

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Crufts Committee for this invitation to judge at "the" Greatest dog show, in my humble opinion. I would also like to thank my efficient stewards Roger and Kim for all their hard work and most importantly I would like to thank the exhibitors for their super applause on my placings and kind comments after judging. What a sporting lot you all are. Type was very good with so many super heads and first-class expressions with really good facial furnishings putting the breeds stamp firmly in place backed up by so many strong and workmanlike examples. Colours were good and Wire coats were present by and large, but undercoats were a little mixed, although I made allowance for youngsters to develop further. Movement was positive by and large the only disappointing part was the number of gay tails. All the exhibits and their dogs' previous reputations and wins were all completely new to me which was refreshing.

PD (6) 1 Quinn & Skeemer's Germanus Hotwyr Yindi. My word, what a super youngster. Medium sized, masculine, of really good shape, of good length to height ratio exhibiting really good type. I liked his correctly balanced head, moderate stop, good ear set and size, with excellent facial furnishings and an alert expression. He had a good wire coat and he soon got into a good stride, elbows tucked well in, with excellent head carriage, held on a neck of good proportions. I liked his front of correct bone, straight with good pasterns and correct shaped feet coupled to his correct hind angulation with the important strong hocks. He ticked so many boxes of the breed standard for me. I thought long and hard about awarding such a high award to such a youngster. Dog CC and Best puppy. In the challenge for BOB he really kept up so well with the bitch and did not let anyone down, a clean sound mover. 2 Ford's Gleomac The Colour of Spring (ai). Another really pleasing youngster not showing quite the stage of development in body of the winner but exhibiting good conformation, fore and aft, Correct length to height ratio. He had a good shape to skull, balanced head to muzzle, with a moderate stop and good eye and expression, with a very good reach of neck, decent shoulder angulation, with correct depth of chest, good tuck up and with good width of hindquarters and a good bend of stifle. He had a narrower width of chest, than 1, but with straight fore legs, really up on his toes. Just not quite as collected on the move as 1 but is developing well in coat texture. 3 Jones' Germanus Makin A Point (ai). Another really promising puppy, very nice shape all through has all the essence of the breed, a decent type with a pleasing head, good ear set, shape & size. Eyes lightish, at the moment but they will darken. He has a strong topline, pleasing bone and feet, good coat. He was a little erratic on the move. I am sure he will develop into a useful example of the breed in time.

JD (3,1a) 1 Geary's Germanus Black in Bizniz. A real quality 10-month-old male who just oozes breed type. Very good in body proportions, balanced head to muzzle, moderate stop, pleasing eye and expression, good shape to muzzle, with good beard and developing eye brows. I liked his neck length, he has a pleasing fall to topline, good depth of chest, pleasing second thigh and good bend of stifle with short hocks. Shown in tip top condition with a very good texture to coat. Moved quite well with good reach and drive. Will have a bright future, I am sure. 2 Dumouchel's Hugo Boss Fantastic of Miki. 14-month-old male. He is still developing in coat with parts of coat that feel soft, and a little bit lacking in eyebrows but they are coming. He has a good length of head, with moderate stop, good length of neck, nice shape to it, I liked his expression, his acceptable eye colour and developing beard. Good topline, tail set good but on the move carried high, his elbows were slightly loose, but he has good chest, decent loin, good depth of body, good tuck up, reasonable bend of stifle and can stand a little bit cow hocked, which may have been down to the slippery carpet. On the move his hindquarters did not show this. Looking over him he has a good shape to body. I thought he had a nice angle to croup, decent forelegs for bone, but could be slightly straighter, perhaps being over critical.

PGD (1) 1 Davis' Rudishaw Good On Ya. Athletic looking, this almost eighteen-month-old male, with a pleasing outline, certainly has decent body proportions, of a real deep liver colour but could have more wire to coat. His topline was good, falls away gently, he has low chest, well set elbows, with a good rise to tuck up. I thought he had reasonable hind angulation, with good hocks, front a little bit wide when stood. His head was nicely mature, with a pleasing expression, he has a good width of skull, ears that are well set and of good length, a good beard, with a little bit of eyebrows developing. His bone was good and he has correct shaped feet and strong pasterns, well up on his toes. I thought his shoulders were well angulated and he is developing a good spring of rib, nice croup, tail correct, on the move tail a little high though. He covers the

ground well, although his front perhaps could be a little bit high stepping. He was carrying just the right amount of weight, looks good in profile.

