

WUSV BRG CHRISTMAS CRACKER SHOW

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JUDGES - Mandy McAteer, Andrew Connolly & Nikki Farley (Critiques to Follow)

Mandy McAteer Critiques

Class 1 - Long Coat Special Puppy Bitch

1st – Green's - Esra Von Der Burg Aliso (Groovy Di Casa Masserelli x Vickini Vom Graffenbrunn)

8 months old, Black and gold female, very good type, alert, expressive, correct dentition, feminine head, dark eye, firm ears, good length of neck, high wither, straight back which leads into a well moulded croup which is of a good length and lay. Upper arm well angled and a good length, correct underline, very good hind angulation, hocks slightly loose but will firm through time, sound coming, very good forereach, powerful hind drive, retains her topline at all speeds, spacious co-ordinated gait but perhaps at times carried her tail a little high. Very promising puppy, congratulations.

Class 2 - Long Coat Special Puppy Dog

1st – Meakin's - Opalia Firestorm (Quattro Vom Steffen Haus x Opalia Taboo)

7 month old, black and tan long coat male, correct dentition and entire. Large male, firm ears although one ear is slightly tilted inwards, good length neck, normal wither, straight back, which moulds into a croup which is of a good length and lay. Upper arm is short and steep, he is a male who is slightly stretched in proportions, good hind angulation, sound away but elbows need to firm coming, a co-ordinated gait, however would prefer more drive from the hind angulation and the forehand reach could be freer. Very Promising, congratulations.

Class 3 - Minor Puppy Bitch

VV1^t – Adamson's – Morolwg Viviana (Ch Lararth Tevez x Peterwell Lena)

6 month old medium size very expressive pretty female. Firm ears, dark eye, dentition correct, good length of neck, normal wither, straight back which leads to a slightly steep croup but which is of a good length, upper arm very good length and lay, correct underline, very good hind angulation, sound coming and going, lovely moving female who is very enthusiastic, retains her topline at all speeds, needs to firm over the croup but she is just a baby. Very promising, congratulations.

VV2 – Horrock's - Jamniska Jilly (Jamniska Aguerro x Jamniska Tarja)

8 ½ month old black and tan female, feminine head, correct dentition, normal wither, straight back, which moulds into a croup which is slightly short and steep, upper arm good length and lay, correct underline, good hind angulation, a little wide on the away but sound coming, spacious gait, retains her topline at all speeds but tends to pull too hard and spoils herself. Very Promising.

VV3 – Carson's Cloonroot Alameah (zeus Vom Bierstader Hof x Ebba Vom Boses at Clonroot)

6 month old medium size expressive female, little overshot currently, would prefer a slightly longer length of neck, she has an appearance of being slightly stuffy, high wither, straight back, which moulds into a short and steep croup, Upper arm good length and lay, good hind angulation, sound coming and going, good hind drive, little restricted in the forereach, co-ordinated gait and retains her topline at all speeds. Very Promising.

VV4 – Fryer & Haywood's Kymrigkita Akymbo (Clynalwins Jaeger at Kymrigkita x Hundark Sophia at Kymrigkita)

6 month old large female, strong with a dark eye, firm ears, normal wither, straight back which moulds into a croup which is of a good length and lay. Correct underline, excellent hind angulation, sounds coming and going, co-ordinated gait with a good forereach, retains topline at all speeds, I would like more drive from the hind angulation but should come with the correct training. Very Promising

VV5 – Richardson's Jamniska Hania (Ch Tramella Hanx x Laviva v d Wilhelmwarfe)

6 months old large strong female, dentition not correct, normal wither, straight back which moulds into a croup which is short and steep, good forehand assembly, good hind angulation and correct underline, elbows firm but hocks need to firm, good front reach, retains topline at all speeds with a powerful hind drive when settled. Very Promising

VV6 – Lyon's Sonamus Tatania (Zeus Vom Bierstader hof x Delnat Duxi)

7 month old feminine female, alert, expressive, dentition correct, good type, normal wither, straight back which moulds into a croup which is of a good length but slightly steep, forehand proportions are good, good hind angulation and correct underline, a little close behind, firm elbows, co-ordinated gait, retains topline at all speeds however does require more ring training. Very Promising

