

Good evening please find attached critique for German Wirehaired Pointer.

Darlington Championship Show is one of my favourite events. The venue is easily accessed and rings are well spaced.

My thanks go to the Committee for their invitation to judge this breed at CC level.

I had Colin Woodward to thank for stewarding in the ring keeping the exhibitors on their toes.

Many thanks to the exhibitors for a super entry both numerical and quality. The weather was perfect and a great ring size for the breed to move in.

My observations are that I understand the breed is a strong one however I did find some exhibits and in particular in some bitch classes with heavy bone. The standard calls for straight and lean not coarse. No one wants to see a weak bone however a heavy bone is just as undesirable.

Eyes varied in colour. Some heads were quite heavy in coat.

Body conditioning was good, however, by the end of judging my hands were very dirty. I know that they are working dogs but please remember presentation means a great deal.

Puppy dog

1. Drahtjager Aquarmarine Vom Feaghar. 6 mths. A smart pup. On the stack and move he is impressive. Coat and furnishings in good order. Front construction has ample bone. Round shape feet. Strong neck into well placed shoulders. Chest is deep elbows close. Topline held firm on the move where he showed his true action. Pleased to award him Best puppy in breed. Good luck with him for the future.

Junior dog

Beanalrem Gwyndu. 16 month. What an exhubitant youngster indeed. A handful of personality, something that I personally like to see in a youngster. On handling him his head is developed, slight stop, balanced with good colour to eyes. Ears set well. Correct mouth. Neck is strong leading into excellent set forequarters. Straight forelegs. Stands on well shaped feet. Topline is firm, ribs carried back, loin tucked up. Thighs are wide with turn to stifle. Harsh coat not too long. Once he settled he has a great stride and powers round the ring. So very pleased to award him CC and BOB.

Bacon De Los Malvares also 16 mth. Smaller in stature, has pleasing front construction and round feet. Harsh coat. Moved well out and round. Would like to see him carry more weight which should come with maturity.

Post grad dog

Ovetil Troseberry upstanding male. Head has desired slight stop and width showing quality. Deep chested with straight forelegs. Body is pleasing with firm topline. Ribbed back. Good width to thighs and stifles. On the move he showed his good action covering the ground.

Glenquin Major at Yohenoak. Eyes good colour, ears set high. Has ample bone. Would prefer a firmer pastern. Firm body, width to thighs. Carried his tail rather high on the move.

Limit Dog

Glenquin The General. Strong dog throughout with plenty of bone. Masculine head Eyes of correct colour. High set ears. Round shape to feet slight slope to pasterns. Has well placed shoulders. Good conditioning to body. Deep chested, close elbows. Excellent rear quarters well muscled. Strode out and with good drive.

Germanus Making a Point (AI).

Head is balanced and fairly broad, requires more furnishings on beard. Strong firm body. Covers his ground well on the move

Open Dog great class.

1.Sh. Ch .Germanus Hotwyr Yindi. Another quality youngster. Time is most definitely on his side to go onto greater awards. Well set front construction, Correct bone, shape of feet are correct. Straight forelegs. Beautiful head sits on strong neck leading into sloping shoulders. Well ribbed, loin tucked up. Well muscled throughout his frame. Moved so steady and true. Pleased to award him RCC.

Sh. Ch. Kimmax Kiss ma Blackside at Beechilawn. This male certainly has ring presence. In super fit condition throughout his masculine body. Stands his ground on well placed forelegs. Neck is strong. Elbows close to chest. All topped off by a masculine head. Excellent body all through. Would like to see a little less hair around his face. Moved so well using his strength to drive round the ring.

Veteran Bitch

Bel. Sh Ch Canis Fortuna Harda (Imp Pol). 9 yrs and in super fit condition. Absolutely sound all through her body and on the move. Straight forelegs with slight slope to pasterns. Correct shape to feet. Handling her head her eyes are medium shape. Ears set on high. Ample width to skull. Correct mouth. Tail follows on from back. A smart girl indeed. I was thrilled that she was placed 4th in the strong veteran group. Well done.

Sh Ch Bareve By the Book. Another excellent mover. Has correct width to thighs. Muscled well. Drove off sound hocks. Just preferred overall shape of feet on winner.

PB

Kelly Star at Sharrale. Very much a baby. Texture of coat is correct. Pretty head. Ears set on high. Time is definitely her friend. Needs to settle on the move.

JB

Becka Dreams of Little Prince at Germanus. 16 month. Skull developing into a pleasing shape width wise. Slight stop. Eyes shape and colour of correct breed type. Stands well on correctly shaped feet. Lean straight forelegs. Upper arm lays nicely. Topline firm. In good muscle condition. Needs to settle on the move but she showed her stride and drive well.

Post Grad Bitch

Beanalrem Grapevine. Litter sister to dog CC. Her qualities are excellent and true to breed. Beautiful head construction to handle. Front construction has depth and width required, elbows set close. Strong neck. Body is firm, ribbed back. Beautiful width to thighs and bend of stifle. Tail set correctly. Carrying good amount of weight. Moved really strongly with drive.

Ijldez Vom Holstef at Ovetil. Smaller type. Has good texture to coat, enough covering. Slight pasterns. Good bone. Chest could be deeper. Moved ok.

Limit Bitch

Bareve Beyonce. 2yrs. A beauty. Head is beautiful and feminine not too strong in skull. Correct mouth, ears set high. Forelegs straight, stands on good shaped feet. Lovely coat. Deep chested. Loin tucked up. Tail and quarters correct showing width to thighs and tying of stifle. Moved true out and round.

Tickecote Teach Me Tonight for Gerstenfeld JW. Her movement won her place in this good class. Really liked her on the stack and moving. Beautiful fore and aft with muscle throughout. Coat texture is good, deep chested, tail set off backline.

Open bitch

Sh Ch Karlejay Gump Circle of life (AI). What a find in this great class of Champions. At first glance I liked her on the stack. She is not a flashy girl but going over her I found her qualities to be true to the breed. Length to height ratio is good. Chest deep. Every part of her construction flows into each other one cleanly. Head is sufficiently broad with slight stop. Good eye shape and colour. Not overdone in bone. Firm throughout body. Really liked the shape of her rear quarters. Tail set correctly. Moved effortlessly and true. So smooth. Pleased to award her CC.

Sh Ch Germanus Stands out a mile JW. Similar remarks apply as winner . Beautiful head. Coat and fitness is great. Stands her ground on well shaped feet. Lean bone. Width of thighs and turn of stifle good. Once settled on the move she had smooth stride and drive. Pleased to award her RCC.

Judge

Pauline Smith