LD (3,1a) 1 Chrystie's Bareve Best Done Now. A really nice three-and-a-half-year-old male of good type, which I considered highly today. He is the correct size and a really nice shape, athletic and balanced. His coat was wiry to the touch, with a very good masculine head, correct skull length to muzzle, with good furnishings, nice length of neck, good arch, topline falls away slightly, good depth of chest, elbows nice and tight, good bend of stifle, tail set on, room for a tad more development in body particularly over his ribs, but a good shape, with decent shoulders, straight front of good bone, moves with great spirit and drive, carpet can be a little slippery. 2 Geary's Germanus Hit The Jackplot. Another quite nice, happy male, with a very good outline and good topline, chest probably needs to drop just a tad to advantage, elbows can look a little bit too loose at times and does make him look a little bit wide in front, but not all of time. Liked his head shape, a balanced head, with a moderate stop, good eye shape, nice expression, with acceptable eye colour. His muzzle length to skull ratio was good, with decent beard. He has a good ear set, moderate length of neck though. He has a medium width of chest, good straight bone, with pleasing feet. He has good hind angulation, with quite good muscle developing, good tuck up, presented in nice condition. Convincing mover.

OD (5) 1 Lovatt's Ir Sh Ch Beechillawn I'm Free with Shirostar Cw19. A very nice dog, with a good wire coat, of correct size, good proportions and a very nice shape. I thought he had a very good outline, pleasing head shape, moderate stop and an alert lovely expression, decent shape to muzzle, correct amount of flews. His ear shape and set were good with good reach of neck, into well laid shoulders, very gentle fall of topline with a good tail set. He has a good front with decent straight bone, correct width of chest. He has a slight angle to his pasterns, with very good tight feet. He has a good depth of body, with well angulated hindquarters, which have decent muscle tone. On the move he really went well, using his tail to advantage. Carrying his head with style. Reserve Dog CC. 2 Getting's Ir Sh Ch Beechillawn Raspberry Sorbet Jnr Ch, Cw22, Cjw22, Cent Jw, Cent W. A really balanced mature B/W male, I liked from the beginning. A picture of strength, so happy, a joy to observe, stronger in body shape than 1, but perhaps a little compact so perhaps not as athletic in build, but quality. He has a beautiful head and kind expression from his dark eye, moderate stop, high set ears, of correct shape and size, good face furnishings, excellent width of chest, straight bone and very good feet, very good length of neck into correct shoulders, strong topline, good ribs, carrying the right amount of weight, moved really well on good hind angulation, width of second thigh and with strong hocks. 3 Geary's Germanus Go Dutch. A good size and well-proportioned male, who moved quite well fore and aft. Not quite the type of 1 & 2, thought him a little bit more boxy in muzzle, with good facial furnishings, He has a good length of neck, clean over shoulders, good forequarters. He has a nice body shape, gentle slope to topline, with moderate hind angulation good width of second thigh.

Field Trial Dog (2) 1 Nilsson's Se&dk&fi&nouch Ba Ch Börjedals Frans Se Jch Nordic V21 Nordic Ch Se V-22 No V-22 - Res in the previous class. Won this class on his superior movement over 2. A male with some style, clearly built for working with the required speed. He has a fairly nice head, balanced with muzzle, decent beard, good ear length and shape, with a medium stop, decent shape to muzzle, with a medium sized oval eye of a dark expressive colour. I thought he had a good reach of neck, some forechest, decent shoulders, good conformation fore and aft. Better in topline and tail set than 2. 2 Nilson's Se Uch Ba Ch Börjedals Frank Sv Jch. A medium sized male of reasonable proportions but not quite the body properties of 1. His topline was a little uneven and the angle of the croup could have been better, giving a low tail set. His head was balanced with his body and I preferred the head shape of 1, although his eye was very expressive. He needs to develop more facial furnishings. He has a medium width of chest and straight forelegs. His chest is deep. He has decent hind angulation. He has good forward momentum but let down by his uneven topline on the move.

