

Paignton & District Fanciers Association Gundog Breeds Critiques 2023

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AVNSC Gundog

AV Import Gundog

Brittany

2023

I love this super workmanlike gundog. I haven't judged them for a few years and was really pleased with the quality I had in this small entry.

Class 934 OD (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: 1683 GRAHAM, Mrs Linda & YARROW, Mrs Janette Sh Ch Bonapartist Pickpocket. Quality male who I'm not surprised to see has his title with a good head and eye shape and good ears. Superb front with good depth of chest and excellent feet. Lovely cobby square outline with good spring of rib and nice gently sloping topline. Balanced moderate hindquarters in superb muscle and condition. Excellent moved in all directions. Thank you for bringing him under me. Best of breed.

2nd: 1682 FINCH, Ms Sarah Jassendue Manet's Medley am Cetgueli. Typey male with a lovely head and expression, lovely square outline and a good workmanlike dog. Moved well on the day.

1st: 1684 NAYLOR, Mrs Andrea & NAYLOR, Mr Mark Denandmeg pure Beauty. Four year old bitch of super breed type with beautiful head shape and expression. Super front construction with good feet and an excellent square outline with nice short loin and cobby well sprung ribs. Balanced moderate hindquarters. Unfortunately not as settled on the move as she could be. Best Opposite Sex in Breed.

Class 941 VB (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 1685 NAYLOR, Mrs Andrea & NAYLOR, Mr Mark Lily de Passemarais (imp Fr). Lovely head and eye shape with good front and feet. Nice square outline with balanced hindquarters and in great condition. Moved OK, a touch erratic also, I think the windy conditions affected both bitches.

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BEST OF BREED : ANDERSON, Sh Ch Feldkirk Dior Of Kazval

Dog CC : HOLMAN, SA Ch Trevena Master Chef at Namtresia (Imp) ZAF

Res Dog CC : JONES, Hightyne Unforgettable At Braemist

Bitch CC : ANDERSON, Sh Ch Feldkirk Dior Of Kazval

Res Bitch CC : ANDERSON, Ms K Kazval Angel in Your Sky Over Feldkirk

Best Puppy : DOUGLAS, Kalexas Upper Class at Greenbayhill

Best Veteran : DAVIS & EGGINTON, Go with the flow Dynamic Faithful (Imp NLD)

Best Special Beginner : WILSON, Hameldowntor Pedro Ximenez

Many thanks to exhibitors for their entries. This was my final judging appointment in the breed in the UK and I was delighted to have some high quality animals to choose from in my final line up. Needless to say it was a thrill to see my BOB take Group 1.

Having said that, there were quite a few animals which were very average. Maybe this is a knock on from the effect of Covid on breeding plans. I found several specimens with loose-fitting elbows which usually resulted in loose front movement. Also some faulty mouths. As an E band breed we should not need to have these in the ring.

Coats were variable, and this cannot be helped, but I wonder why owners whose dogs carry profuse feathering do not stand their dogs in front of a mirror and look at how the length of coat affects their proportions. 'Raciness without weediness' can be hard to find in the adult classes, but sometimes taking a couple of inches off the tummy feathering can make all the difference. I was surprised to see experienced handlers who pushed their dogs' necks back in to the shoulders when baiting. I have no problem with judicious baiting but it should be use to lengthen the neck rather than shorten it. From an examination angle it made assessing shoulder placement more problematic. I also found doggy bitches and bitchy dogs.

Temperaments, however, were excellent and it was lovely to see a ring full of happy flatcoats. Finally I would like to say, don't just assume that my comments don't refer to you. Take it as an opportunity for a review, even if you weren't at the show. It's so easy to become kennel blind, and we need to be watchful for the sake of the breed.

SBD (1 Entries) Abs: 0 -

1st: WILSON, Hameldowntor Pedro Ximenez - well-balanced racy dog. Masculine head without coarseness. Good neck and shoulders but would prefer a slightly tighter elbow. Deep chest and firm topline. Well-muscled hindquarters with correct tailset. Moved accurately and showed happily.

MPD (3 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: LANE-RIDYARD, & LANE, KULAWAND CALLISTO - 6 months baby who coped admirably with being rushed into the ring at the last minute. Settled well and moved with precision for one so young. Very typy head. Lacked the coat and maturity of others here but made up for it in construction, especially depth of chest and tight elbows. One to watch

2nd: HARRIS, Dymexe Outlander at Siancala - very attractive balanced youngster, exuberant. Carrying an extra pound or two. Pleasing head, strong deep body, correct bone and angulation. Moved with drive.

