

Judges Report

Manchester Championship Show – 24th January 2010

German Wirehaired Pointers – Judge Mr Tony Taylor (Maursett)

It was an honour and privilege to be asked to judge one of my favourite breeds at “The Classic”. I was conscious that my wife, Maureen, had to withdraw from judging the breed at Richmond last year whilst I was in hospital, so I was determined that I would be fit enough to judge this show. I would particularly like to thank all the exhibitors, not only for their entry which oozed quality, but also for the tremendous atmosphere and good natured banter around the ring. This was echoed by the dogs themselves, who took it all in their stride and demonstrated excellent temperaments throughout, in spite of it being fairly late in the day before we got in to the ring. I was pleased to find exhibits that were well muscled and clearly capable of doing their task in the field, which I know many of them do. Mouths and dentition were good throughout, as indeed were the coats which are so important for this breed. There was also a lot more uniformity in terms of size and I was also pleased to find good depth of eye colour across the exhibits.

Puppy Dog (3 entries, 0 abs) – 1st Hayes’ **Germanus Guardian (ai)**. Excellent inner and outer coat, masculine dog, without appearing coarse, excelled in head with melting expression, good topline with correct tail set 2nd O’Connor’s **Karlejay The Gump Rand**. Another quality youngster, with pleasing expression, good reach of neck and turn of stifle. A close decision, but lost out to 1 on movement today. 3rd Marshall’s **Abbotsbourne Lucky Strike**

Junior Dog (1 entries, 0 abs) - 1st Russell’s **Kimmax Bourbon**. A balanced dog with correct proportions. Good reach of neck, correct pasterns, well muscled and moved well.

Post Graduate Dog (2 entries, 0 abs) – 1st Russell’s **Kimmax Bourbon**. 2nd Brewer’s **Bareve Y’N Ban at Edhenky**. Another well muscled dog, good bone, turn of stifle and moved ok.

Open Dog (3 entries, 0 abs) – 1st & BOB, Pinkerton’s **Ch & Dutch Ch Freddy vom Kapellenhoff at Bareve (Imp)**. This stunning dog just exudes breed type and quality. He has a wonderful, masculine head, strong neck and super layback of shoulder. He powered around the ring with drive from his back end and terrific front extension. He was presented in hard condition with the correct inner and outer coat and I was not in the least bit surprised to see him go on to gain Group 4 in the Gundog Group. He is most certainly a worthy and fine representative of the breed. 2nd & ResBD, O’Connor’s **Karlejay Gump You’ve Got Mail JW Sh.CM**. Good coat, reach of neck and depth of chest. Well muscled and moved well. Unlucky to come across 1 and would benefit from a little more weight at the end of the working season. 3rd Webster’s **Layasway Dark Sunrise**

Puppy Bitch (7 entries, 1 abs) – what a fabulous class to be presented with! 1st, ResBB & Best Puppy. Ellis’ **Normbar Lindsay**. A delightful feminine bitch with good eye colour, face furnishings without being overdone, good muscle tone, correct proportions and moved with a degree of coordination not always seen in one this young, demonstrating an overall good construction. 2nd Pinkerton’s **Bareve Blauboskom**. Another super bitch, full of breed type. Excellent head and eyes, strong neck and body, good turn of stifle and moved with confidence. I am sure that this lovely bitch, like 1, will have a great future. 3rd English’s **Karlejay Gump Guinea Bissau**.

Junior Bitch (2 entries, 0 abs) – Two very different bitches in this class. 1st, Stamp & Nuttall's **Tynsil Tigra mit Helmstar**. Appealing head and expression, correct topline, good reach of neck and layback of shoulders. Good overall conformation and moved well. 2nd Gettings' **Ir Ch Kimmax Krystal Klear of Beechillawn**. A very happy bitch with good coat and reach of neck. This bitch is well muscled and moved well

Post Graduate Bitch (3 entries, 0 abs) – 1st Hayes' & Adamson's **Germanus Going To Be There**. A lovely feminine expression greets the judge, Good neck and layback of shoulder, this bitch moved with drive around the ring. 2nd Stamp & Nuttall's **Tynsil Tigra mit Helmstar**. 3rd Russell's **Kimmax Adeline**

Open Bitch (7 entries, 1 abs) – 1st & Best Bitch, McCullough's **Kimmax Ayscha JW**. A fabulous bitch, that catches the eye from the moment she enters the ring. She has a lovely elegant appearance, which does not disappoint as you get to place your hands on her. Extremely well muscled, with pleasing head and expression, dark eyes, correct bite and proportions. She has an excellent tail set, good second thigh and turn of stifle and moved effortlessly around the ring. Very unfortunate to come up against the Best Dog in the challenge, but she will certainly have her day as she has many qualities. 2nd English's **Amicaro Alaio**. Well balanced bitch, with correct coat and a feminine expression, moved well. 3rd Evans & Morris's **Bareve Buffy**

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