

GUNDOG BREEDS ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

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A big dream came true when after 42 years in the breed and after 30 years of judging I got invited to judge Pointers in the country of origin. I was delighted with the size of my entry, thank you very much to the exhibitors. To go over many high quality dogs was an honour and gave me some really hard decisions. I would like to thank the Committee for inviting me and to my four stewards (during the long day they swapped) who ensured the ring was run smoothly despite my non-existing practice in the UK judging system. I would have loved to spend more time on judging the individuals but having had more than 200 dogs in 3 different breeds, it was just not possible.

The overall picture: size and muscular condition was good, I found some nice dish faces, typical short pointer coats, nice temperaments, just a few high tails. On the downside I was a bit disappointed with the movement, I saw some high leg action without good drive from behind and disorganised gaits as well. There were some exhibits with too narrow or/and not perfect scissors bite, as the standard would require. The scissors bite means that all six incisor teeth in the upper jaw overlap ALL those in the bottom jaw. The pre-molars and molars meet the same way down the side of the mouth. I found some kink tails too. These two latter are considered as serious faults in European countries.

VETERAN DOG (2)

1st Gordon's Hawkfield Lets Go Crackers. Big, good quality dog in very youthful condition. Nice, noble head, dark eyes, excellent topline, correct angulations front and behind, excellent tail set and carriage, good feet, moves well.

2nd Leith's Kossar Summer Breeze. Good size, compact, deep body, nice short slightly sloping topline, tail-set a bit low, good angulations, nice fine tail. In very good condition. I preferred the head and movement of 1.

PUPPY DOG (7/1 abs)

1st Walking's Aspyre Counting Sheep at Kiswahili (imp). 10 m old puppy who is very forward in development. Lovely type with good size, very nice strong bones, symmetrical and balanced. Typy head with a bit too strong forehead, nice dark eyes, excellent topline, tail set, correct parallel front, very good angulations for and aft, wide enough and deep chest, well ribbed back, excellent forechest. Moves with excellent reach and drive. Best Puppy. BIS Puppy-4

2nd Dyer's Sharnphilly Rio Vino. Just 6 months old very promising puppy. Excellent bones, well balanced overall picture. True dish face, dark eyes, long clean, arched neck, correct strong topline, good tailset, enough width and depth of chest for his age, nice forechest, parallel legs with good angulation and feet. Moves well when settled.

3rd Brent's Ticket for One.

JUNIOR DOG (6/4 abs)

1st Perkins' Kanix Joker of Brent. Nice, well developed dog of good size. Nice head, long clean neck, a bit long in back, very good croup and tail set and tail shape. Good angulations, enough depth for his age. Would wish for bit better paws. Moves well.

2nd Lennox's Mursbree Theodore By Fleurfield. Good sized dog, compact, symmetrical body. Would prefer a bit more chiselled head, has dark pigmentation, nice long neck, excellent topline and tail set, excellent balanced angulations, nicely formed chest. Preferred the head and movement of 1.

3rd Scott's Narsad's Will Turner.

YEARLING DOG (1)

1st Walking's Aspyre Follow Your Dreams to Kiswahili (imp). Very good breed type with good size, well balanced overall picture. Typical, masculine head, nice, kind expression, lovely clean neck, excellent topline and croup, well set tail, deep and wide chest of good shape, would prefer a bit more front angulation compared with the excellent hind part. Correct movement with good reach and drive.

POST GRADUATE DOG (6/1 abs)

1st Mason's Freebreeze Figaro. Lovely type, true pointer of good size and balance. Very nice head typy pointer expression, lovely long, clean neck, good depth and width of chest, well ribbed back, correct balanced angulations fore and aft. Very nice short bee-sting tail, good feet and paws. True pointer movement, the best mover in his class. Just wish for a slightly better topline, the reason why he lost out in the competition for CC and RCC.