VV7 – Philip's Germany Vom Detmolding Nordring (Jack Vom Klienen Ziguener x Cameron Von Der Nordteich)

6 month old medium size strong female, normal wither, straight back which moulds into a croup which is short and steep, upper arm is a reasonable angle but could be longer, good hind angulation, correct underline, sound coming and going, co-ordinated gait, would like her to have a more powerful hind thrust and unfortunately she drops on the forehand on the move – promising

Class 4 – Minor Puppy Dog

VV1 – Lakin's Komrad Ka'Dabra (Zanto Von Der Leibeswarfe x Ch Mascani Kandi)

8 ½ months old medium size, medium strength male, dentition correct, very good type, good length of neck, normal wither, straight back which moulds into a croup which is of a good length and lay, excellent forehand assembly, correct underline, very good hind angulation, sounds coming and going, excellent moving youngster who demonstrates a good forereach, good hind drive and retains his topline at all speeds. Very promising.

VV2 – Kearnan's Clynalwins Nukon (Clynalwin's Kayson x Zentrum's Yanka at Clynalwins)

9 month old large strong male, dentition correct, good head and expression, good length neck, normal wither, straight back which moulds into a croup which of a good length and lay, very good forehand assembly, correct underline, very good hind angulation, sound coming and going, co-ordinated gait but I felt he shortened himself up on the gait. Very promising

VV3 – Fryer & Haywood's Kymrigkita Apollo (Clynalwins Jaeger at Kymrigkita x Hundark Sophia at Kymrigkita)

6 month old medium size, medium strength male, dentition correct, firm ears, normal wither, straight back which moulds into a croup which is of a good length but a little steep, very good forehand angulation, correct underline, excellent hind angulation, sound coming and going, when this male performs he is a lovely moving male and portrays himself very well, however he does need more ring training for the regional shows, he has a good hind drive but drops on the forehand slightly. Very Promising.

VV4 Colton & Lawrence's Sonamus Oberon (Zeus V Bierstader hof x Delnat Duxi)

7 month old large male of medium strength. Dentition not correct, normal wither, straight back which moulds into a croup which is of a good length but a little steep, good forehand assembly, good hind angulation, elbows and hocks need to firm, spacious co-ordinated gait. Very Promising

Class 5 – Puppy Bitch

VV1 – Hall & Adam's Gayville's Panama (Willy Vom Kuckucksland x Paris Vom Simpor)

10 month old medium size, medium strength female, normal wither, straight back which moulds into a croup which is a good length and lay, upper arm a good angle but perhaps could be a little longer, correct underline, good hind angulation, sound away, a little narrow coming, very good forereach on the gait, powerful hind thrust, retains her topline at all speeds but owners should be careful with regards to the outside attraction as too much can spoil her outline and cause her to drive too hard. Very Promising.

VV2 – Hylands & Cooper's Arlandohy Dixi (Yupp Vom Hammelsbacher hof x Arlandohy Isha)

9 ½ month old female who is very pretty and expressive, feminine, normal wither, straight back which moulds into a croup which is a little short but well moulded. The untidy hair over the croup gives a different impression of the lay of the croup, front angulation good, correct underline, good hind angulation, sound coming and going, enthusiastic spacious gait, retains her topline on the gait however the hair does detract from the overall appearance and makes the croup appear to bounce up and down during the gait. Very promising.

Class 6 – Puppy Dog

VV1 – Hall & Adam's Gayville's Peli (Willy Vom Kuckucksland x Paris Vom Simpor)

10 month old medium size medium strength male, dentition correct, good length of neck, normal wither, straight back which moulds into a croup which is a good length and lay, forehand assembly is very good, correct underline, excellent hind angulation, sound coming and going, co-ordinated spacious gait and retains his topline at all speeds. I would like to see more lead control, the dog was very on and off the pace looking for his attractors which can spoil the overall appearance. Very promising.

