Open Show October 2010

Judge: Jackie Wyeth

I was pleased with my entry at this well organised and friendly show. Presentation was good and temperaments exemplary. By and large exhibits were presented in good coat and condition. Our breed should have' ribs well sprung' and I was concerned to see some otherwise fine exhibits appearing slab sided. Please don't confuse 'good ribs' with 'over weight' Some heads were untypical with short muzzles and round eyes giving a harsh appearance rather than the gentle and intelligent expression we should expect. I found 2 incorrect bites, all dogs were entire.

SP 1 Pudney's Cascadia Celeste. Gold bitch almost a year old. Pretty and feminine head, low ear set, enough neck, straight front, short and square with no exaggeration. Nicely made with good angles, ample bone Carrying a little too much puppy weight, and has plenty of coat to trim but certainly looks promising. Moved out well gaining in confidence as the day went on. 2 Gain's Athina's Product Key Position. Up to size liver/tan dog that needs to 'fill in'. Masculine head, good reach of neck, nice shape with good length to bone, low set hocks, neat feet, in gleaming coat Needed gentle handling on the table but moved out with great enthusiasm and style, just needs to settle.

SG 1 Pheasant's Golden Tally Is The Man. Beautiful shiny top coat on this gold dog, but lacking some feathers. Very appealing head and expression, clearly happy on the move and completely in tune with his handler seemed to thoroughly enjoy himself today.

SO 1 Golden Tally Is The Man. 2 Daily News Vom Schloss Haldenstein. Pretty headed gold bitch with gentle expression and good neck into shoulders, not quite in her best jacket today but in good condition. Well off for bone, neat feet, a little down on her pasterns, good depth to chest but a little wide in front Preferred movement of 1st.

SP 1 Forfar's Glasedin Good Vibrations. Black bitch neat and compact, short and square. Well off for bone, unexaggerated. Won on her movement, completely in tune with her handler. Moved out well holding her topline as she used her well rounded quarters to drive positively around the ring using her well set tail. 2 Downs Zakova Footsteps - Black/tan dog in gleaming coat. Masculine head, good size, could carry a little more weight. More trimming to front feet would help him not to appear flat footed. Needs to settle on the move.

SJ A close decision between. 1 Costello's Claramand Quickstep to Judika, black bitch with lovely lines and good angles fore and aft. Balanced head with good neck and shoulder placement, tight, straight front and well padded feet. Up to size and completely balanced with good width and depth all through. Moved out driving from behind and covering the ground well. Genuine, honest bitch considered in the challenge but just preferred a little more femininity. 2 Thomas Afterlife Encounter by Claramand. Not a colour that I favour but if this is what we can come to expect of a Sable then I could become a fan! Upstanding dog with masculine head, strong neck, good spring of rib and short loin. Well off for bone and lovely feet. Sweeping angulation behind with well let down hocks. Moved well with drive and enthusiasm covering the ground well and holding a level topline. Just preferred front assembly of 1st.

SG 1 Gain's Totenkopf Astu Tsigi for Molkara. Liked this young black when she entered the ring in beautiful coat and condition and she lived up to my expectations when I went over her. Feminine head with kind dark eye and soft expression. Good neck into fine well laid shoulders. Well off for bone, but still remaining feminine. Built on slightly longer lines than some but with well spread and sprung ribs and good depth all through. Lovely neat padded feet, well muscled quarters, low set hocks and firm level topline. looked a picture both stacked and on the move BOB. 2 Judika New Moon. Well moving black dog of good size and substance. Masculine well balanced head not overdone and soft kind eye, strong neck, ample bone, stood on good legs and feet. Nicely presented in lovely condition. A nicely balanced dog with lots to like.

SO 2 very nice black bitches I had to nit pick to separate them. 1 West's Donmyl Dominica at Sheigra. Feminine head, enough neck, good ribs and short loin, lovely feet and well rounded bum! In neat trim and with free flowing Cockery movement. 2 Marris-Bray's Helenwood Dazzlyn, some similar remarks apply for this feminine bitch who moved out with a merry action. Just preferred shoulder lay of 1st.

SPD 1 Shapland's Deracor Dark Legend. Black dog that overall presented a good picture standing four square on nicely padded feet. Nice rear angulation. He should improve again as

he bodies up a little and develops more in head. Not quite in tune with his handler on the move but plenty of time on his side.

SPB A class off quality puppies. 1 Celeste Robertson's Kastrian Liberation. Beautiful black bitch 11 months, presented in immaculate coat and gleaming condition. Everything where it should be, short, compact, unexaggerated and cockery. Just preferred head and eye of 1st. SJ 1 Quick Step to J. Clinton's Oramiss Foreign Affair - Nicely made black dog with masculine head, enough neck, nice low ear set, and fair angles. Moved out well.

SN A tough decision between these two bitches. 1 T.Astu Tsigi for M. 2 Thomas' Afterlife Angel In Disguise at Claramand. Quality black in great order. A bigger bitch than 1 but beautifully balanced all through with plenty of bone and substance. Looked a picture stacked with feminine head, ample neck, straight front, good bone and feet, well sprung ribs, short loin, lovely rear angulation. Moved out with drive though a little wide behind. SG 1 Pilkington's Molkara Crystal Knight at Brimbeck. Quality black dog in great condition. Masculine head, a little heavy in back skull, but with kind eye and soft expression. Nicely put together with sound movement,. Well set tail used well! 2 New Moon.

SPG Another close call. 1 West's Sheigra Swing On A Star. Neat, compact black/tan bitch. Feminine head with kind expressive eye, well proportioned ribs, short loin, moved around the ring with hugely enthusiastic Cocker bustle. 2 Helenwood Incantation. Mature black dog presenting a balanced picture when stacked and was nice to go over but he seemed a little out of sorts with his handler today. Perhaps needs a bigger ring to settle him.

SB A lovely class. 1 Pearce's Miska Kay Sera Sera. Another beautifully presented black bitch. Not the biggest but oozes femininity, just right for weight and in excellent coat and condition. Unexaggerated, compact with good angles and balanced all through. Short listed for top honours. 2 Reed's Delindere Wanna B'The One. A fraction taller that 1st and another beautifully feminine girl with super drive and rear angultion. Lovely balanced head and dark eye, good neck, well sprung rib and short loin. Well off for bone, firm level top line, completely in tune with her handler. Just preferred shoulder and feet of 1st.

SOD 1 West's Sheigra Starstruck. Stood alone but very worthy class winner this mature black dog is not the biggest but is so Cockery. Well worked head with gentle expressive eye and low ear set, nothing exaggerated but ample bone, neat tight feet, straight front, good depth to chest with plenty of heart room. A nicely balanced dog that moved out with great attitude and bustle. Pleased to award him BD.

SOB 1 West's Sheigra Sixties Song - Amost a veteran, but with the attitude of a puppy! Petite Black/tan bitch another from this kennel in super condition carrying just the right amount of weight. Feminine head, good neck into well laid shoulders, well spread ribs, short loin, well off for bone, neat feet perhaps a tad down on pasterns when stacked. Keen to get moving and she bustled around the ring in style.

SV 1 Marris-Bray's Helenwood Irresistible - the last class of the day and this 10 year veteran black bitch stood alone but what a star. So much to admire about her, feminine head, soft, dark eye, good reach of neck into fine shoulders well laid, nice straight front with width and depth. Stood four square on good legs and neat feet. Well spread rib, short loin, balanced and uncomplicated. Moved around the ring with drive, just lost her top line a tad in the challenge, not helped as she preferred the floor to the mats! RBOB.

Mrs Jackie Wyeth