

CRITIQUE FROM MRS JANIS WARD (UK) – SUNDAY 6 AUGUST 2023

I hardly need to mention how honoured I was to be invited to judge at the GRCSA 50th Anniversary show, together with the legendary judge from the USA, Pluis Davern.

Thanks must go to the friendly and efficient committee, to Karenne Wood who organised me so well, to Marie Lowden and Peter Thompson for their perfect stewarding, to my hosts Ann and Jim Wallis for putting up with me and my Pommie whinging about the cold, on their amazing farm in the Adelaide Hills, and finally and most importantly the exhibitors for affording me the privilege of going over their lovely dogs.

I found the depth of quality of the dogs to be outstanding including such athleticism and soundness in movement, I don't think any were carrying too much weight, and easily covered the large ring. I was very impressed with the length of body to leg ratio, very much a fault in the UK as they get longer and longer in the body, now nine years on KC Breed Watch, Cause for Concern.

I was so impressed with the friendly attitude of all the handlers, congratulating and being very supportive of each other, taking special care when moving together.

BABY PUPPY DOG

1st BARADAV WHAT ABOUT ME HARTLEY

3 month sweetie, all boy. Beautifully balanced, loved his head, with such balanced planes, with breadth and depth across the muzzle and a sweet expression. Tight elbows and good bone. Moved out easily, happy boy.

2nd EMPORASGOLD LEAD THE WAY

3 month old, again masculine with a lovely eye. Super flow of neck into shoulders. Responsive and happy mover, holding his topline.

3rd TAMESIS MADE YOU LOOK

5 month darker golden. Super condition, also beautifully balanced head. Well angulated with short couplings, good feet and bone.

MINOR PUPPY DOG

1st SANDALWOOD GIFT WRAPPED FOR GOLDSHYNE

Expressive 7 ½ month old with superb balance, great feet and excellent body condition. Such good leg to length of body. Straight topline held on the move. Best free mover in the class.

2nd CHALEUR GAME SET AND MATCH (AI)

Similar to 1st, 8-month old. Sweet but masculine expression, good flow of neck into correct layback of shoulder, well angled fore and aft, good depth of chest, happy confident mover.

3rd SANDLEWOOD THE GROOMSMAN

Darker gold, so happy and at one with handler. Compact and super balance, good bone and so short coupled, loved his eye and expression.

PUPPY DOG

1st CHALEUR GREATEST SHOWMAN (AI)

Quality 8 ½ month cream lad. Super condition, bone and feet. Would prefer more stop however lovely expression and pigment and the best mover in the class. So well balanced and short coupled.

2nd FANTANGO ONE FOR THE ROAD (AI)

Excelled in balanced head and good bone and feet. Very attractive coat and happy confident character. 10 months, moved out well, needs to tighten in front.

3rd CALS HARLYN TICKET

Such an appealing expression on 9-month-old, masculine but soft. Super straight font and well balanced, responsive to handler. Needs to tighten on hind movement.

JUNIOR DOG

1st AUS CH BOOLAROO WINSTON SHIELD

Loved this boy's head and expression, so masculine without coarseness, balanced in body and tight in elbows. Super bone and muscling. Even gait, covering the ground well.

INTERMEDIATE DOG

1st AUS CH FETCHNPOINT ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE (AI)

A handsome and impressive boy. Wonderful front angulation that matches quarters which will strengthen with age. Very happy character who moved out well on good bone and feet.

2nd PARKRIDGE LOOK WHOS TALKING

Very similar boy, effortless mover. Balanced with correct angulation, at one with handler. Good depth of muzzle. Could do with a little more body condition.

3rd BEAUCROFT LET IT RIP

Gleaming golden coat, good bone and character, good depth and breadth of chest. Moved easily and with drive.

LIMIT DOG

1st GOLDSHYNE THE ANTZ PANTS

Great character at one with handler. All boy with no coarseness. Correct front and double coat in good condition. Lovely feet and driving action.

