

Darlington Championship Show – German Wirehaired Pointer

I had the pleasure of judging a fantastic group of dogs and overall, the level of soundness displayed was fantastic. However, while the quality of the dogs was high, I would have liked to see more body length in some. This plays a crucial role in achieving the desired balance and proportion outlined in the breed standard.

Furthermore, I noticed that a few exhibits had heavily furnished heads whereas the breed standard specifies bushy eyebrows but not an overlong beard.

Unfortunately, I must also mention an incident of unsportsmanlike behaviour displayed by one exhibitor. Rather than standing in line after being placed, this exhibitor walked out of the ring, which resulted in me, as the judge, having to call her back into the ring. Sportsmanship and adherence to show etiquette are fundamental to the integrity of dog shows and it is crucial that all exhibitors display professionalism throughout the event.

Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience judging these dogs, and I want to commend the exhibitors for their dedication and hard work. I encourage everyone to continue striving for excellence while staying true to the breed standard and maintaining good sportsmanship.

PD (1,0)

Geary's Wesley Vom Alte Wald at Germanus (RAF) (NAF) (Imp) – A quality B&W puppy, a lovely head and eye, well laid shoulders, and good length and depth of rib. Strong back with slightly falling top line. Good angulation both ends with well set and carried tail. Excellent coat and furnishings. Needs to come together on the move but has a lovely length of stride.

JD (0)

PGD (3,3)

LD (2,0)

A difficult class, two tall dogs, both with good coat and furnishings and moved ok. 1st was better balanced, had better length & depth of rib with more length of stride on the move.

1st Hewins' Xaver IV v. Bockenhagen (Imp Deu).

2nd Donnelly's Kimmax They Kall Me Mr Tibbs.

OD (3,1)

1st Pinkerton and Alimov's Sh Ch/Ch Matze Vom Alte Wald (Imp) – A quality medium sized dog who really catches your attention. He has a strong head with a pleasant eye, would like more furnishings but this does not take away from his quality. Excellent length of neck, length to height ratio and length and depth of rib. Well angled throughout. Moved with power and was sound up and back with excellent reach and drive in profile. CC.

2nd O'Connor's Sh Ch Karlejay Gump They Live in Yu (ai) – Another dog who is a great size and although he is a different type to the winner, he just oozes quality. I preferred this boy's head and he has an excellent coat all over. I preferred the length and top line of the winner, but this boy was another excellent mover, really covering the ground. A worthy title holder and could easily swap places on another day. RCC.

PB (1,0)

O'Brien's Caldewriver Storm N' Teacup for Katillien – Wow, such a stunning puppy! She free stands and I'm not sure she can stand wrong. A lovely head and furnishings, excellent length to height with deep, well sprung ribs. Fabulous coat and is already really well balanced. Has excellent substance but is still feminine. In profile on move she is breath-taking eating up the ground and holding her top line. Has more maturing to do, but when she does she will be hard to beat. RCC and BP.

JB (1,0)

Simpson's Kenzduo Fusilli – B&W who looked a nice type, but unfortunately something spooked her and she was difficult to assess. Moved ok.

PGB (3,1)

1st Jenkins' Tickencote Teach Me Tonight for Gerstenfeld JW – A lovely type with excellent coat and furnishings. She has a gorgeous head and eye. Great front and rear angles. Just needed to stride out more on the move on the day.

2nd Simpson's Hermione Vom Holstef– Nice type, good coat and furnishings. Ok on the move, but lacked enthusiasm. Preferred the balance and top line of the winner.

LB (5,0)

1st O'Connor's Karlejay Gump Circle of Life (ai) – I just loved this bitch, she is of such excellent type, so feminine but with enough substance. Superb head and eye with such a soft expression. Well angled shoulders, correct length and depth of rib and a good turn of stifle with short hocks. Excellent coat, harsh and thick. Her outline on the stack was delightful but, on the move, she really came into her own - moving straight and true with a lovely length of stride. In the challenge for BOB I preferred her head and coat. Thrilled to learn this was her crowning ticket. CC & BOB.

2nd Geary's Germanus Stands Out A Mile. Another nice bitch with lovely head and furnishings. Nicely angulated with correct length to height and length and depth of rib. Moved well. She just needs to fill out through her body, a worthy 2nd.

OB (5,1)

1st O'Brien's Sh Ch Luchanalilly Cute Coral of Caldewriver. What a lovely type of bitch, with excellent coat, height to length and length and depth of rib. Nice head and furnishings, well angulated. On the move she is so controlled, balanced, sound and goes in a lovely rhythm, really covering the ground.

2nd McCullough's Sh Ch Kimmax Koz I Kan. Another nice bitch. Nice head though a bit too much furnishing, good length to height and depth, with an excellent coat. Well angled with a lovely turn of stifle. She has a great top line and a great strength of stride on the move.

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