sparkenhoe.** Square bitch, standing over plenty of ground, with a good harsh jacket, has the correct lay of shoulders and complimentary rear angulation, showed good depth in body for age. **BPB.** **2 Tarrant & Powell's Newtonbriar Pure Bliss.** Slightly longer cast than 1, but also with good depth, in truth I preferred the head of this girl which showed the correct proportions of length to skull ratio.

Junior Bitch (5) What a cracking class. **1 Pearson's Winterwell Lulu Moppet to Ladyhawke JW.** Another with the wow factor, absolutely nothing not to like. Excellent type and construction, from her beautiful head to her well set and carried tail. She stood on strong straight legs, with good feet, short and square, standing over the ground, moved with absolute power showing reach and drive and with accuracy coming, going and in profile, all wrapped up in a super harsh coat of correct colour and texture. Delighted to award her **BCC and BOB.** Was wonderful to see her shortlisted in a strong gundog group. **2 Court's Magregor Seventh Moon over Ballyheige.** Still such a babe at 12 months old. Cracking type to her though and the best of jackets. Short but slightly longer in leg than 1, she still needs time to fill in. Really good shoulders and super bend of stifle, steady mover. **3 Sielski's Orchidstar Missing Link JW.**

Yearling Bitch (3). **1 Staley's Jomeel Olivia's Choice.** **2 Merritt's Sperant Chocolate Cosmos JW.** Lost out to one as she wasn't as square with less depth. However, she is feminine with a sweet head of correct proportions. She moved well enough. **3 Bunker's Winterwell Little Itch.**

Post Graduate Bitch (6,2). **1 Rutherford's Dappledele Aurelia Rose.** Longer cast and this stopped her for top honours, however, what a great type, still demonstrates strength in body and topline stacked and on the move. Great angles front and rear with good depth of chest, nice length of muzzle. **2 Nixon's Quintana Lunar Eclipse.** Showier and more confident than 1. But didn't have the depth and type of 1. Stood over plenty of ground and moved well. **3 Bunker's Winterwell Little Itch.**

Limit Bitch (14,2). Class of the day in terms of being presented with depth of type and quality. **1 Filby & Brown's Winterwell ThatlIdo for Desjiem JW.** Won on type and movement. A completely honest bitch who moved straight, accurate and true, showing reach and drive. Correct topline and tailset, with the best of heads and an excellent coat, great angles fore and after, shared many qualities as my BCC winner (and not surprising as they are repeat matings of each other!). Lost out on the CC due to holding a bit too much weight for my taste. Was pleased to award her the **RBCC.** **2 Izard's Yocketts Hambleton.** Marginally longer cast which cost her the class, but just as sound in movement and typey. Correct lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, complimentary rear angles, allows her to stand over plenty of ground, liked her a lot. **3 Ellis' Soellis Fancy Nancy.**

Open Bitch (8,1). **1 Thurm's Sh Ch Dappledele First Date at Bryburn.** Slightly longer cast than 2 but very sound showing breed type and good construction. Good depth through her ribs and loins, excellent fore chest. Prettiest of heads, good legs stood on nice tight feet, moved out well with reach, drive and accuracy of footfall. **2 Trow's Sh Ch Fayemm Treacle Tart with Winterwell (AI) JW.** Preferred the type of one but a quality classy bitch nonetheless with clean outline. Short backed stood over plenty of ground. Good depth of rib and loin, presented in excellent condition. Moved well. **3 Rutherford's Sh Ch Cushatlaw Charisma of Dappledele.**