STATE BRED DOG

1st AUS CH CHALEUR BARRISTER

2 ½ year old boy full of quality with the most appealing eye and expression with good depth of muzzle. Straight topline held on the move. Well let down hocks, good depth of chest. Needs to tighten in elbow,

2nd BRACKENDELL THE STOCKMAN

Smaller more compact boy, very well balanced. Coat a bit in-between growth, lovely head, happy and responsive, even movement.

AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG

1st AUS CH FERNFALL STREET TALK

CHALLENGE DOG

This boy stood out in the class for quality with the most attractive double coat and just filled the eye. Wonderful front angulation that matched quarters, such correct symmetry, everything flowing into everything else. Mature body with plenty of heart room, well ribbed back with correct forechest. Straight topline and short couplings, correct bone and feet. Stood showing great personality, confidence with steadiness and responsive disposition. His correct construction showed in his effortless movement, covering the ground with reach, and drive from the hocks.

2nd FERNFALL MR BOJANGLES

Whilst this boy had very similar attributes to first he was not quite as positive in front placement, nevertheless a great character with super balance.

OPEN DOG

1st AUS CH CHALEUR U HAD ME AT HELLO (AI)

RESERVE CHALLENGE DOG

Quality boy superbly angled and moved out evenly and effortlessly with drive. The most lovely, appealing look, soft with no coarseness in his balanced head. Straight front, super feet, strongly constructed quarters. Deep chest and tight elbows. Tabletop topline held on the move.

At one with handler.

2nd NUTOUCH WILBUR

Attractive dark golden boy oozing in character, such rapport with handler. Balanced and correct angles, sweet expression.

VETERAN DOG

Wonderful Veteran Boys

1st SUP CH CHALEUR SAY I WILL (AI)

Excelled in drive and positive action. Good body condition. Well let down hocks, good feet, lovely expression, tight elbows. Fabulous topline held on the move, Real quality, good heart room and depth of rib. Delightful character responsive to handler.

2nd CH BARADAV WICKED WAYS RN

Wonderful head and expression, such a cheerful boy, wagging tail throughout. Very balanced and easy movement with drive.

3rd SUP CH PIARKI WINSTONS GOLDEN TICKET

Another quality veteran not quite as positive in hind action. Lovely head and so happy, showing his wonderful character. Great coat and condition.

NEUTER DOG

1st AUS CH ALUBYC RIGHT HONORABLE WILLIAM (AI)

Absolutely gorgeous boy, so well-made and such an effortless mover. Balanced head and lovely eye. Good condition and double coat. Very appealing boy.

BABY PUPPY BITCH

Two sweethearts

1st FERNFALL RAY OF GRACE

Such a sweetie, so much promise. Hugely confident exhibiting all the correct characteristics. Moved very well with ease for one so young.

2nd KEELOBE TROUBLES AND TRIUMPHS

Pretty girl, also happy and at one with handler. Did not move as positively as 1st – plenty of time!!!

MINOR PUPPY BITCH

1st CHALEUR GONE WITH THE WIND (AI)

Quality girl with her own mind, typical of her age. Beautifully balanced, cut glass outline, excels in tight elbows, straight front, free and flowing gait, covering the ground with ease.

2nd CAMUKA RAIN AND SHINE

Golden girl, so happy and responsive to handler, moved with drive. Super pigment and pretty expression. Excellent condition.

3rd NARAGOLD SAPPHIRE

Outstanding girl, unfortunately spooked today, another day with more experience will be different. Beautiful balance, expression and movement.

PUPPY BITCH

1st GOLDSHYNE STYLE BY DESIGN

Very pretty head on this young girl, dead straight front legs and super outline. Moved out more together than 2nd, correct, double coat, glowing with health. Happy character.

2nd GOLDSHYNE FASHION STATEMENT

Another lovely balanced girl, lacking in coat today, Wonderful cat-like feet, well balanced angles.