2nd Anderson-Rowell's Daledancer Silver Fame. Excellent type of good size and great muscular condition. Lovely, typy head, lovely kind expression, clean, long, arched neck, good short strong straight back and loin, a bit sloping croup with a bit low set on tail. Lovely tail shape. Very deep, wide enough chest, parallel well angulated front, moderately angulated hind quarters, would prefer more angulation at the hocks. Excellent bones, feet, paws. Moves well with tail carried a bit high.

3rd Huxley's Aurichalcum Evan Knows its Woodfleet.

LIMIT DOG (11/2 abs)

1st Perkins' Kanix Fate of Brent. Very typey and harmonic looking dog of good size. Nice head (would prefer a bit more dish), excellent expression. Excellent topline, nice tail. Excellent chest and forechest, excellent balanced angulations, moving well.

2nd Oddie's Wichrimane Igoyougo. Excellent breed type, good size dog. Very nice head, built on clean lines, would wish for a bit better paws. Moves very well.

3rd Barker's Flinthill Chocolate Thyme.

OPEN DOG (6/1 abs)

1st Alcorn's ShCh Afterglow Bare Face Lie at Kanix. This dog is on the verge to be too much for me. BUT! Full of breed type, very well balanced, harmonic, eye catching. Has a nice dish face, kind expression, good topline, nice short bee sting tail. Strong, deep, not too wide body, excellent underline and angulations, correct bones, feet, paws. Powerful parallel movement with great reach and drive. His excellent handling was just the last drop that this has to be the dog for the BIS ring. DCC, BOB, Grp4

2nd Westron's ShCh Tenshilling Makin Whoopee At Aurichalcum. Very eye catching dog with his clean lines and muscular condition. Excellent breed type in the best size. Love his true dish face and true kind pointer expression. Excellent dark pigmentation. The best head and best topline. Nice tail. Excellent oval bones. Very good shape of chest, which will sure deepen a bit further, he is just 2 years old. Correct angulations, but slightly steep in pasterns. Preferred movement of the winner. RDCC

3rd Wilkinson's Port Ch Oliver Do Vale Carvoeiro

VETERAN BITCH (4)

1st Tibbs' Ch IrCh Raigmore Let It Shine. She is shining as a veteran too. Very typy, balanced, with clean lines and in perfect condition. Loved her size too. Nice head, excellent pigmentation, correct topline, well angulated forehead (would prefer a slightly longer upper arm) and I especially love her well angulated strong, muscular hind quarters. Excellent oval bones, nice feet and paws. Moves really well with drive, her front movement is slightly too high for me.

2nd O'Driscoll's Fowington Six In The City. Another very nice typy veteran in excellent condition. Excellent, well balanced overall picture. Nice head, reach of neck, correct back-loin-croup, tail set. Well angulated fore and aft. Very good underline. Really good mover. I preferred the head and tail of 1.

3rd Macmanus' Crookrise Moondance At Luneville

PUPPY BITCH (4/1 abs)

1st Tobin's Davigdor Quest For Fame. Just 6 mth old pup who needs more ring practice to be able to show off her qualities. When settled she is very nice, elegant pup of good type. Nice head, excellent topline and tail. Enough depth for her age, very well angulated. Moves well.

2nd Martin's Sunhouse Do You Feel Lucky. Similar age and type as 1, was rather unsure in the ring. If she had settled, I would have preferred her. Nice head, good topline, very nice chest, angulations. Not easy to judge her movement, but looks like it will be good.

3rd Thorley's Gempoint Lady Godiva.

JUNIOR BITCH (9/2 abs)

1st Macmanus' Crookrise Diva by Luneville. Excellent breed type and size, very balanced. Very nice head, kind expression, excellent topline, lovely bee sting tail, parallel legs, very good oval bones, lovely depth and width of chest, slightly straight upper arm, excellent strong, well angulated hind quarters. Excellent mover but with a bit high tail carriage.