3rd: CLARK, Esined Bright Idea

PD NO ENTRIES

JD (3 Entries) Abs: 0 Three very different dogs.

1st: BOWEN, Clandrift Bring Me Sunshine - 13 months stylish youngster, balanced both ends, standing and on the move. Best front construction in the class. Very attractive head, alert and responsive. good middle part with depth, and had strong hindquarters enabling him to move with drive.

2nd: EGGINTON, & EGGINTON, & EGGINTON, Pajanbeck Think Of Me (A.I.) - not an immediate eyecatcher but a good honest type of flatcoat. Typy head, good neck and shoulders, mature body with good topline and strong hindquarters. Sound mover.

3rd: BROWN, & CAMPBELL, Ronevorg Firefly Fantasy

YD (5 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: DROTTSGARD, Moonstruck This Is The One - upstanding young lad, not overloaded with coat so his good construction showed through. Gentle expression on masculine head. Overall balanced outline, correct construction both ends. Good depth of chest with close-fitting elbows. Lovely bone and front, super feet. Moved accurately.

2nd: BROWN, & CAMPBELL, Ronevorg Firefly Fantasy - - got his act together in this class. Very attractive head. Balanced, with correct bone and front but pasterns need to tighten. Firm topline and correct tailset. In excellent coat and condition. Moved with drive.

3rd: BELLAMY, & BELLAMY, Bochilbarley Goblet of Fire JW

PGD (4 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: ANDERSON, Kazval Behind the Mask of Feldkirk - very stylish young dog who showed alertly and moved with drive and accuracy. Typy head, Correct front angulation, bone and front. Good pasterns and feet. Strong midpiece with good depth and well-fitting elbows. Super line from shoulders through topline and into tailset. Well presented

2nd: MAY's Ronevorg Dark Angel at Lussac JW - not making the most of himself today. Masculine head, balanced and well-constructed throughout. Good depth of chest, firm topline and good tailset. Moved soundly and with drive.

3rd: KEARTON, Braemist Bootlegger at Ravenhall

LD (6 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: JONES, Hightyne Unforgettable At Braemist - worthy winner in this class although carrying a heavy coat which distracted from his outline. Super head, lovely angulation both ends. and good bone, front and feet. Deep mature body with firm topline. Moved with style and drive. RCC.

2nd: H Pedro Ximenez

3rd: ROMEO-DIESTE, Hopevalley Morning Circus

OD (6 Entries) Abs: 1 Some different types in this class.

1st: HOLMAN, & HOLMAN, SA Ch Trevena Master Chef at Namtresia (Imp) ZAF - this dog has a lovely unexaggerated outline with his balance clearly visible and no surplus coat. Super head, correct angulation both ends, strong bone and good feet. Well-fitting elbows and good forechest. Moved stylishly. CC

2nd: STEVENSON, Sh Ch Plainfire's The Captain Of My Heart Is Steelriver - bigger lad all through with more bone and substance. Upstanding male with good overall balance. Another dog who carries a sensible amount of coat for a working breed, his correct construction was clearly visible. A super mover. Just preferred the size of 1.

3rd: BELLAMY, Sh Ch Woodfinch Masquerade

VD (6 Entries) Abs: 1 Very pleased to see a class of fit and active veterans.

1st: DAVIS, Pajanbeck Rumour Has It - 10 years lively male in good coat with plenty of substance. Nicely constructed throughout. Very typy head, typical of this kennel. Firm topline and good tailset on a strong body. Moved very well for age.

2nd: BELLAMY, & BELLAMY, Bochilbarley Blue Moon ai ShCEX - 7 years. Not a big one but has good overall construction and balance. Super topline and correct tailset. Moved with style and drive, and showed alertly.

3rd: FORD, Percuil Dasher FTW

BB (5 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: HOLLINGDALE, Aylawbrook Noonies Perfect - feminine liver with a very sweet head and expression. Good front construction, correct depth of body, enough bend of stifle. Shown in gleaming liver coat. Moved with drive.

2nd: POWELL, Bonnyhilbrae Love Of Joy JW - pretty girl with a feminine head and appealing outline. good deep chest, firm topline. Moved well.

3rd: MCQUADE, Gemswin River of Dreams

MPB (6 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: SOUCH, Kenaparkwels Cranberry - very mature 7 month old. Typy feminine head, Correct angulation both ends, good forechest. Showing well at her first show, and moved well. A promising puppy. Very sad that she was terrified in the next class by metal from the tent banging in the high Went well for such a baby..

