

Gundog Society of Wales

Wednesday, 12th October 2022

Judge: Katie Lloyd

Thankyou to the GSOW committee for the invitation to judge and the stewards for their help on the day. Even bigger thankyou for my first non-CC entry at a Championship Show, it was a genuinely quality group of dogs, and you made me work hard to make some difficult decisions. Was nice to make the most of the last outside championship show in sunshine at Malvern, although at times the wind picked up with some rain in the air- perfect weather for gundogs!

Junior Dog (1) 1st, Logie & Braidwood's Albadhu Wish Upon A Star JW. Stood alone but handled and showed as if he were in a competitive class, and I looked forward to seeing him in the line -up. In that line up he stood out to me for type. Correct height with corresponding bone and substance. At 15 months old, still 'junior-ish' in overall maturity, but he fills the eye with his shape and balance and had a maturity to his movement. Square in profile, with lovely arch and reach of neck, correct ribbing, super forechest, front angulation, depth of chest and shoulder placement. Enough bend of stifle, seen more on the move and free stood, with excellent tail set which he carried well. Muscular condition and gleaming coat. Good width of skull, ear set and kind, alert expression. Super on the move, with springy, balanced and forward- reaching stride. BD & BOS.

Postgraduate Dog (1) Prowse & Prowse's, Quilesta Simply Invincible mit Mermilar. 3 years old, looked a picture stacked, deep chest, bit longer in loin but ribbed ok and nice topline and tuck up, particularly appreciated his second thigh. Nice amount of bone. Lovely profile stride, a bit wide in front movement but got better the more he went on and gained confidence. Carried tail well. Not as masculine in head as the other males, but kind expression with dark eyes and showed his lovely temperament.

Limit Dog (3) Class of 3 upstanding handsome males all strong, sound and well moving dogs who were shown beautifully. 1st. and RBD Jenks' Albadhu Hidden Potential. He did well to win today, dog and handler on their A-game. He is a bit big in overall height, but his body-leg ratio is good, he has excellent bone, strong pasterns, and good shaped tight feet. He is square in profile, all this together, giving him the look of balance and strength. He is profuse in coat but in all the right places and underneath that he has a big strong forehand construction and deep chest. He has a good tail set and carried well on the move. His movement today was relaxed and light on his feet, covering ground with a balanced easy stride. In the challenge he commanded attention RBD 2nd. Horton's Crumpsbrook Jay. Beautiful dog, in really lovely coat presented immaculately, dark eyes, lovely expression, and well handled. Not quite as mature as winner in overall body and muscle but he is only 2 years old. Well off for bone, good forechest and depth of chest and on going over him, he flowed nicely from neck to tail. Sound and free striding on the move. Tail was carried high today in that Malvern breeze, but he is a lovely young male. 3. Simpson, C & Simpson, L Ekkolander Dark Madness at Leriton.

Open Dog (2) 1st Powell & Murrell's Sh Ch Crumpsbrook Woodrush. I really rate this dog and at 5 years old he is getting to his prime and was a main contender after winning the class. He is a good size and height, square and well ribbed and his movement is superb when at the correct pace. He is in super hard muscular condition, making his movement fluid, so easy and effortless. Very dark eyes, handsome, masculine but kind head and expression with a look of character. Good forechest, front angulation and for me scores particularly in bend of stifle. There were moments, when stacked he lost his strong outline as he leant down into his hocks but that driving mechanism from the stifle and hock on the move was very good keeping a strong topline. Being super critical, and I like dogs lean and fit for function, which he most certainly is, I would say he was just slightly under match weight today, although without hesitation this dog is right up there. 2nd Logie & Braidwood's Sh Ch Albadhu Walk on the Wildside. He is really impressive stacked in profile, typical in type, with deep chest and correct tuck up and in gleaming coat and body condition. I liked his 'cobbiness', well bodied, excellent bone, strong pasterns, with nice width across his loin and hips. Good strong well let down hocks. His head is

broad and full of character. Eyes not quite as dark as 1st. Sound and happy on the move, just preferred the fluidity and drive of 1 today, but again I was spoilt for choice.

Veteran dog/bitch (3). Combined dog and bitch class. 1st Logie & Braidwood's Cindy vom Hundsfeld at Albadhu (imp deu). Just into veteran territory at 7 years old. Feminine head, dark eyes, correct ears. Good size and bone, compact, muscular and square. Strong front, loads of chest room, clear bend of stifle. Exuberant to begin with but such springy long striding gait. She out-moved her competitors in the challenge for RBB. 2nd. Sh Ch Wonglepong Wills Faramir. Strong upstanding masculine male with dark eyes. Has square outline, stands beautifully, showing himself off, and is beautifully presented. Good width and depth of chest. I just preferred the fore-angulations on winner, strong in body all through, bags of bone and substance. Looking after his handler on the move, he couldn't match 1 today, but he was sound and purposeful. 3rd. Sh Ch Brockchime Besta Both to Incadar VW. Love her and rising 11, up against two whippersnappers. She is a true school master in the ring. Longer in shape, well ribbed back and good depth of chest to tuck-up, balanced with good angulation. Many breed attributes, and a great partnership to watch. Just showing a bit of age in pasterns moving on the undulating ground today, but still giving it all and in marvellous condition. A great character and a credit to the breed.

Puppy Bitch (1). Logie & Braidwood's Albadhu Final Encounter. Just 6 months old, a true puppy. She is feminine with dark eyes and had a lovely temperament with a hint of mischief. Is a good size with corresponding bone. Correct neat feet. Longer in loin than her mother (best veteran) but that's fine, she is ribbed well back and balanced. Has correct forechest and good angulation, rear developing nicely with good tail set. She was sound and free striding on the move albeit still with a bit of puppy wobbles. Liked her. Best Puppy. She went well in the Puppy Group.

Junior Bitch (1) Simpson & Simpson's Ekkolander Persephone Red at Leriton. Pretty feminine head, dark eye. Lively, enigmatic personality. Forward going on the move with reach and drive, pushing from well angulated rear. Still in schooling phase and gaining that maturity in width and depth to push in the challenge but she is again a nice size, good bone and in super well-muscled condition.

Novice Bitch (2,1) Powell & Murrell's Tureagh Crystal Cider. 23 months old in muscular condition with a lovely coat. She has a pretty head with dark eyes and endearing expression. I appreciated her good bend of stifle and second thigh especially. Neat feet, strong straight front, enough depth and width and good wide croup, but she is still young and maturing nicely. Very sound, balanced and forward on the move. I considered her in the challenge but just pipped by maturity of the veteran.

Open Bitch (3,1) Logie & Braidwood's Sh Sch Albadhu Pawsitive Vibes JW. Gorgeous head correct proportions and ear set with the darkest brown eyes. Gleaming dark coat. Lovely arch and reach of neck which flows down smoothly to well laid-back shoulders. She is strong with substance but retains femininity. Good front construction and strong topline and loin. Deep chest to good taut abdomen. Well-muscled rear. She is so nice to watch on the move, balanced and glides around the ring easily with athletic long strides but without exaggeration holding her tail perfectly to complete that picture; whole performance giving the impression of confidence and biddability and that she could do it all day. Happy confident nature. BB & BOB. 2nd. Prowse & Prowse's Quilesta Just Endearing mit Mermilmar. Mature lady with lovely head and expression. Another good sized bitch with bone and substance but still so feminine. Straight strong front legs, wide and deep chest. Excellent front, I particularly liked her rear end with a good second thigh and correct bend of stifle. Excellent coat and body condition. Sound and steady on the move, preferred topline of the winner.