VV2 – Hughes' Gayville's Picasso at Barshar (Willy Vom Kuckucksland x Paris Vom Simpor)

10 month old medium size and medium strength male, good length of neck, high wither, straight back which moulds into a croup which is short which is short and steep, upper arm is a good length but could be better angled, correct underline, firm elbows but hocks need to firm, a co-ordinated gait, a little shorter than the first dog but he has a good forereach and hind drive and retains his topline on the move. Very Promising

VV3 – Guy's Marinita Zaiden (Marinita Usko x Marinita Nabaska)

9 month old medium size, medium strength male, good length of neck, normal wither, straight back which moulds into a croup which is a good length and lay, very good forehand assembly, correct underline, sound coming and going, on the move he displays a good forereach, he is enthusiastic and when he does settle he retains his topline, however he is a little erratic and does tend to spoil himself. Very Promising.

Class 7 – Baby Puppy Female

The baby puppy female class was not a judged class, however a good turnout of 7 lovely babies ranging from 4 months to 5 ½ months in age. It was nice to see some lovely puppies coming through who displayed strong confident characters, it was also pleasing to see some nice forehand angulation coming back into the breed, something which has been lacking somewhat in recent years, some very well balanced puppies with a few catching my eye. Congratulations and I wish you the very best of luck and success in 2017.

Class 8 – Baby Puppy Male

Baby puppy male class, where 6 males were presented but again not a judged class. Similarly to the females, the male baby puppies were confident, enthusiastic and raring to go. Again the one thing that jumped out at me was the lovely forehand assemblies and I mentioned this on the day, it was also really pleasing to see so many baby males coming through as over recent years the competition numbers have fallen quite significantly so it was great to see not only the numbers but the super quality of these puppies. I wish you the very best for the future and hope 2017 is a success for you all.

Andrew Connolly Critiques

Long Coat Intermediate Female (2 entries, 2 present)

1st Allan, Douglas and Elizabeth - Eashallan Alexis. 13 months, Desirable rich Black and gold. Correct dentition. Good expression. Stands ok when viewed from front and rear. Forehand could be better angled, normal wither, into a straight back and well moulded croup, good body proportions, very good hind quarters. Toes in slightly when walking towards and needs to firm when walking away. Forgiven on the day due to her age. I'm sure with normal development this will not be a problem. Displays a good side gait. At times during the class her attitude appeared inconsistent. Ears need to firm. No adverse reaction to the gun shot. Graded Very good. Well done

2nd Hall's - Ardenburg Odette - 20 months, Black and rich gold with a very appealing general outlook. Top size. Correct dentition. Good expression. Stands close when viewed from front, correct behind. Good fore quarters, normal wither, into a straight back. Croup should be longer, but well moulded. Very good hind quarters. Sound coming and going. Deep chest, displays a good side gait. Albeit on the walk when allowed to pull too hard and on the move has a tendency to lose her wither. No adverse reaction to the gun shot. Graded very good. Well done

Long Coat Intermediate Male (2 entries, 2 present)

1st Ranshaw and Askham - Sylcarr's Sabre at Reyakosa. 16 months, Black and gold sable. Correct dentition. Good expression, would prefer a slightly stronger head although displays male characteristics. Stands ok when viewed from front and rear. Good fore quarters, normal wither, into a straight back, slightly short steep croup, good hind quarters. Sound coming and going. When settled, displays a good side gait. Back should be firmer. Tail at times distracts. At times the presentation was inconsistent. No adverse reaction to the gun shot. Graded Very good. Well done

2nd Dooley's - Giantlands Fury of Fire 19 months, Desirable Black and rich gold with a very appealing general outlook. Top size. Correct dentition. Good expression. Stands ok when viewed from front and rear. Good fore quarters, good wither, into a straight back although at times when presented displayed a peak in the middle of the back, croup should be longer, very good hind quarters. Should be firmer coming and going. displays a good side gait. Like the winner at times the presentation was inconsistent. Just needs to firm throughout. No adverse reaction to the gun shot. Graded very good. Well done

Short Coat Junior Female (11 entries, 7 present)

1st Rice and Docherty's - Zandamoor Cora. 14 months, Black and gold, high quality female. Correct dentition. Good head and expression. An appealing outlook with harmonious construction. Stands ok when viewed from front and rear. Good fore quarters, normal wither, into a straight firm back, slightly short steep croup, but well moulded. Very good hind quarters. Sound coming, but loose walking away. This needs to firm, however with normal development I hope this firms with age. Displays a good purposeful side gait. No adverse reaction to the gun shot. Graded Very good. Well done