2nd: JONES, Benvellyn Sequoia - 6 months baby, very confident. Nice make and shape. Sweet expression, good bone front and feet. Body was appropriate for age.

3rd: REYNOLDS, & DUNNETT, Hoedun The Night Before

PB (5 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 2213 DOUGLAS, Kalexas Upper Class at Greenbayhill - very pretty typy young lady, shown in good coat and condition. Correct angulation both ends, wel ribbed up, Good bone, front, topline. . Moved with drive.

2nd: K Cranberry

3rd: B Sequoia

JB (5 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: ARMSTRONG, Bitcon Jelly Bean (ai) - very stylish young lady with good neck and shoulder placement, correct bone, front and feet. deep chest, strong rear. Coat not at its best today. Showed and moved with enthusiasm.

2nd: K Upper Class at Greenbayhill

3rd: EGGINTON, Pajanbeck One Moment In Time AI

YB (5 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: JACKSON, Manteauplat Margaux - typical head and good overall balance. Correct front angulation with good front and bone, Strong body, good back end. Moved OK. Not helped by her handler today.

2nd: MCQUADE, Gemswin River of Dreams - girl who needs more time to develop, but is overall a good shape. Feminine head, very good good front and bone, Strong hindquarters. Moved with drive.

3rd: LEGG, Ruddleberry Phoenix Song

PGB (12 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: EGGINTON, Pajanbeck Georgy Girl - a very neat girl of ideal size. Typy feminine head, good angulation at both ends. Super bone and front leading to deep body. In good coat. Moved with drive and showed happily.

2nd: BELLAMY, Moontorn Better Half of Me JW - Stylish showgirl with a sweet head. Correct angulation at both ends. Super topline, and good depth of body. Beautifully presented and sympathetically handled, in good coat. Moved with style and drive.

3rd: FORD, Lussac Yawl of Percuil JW

LB (13 Entries) Abs: 1 a close decision between 1 & 2

1st: ROMEO-DIESTE, Hopevalley Morning Wicked - mature lady with good overall balance, shown in full coat. Typy head, and lovely line of neck into shoulders. Good forechest, bone, front and feet. Good depth of body with strong topline. Moved with drive and showed happily.

2nd: JONES, Braemist Witches Fire - thought she would be my winner but flatcoat mischief won the day! She has a lovely outline, sweet head. Another with a good forechest (an important point whose lack gets overlooked). in construction, everything was in harmony. Moved well and showed when she felt like it!

3rd: THURGOOD, Thurwhitt Madame Cholet-

OB (6 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: ANDERSON, Sh Ch Feldkirk Dior Of Kazval - I have never laid hands on this girl before. She filled my eye and I was not disappointed on going over her. Totally feminine, completely balanced, with the right amount of coat to complete the picture. Unexaggerated angulation front and rear. Completely at one with her handler and moved with style and grace. BOB and delighted to watch her take G1

2nd: ANDERSON, Kazval Angel in Your Sky Over Feldkirk - one that I had not seen up close previously. Quite different except in her handy size and neat appearance. Another super line of neck into shoulder and topline. Good forechest and well made throughout. Another sound mover. More furnishings would have completed the picture. RCC

3rd: BELLAMY, Moontorn Goddess Of Love.

VB (7 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: DAVIS, & EGGINTON, Go with the Flow Dynamic Faithful (Imp NLD)- super 9 year old veteran who has really kept her figure. Very well made overall with lovely line of neck to shoulders, good forechest. Went well.

2nd: BRANSCOMBE, Torinmill Gaelic Aurora - 8 years, a little taller and not in such good coat as 1, but also lovely type. Sweet head, good angulation, bone and feet. In hard condition. Moved well

3rd: GALE, Willowswind Nette Lark JW.

Brenda Hutchison (Judge)

Golden Retriever

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Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever

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American Cocker Spaniel

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Spaniel (Cocker)

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Spaniel (Field)

2023

Spaniel (Welsh Springer)

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Spanish Water Dog

2023

Weimaraner

2023

Thank you for the invitation to judge on Saturday 5th August 2023

Thank you to my two stewards who kept all under control and everything running smoothly

Despite a tiring 7 + hour drive the evening before and inclement weather I was pleased with my entry, class winners, Reserve Best of Breed and Best of Breed

Special Beginners Dog (2 entries 1 withdrew)

1st Osborne Farndon's Silberliss Bombardier

A 15 month old dog at his first show

Sound and good in profile. Moved well

Shedding his coat very badly

Winner of Best Special Beginners as standing alone

Minor Puppy Dog (2 entries)