2nd Wilkinson's Stocksfell Remember Me. Very close decision. Excellent breed type and size as well. Most beautiful dish face, nice long clean neck, good topline, chest, well angulated fore and aft. Excellent oval bones, nice feet and paws. Very good mover from the side, a bit wide when viewed from the front. I preferred the topline and movement of 1.

3rd Barker's Flinthill Sunshine Suzy.

YEARLING BITCH (3)

1st Walking's Truly Madly Deeply By Kiswahili. Nice bitch of good size and balanced look. Would prefer a bit better head with more dish. Nice topline and underline with nice forechest. Lovely tail, bones, feet and paws. Moving well.

2nd Leith's Anniezu Sweet Dreams. Good sized, well-proportioned bitch. Nice head, lovely neck and topline, breed type tail. I would wish for a bit more angulations between her upper and under arms. Her paws are too round with high and short toes. Not moving at her best today.

3rd Thorley's Gempoint Kens Golden Legacy.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (18/6 abs)

Very difficult class to judge as there were many really nice, more or less same quality bitches. Unfortunately some really nice ones had to go cardless.

1st Rankine's Tenshilling Rumor Has It Fyldefair. Beautiful bitch, strong but elegant, very well balanced. Very type true dish face and true pointer expression. Lovely long muscular clean neck, excellent sloping topline, excellent tail. Her angulations are correct and in balance. Excellent movement with reach and drive.

2nd Macmanus' Luneville Strawberry Moon. Very close decision with 1. Another elegant bitch of excellent size and breed type. Beautiful head, lovely expression, correct top and underline. Nice oval bones, correct angulations, nice feet and paws. Excellent movement with reach and drive. Preferred the hindquarters of 1.

3rd Hall's Gartarry New Moon

LIMIT BITCH (15/4 abs)

Very good quality class again.

1st Smith's Flydal Ava. Fine, very elegant, classic, true breed type, built on very clean lines. Lovely well chiselled head with dish face, well ended lips, kind alert expression, lovely neat ears. Long arched clean neck continuing into a slightly sloping back. Excellent strong croup, ideal tail-set and tail shape. Deep and wide enough chest, well developed forechest. Lovely oval bones, correct balanced angulations, nice feet and paws. Moved absolutely free and sound with good reach and drive. Her tail is always wagging, one of her eyes is always on her handler showing her lovely will-to-please temperament. BCC

2nd Hinton's Pippalee Georgia By Fleurfield. Another classic bitch with lots of breed type, excellent head, lovely expression, lovely reach of neck. Nice back, croup, tail set, lovely tail. Well formed chest, balanced angulations. Excellent mover. I preferred the top line and tail of 1.

3rd Ward's Kiswahili Timely Nu Edition to Jacobstown

OPEN BITCH (8/1 abs)

What a class!!! Every single bitch could win anywhere and I was splitting hairs.

1st Perkins' Sh Ch Luneville Honey Moon. Classical breed type, thoroughbred looking, elegant in hard muscle condition. Excellent head and head carriage, with a true dish and kind expression. Clean, long, arched neck, excellent strong back, loin and croup. True bee-sting tail. Good chest, well angulated fore and aft. Lovely oval bones, correct feet and paws. Excellent movement. She wasn't in the best coat condition on the day.

Preferred CC bitch because of the better chest, forechest and tail action. RBCC.

2nd Dyer's Sh Ch Sharnphilly Juici Cuture. Beautiful bitch, a big favourite of mine. Strong but elegant, very well balanced and harmonic. Excellent head, nice eye colour, kind expression. Perfect topline, good tail.

Excellent chest and forechest, excellent angulations, nice feet and paws. Excellent movement. Preferred 1 because of her thoroughbred looks and harder muscle condition and slightly better tail.

3rd Siddle's Sh Ch Wilchrimane Ice Maiden.

Judge: Marianne Gyrfas (Hun)