2nd Etches - Etchica Darli 16 months, Black and gold with a very appealing general outlook. Not in the best coat condition on the day. Correct dentition. A beautiful feminine head and expression. Stands ok when viewed from front and rear. Good fore quarters, normal wither, into a straight back, short steep croup. Very good hind quarters. Sound coming and going. Displays a very good side gait. Another quality female. No adverse reaction to the gun test. Graded very good. Well done

3rd Hall's - Hawai von Simpor

Short Coat Junior Male (3 entries, 2 present)

1st Etches - Corjon Etoo 14 months. Black and gold. Good head and expression. Correct dentition. Stands ok when viewed from front and rear. Good fore quarters, high wither, into a straight firm back, croup should be better angled. Very good hind quarters. Sound coming, but should be firmer walking away. Displays a good side gait. No adverse reaction to the gun shot. Graded Very good. Well done

2nd Lee's - Conbhairean Quantum 12 months, Black and gold with an excellent head and expression. A large male, although I didn't measure him on the day I suspect will be well oversized. Correct dentition. Stands ok when viewed from front and rear. Fore quarters could be better angled. High wither, into a straight back, into a short steep croup. Very good hind quarters. Sound coming, but could be firmer walking away. No adverse reaction to the gun test. Graded very good. Well done

Short Coat Yearling Female (4 entries, 3 present)

1st Ward's - Belezra Vanja 19 months, desirable rich Black and gold, high quality female. Correct dentition. Beautiful head and expression. Shown in superb condition. Stands ok when viewed from front and rear. Upper arm could be slightly better angled. Normal wither, into a straight firm back, and well moulded croup. Very good hind quarters. Sound coming and going. Displays an excellent, purposeful side gait. No adverse reaction to the gun shot. A very nice female who on her day will trouble the best. Graded Very good. Well done

2nd Hutchinson's - Ardenburg Odyssey at Mascani 19 months, desirable rich Black and gold with a very appealing general outlook. Shown in excellent condition. Correct dentition. A beautiful feminine head and expression. Stands ok when viewed from front and rear. Good fore quarters, normal wither, into a straight back into a well moulded croup. Good hind quarters. Sound coming and going. Displays a very good side gait, although would benefit from more hind thrust. No adverse reaction to the gun test. Graded very good. Well done

3rd Richardson's - Jamniska Erin

Short Coat Yearling Male (1 entry, 1 present)

1st Asher's - Solophina Benito 20 months, desirable rich Black and gold with a very appealing general outlook. Shown in excellent condition. Correct dentition. Excellent head and expression. Stands ok when viewed from front and rear. Fore quarters could be better angled, high wither, into a straight back into a slightly short, but well moulded croup. Very good hind quarters. Sound coming and going. Displays a good side gait. No adverse reaction to the gun test. Graded very good. Well done

Junior handling observations

I was also asked to judge the junior handling which I did accompanied by Mandy McAteer. We both agreed how difficult it was to place the children in order of merit as each and everyone of them was superb, very polite and listened to the instructions given.

Whilst I'm not going to individually critique the children I wanted to say a few words about how impressed I was with their general ability in handling the dogs and the knowledge on the breed standard/questions they are clearly learning in order to compete in the junior handling.

It's encouraging to see the numbers and the enthusiasm that the youngsters have for showing the dogs. Hopefully this will continue as they get older and start competing in the main classes.

Tips for the youngsters - Practice with lots of different dogs of different standards to hone your skills. Keep practising showing the dogs teeth as this can be tricky. Important not to cover the dogs eyes when showing their teeth as this will unsettle them. When we held training sessions at our kennels we often used to video them to watch them back to see what was working and what wasn't. I used to find this very useful. So much easier now with mobile phones!!

I'd encourage you to observe some of the older generation of handlers to pick up tips. I remember sitting at the ringside watching the different handling styles and techniques of others which I'd then go home and put to practice.

Keep up the good work