JUNIOR BITCH

1st FETCHNPOINT I SPY W MY LIL EYE (AI)

The most lovely golden girl coat coming in superbly angled and moved as made, straight front, cut glass outline with straight topline, Short coupled and everything flowed into everything else. Sweet expression and eye.

2nd TALEYAH SEMPER FIDELESS

Such a feminine face and expression, well balanced, superb coat and muscling. Tight elbows, happy disposition.

3rd GOLDSHYNE HIDDEN GEM

Gorgeous girl with lovely head – great bone and feet. Well let down hocks Not quite as together on the move.

INTERMEDIATE BITCH

A very strong, close class.

1st EMPEROSGOLD TARRALEAH (AI)

CHALLENGE BITCH

Wonderfully balanced feminine girl, perfect maturity for age. Excellent bone and great cat-like feet. Such a lovely dark eye and balanced head, with correctly set-on ears, golden topcoat in wonderful body condition. Expertly handled to easy gait. Such a character.

2nd AUS CH FETCHNPOINT WHATS NEW PUSSYCAT

Another with excellent gait, covering the ground on the cream girl. Correct length of leg and balance. Good depth of chest and tight elbows.

3rd AUS CH IKENTRIEVE CREAM OF THE CROP

Smaller girl, a joy to watch covering the ground freely and with drive. Amazing condition and muscular. Sweet girl

LIMIT BITCH

1st FETCHNPOINT CAT AND THE FIDDLE

Beautifully balanced dark gold girl coming back into coat. Dead straight front and round knuckled feet. Excellent flow of neck into good layback, and good leg length. Super head and balanced and moved with ease.

2nd BARADAV MY TURN TO SMILE

Balanced girl carrying a coat with a mind of its own! Gorgeous eye and correct balance, moved out well.

3rd GOLDSTREEM WIZZ FIZZ

Taller cream girl with super cream coat, rather more angles in quarters than front, however moved out well at one with handler.

STATE BRED BITCH

1st AUS CH BARADAV YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE (AI)

Golden girl so happy and responsive to handler. Pretty expression, no exaggeration in her easy balanced body and corresponding free movement. Lovely coat and condition.

2nd AUS CH CHALEUR ZILVER LINING

Cream quality girl with wonderful flowing neck into shoulders and correct front angulation correct depth of chest. Lovely feminine expression and covered the ground with ease.

3rd BRACKENDELL RIVER REFLECTION

Another happy girl, well balanced super topline. Coat a bit awry, moved with ease.

AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH

1st AUS CH FERNFALL DANCIN INTHE MOONLITE (AI)

The most gorgeous lady, moved with such style. Beautifully balanced, rather spoiled by erratic trimming! Very easy movement a joy to watch. Great depth and return of ribcage. Happy cheeky girl.

2nd AUS CH FANTANGO DO YOU WANNA DANCE

Quality girl in wonderful condition, great bone and feet responsive to handler. Covered the ground will, not with the drive of first. Very sweet expression.

OPEN BITCH

1st AUS CH CHALEUR U ARE THE ONE (AI)

RESERVE CHALLENGE BITCH

The most wonderful quality in this lady, matching length of bone in quarters and in front quarters and therefore moves smoothly and evenly with drive. Happy and responsible to handler. Straight, true, topline, depth and spring of rib.

2nd TALEYAH FIELDS OF POPPYS

Very close decision, pretty head and eye, correct bone, Lovely coat and muscular, moved with drive.

3rd AUS CH FANTANGO POKER FACE

Golden coated happy girl oozing biddability and character. Excellent coat and condition, sweet expression moved with drive.

VETERAN BITCH

1st AUS CH HONIGGOLD ELEGANCE (AI)

Beautiful head and balance on this 8 ½ year old lady. Enjoying her day out and moved with drive. Very balanced and short coupled. Happy girl.

NEUTER BITCH

1st AUS CH GILTEDGE ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET (AI)

Amazing lady for almost nine years of age. So regal in her presence and movement easily covering the ground with drive. Balanced and standing on correct bone and well let down hocks. Full of character.