1st Rayner and Maskell's Enjager Access to Raystans

A lovely 9 month old boy. Conformationally sound with good bone. Nice profile. Had the edge on 2 on the move

2nd Phillips's Moon Shadow by Atria Cordis Rivertone

A 6 month old youngster, well schooled and presented Much promise but needs to mature

Puppy Dog (2 entries)

1st Rayner and Maskell's Enjager Access to Raystans

as 1 in MP

2nd Goord's Dartview Formula One

10 month old dog, initially restless and didn't do himself justice. Sound and moved well

Junior Dog (1 entry)

1st Osborne Farndon's Silberliss Bombardier

as 1 in SBD

Yearling Dog (2 entries)

1st Isherwood's Gunalt Schweppes at Caleydene

A smart 19 month old boy Conformationally sound and on the move. Nice head, good front / shoulder set, depth of rib , rear angulation - a contender for Reserve Dog CC

2nd Osborne Farndon's Silberliss Bombarbier

as 1 in SBD

Postgraduate Dog (1 entry . Absent)

Limit Dog (4 entries)

1st Pearman's Weipower Denton at Britmans

3 year old Well schooled and in good condition. Spooked by the 'wind' in the tent but settled on the move

2nd Hawkins's Smilek Massachusettes

5 year old, nicely put together Lost to 1 on the move

3rd Hawkin's Smilek Fernando

Open Dog (3 entries)

1st Alcorn and Ingram's Sh Ch Gunalt Hendricks

What a cracking dog Great presentation and ring presence. Conformationally sound he displays strength, substance, masculinity, elegance, balance and type

Well muscled and exceptional on the move. A credit to the breed and a pleasure to judge

No hesitation in awarding him 1st in class, **Dog CC and Best of Breed (He then went on to win Gundog Group 2)**

2nd Burgess's Gunalt Vettel to Hantzburg

Litter brother to 1 Sound and well presented. Good on the move

3rd Rayner and Maskell's Sh Ch Kalimor Accolade to Raystans JW

Veteran (2 entries)

1st Crowther's Sh Ch Hundwith McLaren

A beautiful silver grey veteran, lovely head, conformationally sound and in excellent condition - A pleasure to judge

Well muscled and impressive on the move

Reserve CC and Best Veteran

2nd Burgess's Gunalt Rock Out with Hantzburg Sh CM R11 P Beg ex

A lovely old boy (11 years old) Sound, well schooled and presented. Lost to 1 on the move

Special Beginners Bitch (1 entry - withdrawn)

Minor Puppy Bitch (1 entry)

1st Ingram's Gunalt Mixer

6 month old baby Sound and well schooled for her age Good on the move and much potential

Puppy Bitch (2 entries)

1st Longbottom and Milby's Gunalt Curtain Call

What a stunning youngster. 11 months old, nicely put together and well presented Excellent on the move

1st in class, **Reserve Bitch CC and then on to Group 1 Gundog Puppy**

2nd Hill's Weipower Ida

11 months old. Finer than 1 but sound conformationally A little restless due to wind but when settled moved well.

Junior Bitch (2 entries)

1st Hill's Weipower Ida

see 2nd in puppy class

2nd Jeffries's Silbermeer Annie Get Ya Gun

Nicely put together and good on the move. Concerned about tail carriage possibly exacerbated by the weather / wind ?

Yearling Bitch (2 entries)

1st Crowther's Hundwith Step in Thyme

A lovely youngster and well presented Spooked by the wind but when settled a stylish mover

2nd Tierney's Gunalt Elderflower at Greyfurs JW

Another nice and sound youngster When settled moved well

Postgraduate Bitch (1 entry)

Maskell and Rayners's Enjager Harmony with Brownbank JW Standing alone but a lovely bitch sound and steady on the move

Limit Bitch (6 entries 2 absent)

1st Stafford's Rivertone Under My Skin Farnfield

Lovely 3 year old Conformationally sound and well presented Good on the move

2nd Hill's Weipowa Beretta

A smart girl but lost to 1 on the move

Open Bitch

1st Phillips's Rivertone Head Above Water

Lovely 3 year old girl . Judged as a a puppy, liked her then but much improved. Spot on conformationally and on the move

Worthy winner of the class and Bitch CC (her 3rd !!)

2nd Kelly's Kalimore Amazing Grace at Vasant

4 year old, sound and moving well giving 1 a run for her money !

3rd Upton Lovatt and Upton's Sh Ch Gunalt Lustrous with Roydack

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