PB (3,1a) 1 Newton's Germanus Makin A Ripple with Layasway. This is a very nice quality puppy of ten months of age, of good length to height, nice conformation front and rear, with a decent strong topline with a slight fall, held well on the move. Her body is developing well, with a reasonable spring of rib. I thought her head was typically balanced, with a moderate stop, with good furnishings, very good ears, moderate length of neck, good shoulders, good bone and feet. On the move the feet looked a little flat but that could be the carpet. She has a good depth of chest. Good angle to croup, nice bend of stifle, good shortish hocks, moved very well, very

flashy. Uses tail well, happy, has a thick wiry coat. Must have a real promising future ahead. 2 Geary's Germanus Hotwyr Minjarra, very little to choose between 1 & 2, 1 possibly a little more mature, but developing nicely, her wire coat is coming on well, she has a longer head but could be a tad broader in skull. Her muzzle is long and well furnished, with dark eyes, she has high set ears and when brought forward are quite a good length. Her neck is moderately long and a pleasing shape. Her shoulders were clean, with nice deep chest of reasonable width, slight tuck up, good bend of stifles, nice short strong hocks, with a good straight front. She moved well, full of enthusiasm, looked like she was enjoying her day. Bright things will come of these puppies. JB (3,1a) A good class with some really top flight youngsters whom will no doubt change places on other occasions. 1 Stamp's Tynsil Just One Smile. I liked the type of this well made 16 months old liver youngster, with a super head, neck and shoulders and a good length of back, best of bone and feet, with good depth of chest and tuck up, has a little more angle to the croup, which lowers her tail set, but has a strong loin, with very good hind angulation and good hocks. She looks built for speed and did not disappoint moving well with reach and drive, very well handled particularly on the move. She has good face furnishings which complete the picture and has decent wire texture to her coat. 2 Luxmoore & Luxmoore-Ball's Hushwing's Encanto, attractively marked feminine bitch of good size and athletic build, smart colouring, shown in a good textured coat, I make her just slightly longer in body length to height which at first was deceptive until she moved. She has a good length of head with decent muzzle shape, nice eye and expression, with good beard developing. She has an excellent reach of neck, correct shoulders and a good body shape. Her topline was slightly angled down, she has straight forelegs of correct bone and nice feet. Covers the ground so well. The carpet could be slippery, although very well handled. 3 Kearns' Rudishaw Waltzing Matilda, nice bitch, tends to stand a bit cow hocked, which may have been the slippery carpet, but lots of nice things going on, from her pleasing head, with a good reach of neck, nice topline, falling a bit towards tail, with a good depth of chest, good tuck up, nice bone and feet. Nice coat developing, on the move gave a good account of herself.

PGB (1) 1 Galbraith's Germanus Plot Meets Kettle at Inverwire NAF. Not necessarily a big girl, but this is a pretty headed 2 years and eight months of age bitch, with a very nice expression, good shape to skull, moderate stop and decent shape to muzzle clad in good facial furnishings on her eye brows and beard. She has a medium length of neck, good shoulders and some forechest. Has straight good bone and strong pasterns with good feet. With a moderate bend of stifle, good second thigh, good depth of chest, with good tail length with a tail that never stops slashing, good coat. On the move she tended not to be able to move with any speed and has a bit of a rise in her topline which she doesn't have when stood.

LB (4) 1 Johnston's Glenquin Enyo. A stylish bitch with a decent textured coat, so well-constructed and put together with excellent conformation fore and aft, with a super outline built for speed. She has a lovely long head, beautiful eye and expression, balanced skull with muzzle well-furnished beard and decent eyebrows. I liked her good reach of neck. Her front is straight, with some fore chest and reasonable width of chest. She has a good body shape, topline and underline correct, with strong hindquarters and shortish hocks. On the move she is exquisite with good drive and forward reach with good footfalls, really holds her topline on the move, so good to see in profile movement. A serious contender today. 2 Jones' Germanus Dutch Delight, a tallish bitch, but slightly rangy, also athletically build with a degree of strength, carrying a decent amount of weight, looks fit for function. Very nice head, good ear set, moderate stop, good eye colour, nice expression, good width of chest, good return of upper arm, with nice bone and feet, very well presented in very good wire coat. Has nice spring of rib, strong short loin, good depth of chest and tuck up, moderate hind angulation, reasonable muscle tone, with short hocks. Carries herself well, looks good on the move. 3 Cocchi Luigi's Urvum Arwen, younger bitch, slightly immature but everything is there, just needs to develop more. Nice outline, good reach of neck, nice topline, good bone, very nice tight feet, nice bend of stifle, moderate stop, nice skull matching length to muzzle, ears good length and carried high, nice front, good textured coat. On the move gave a good account of herself, tail a bit high.

OB (7) 1 Johnston's Sh Ch Glenquin Athena, loved this 4 years four month old bitch, so free and effortless on the move, with power and strength, to me she had correct body length to height, lovely head, nice colour eye, good ear set, nice muzzle, good length of neck, good shoulders, nice bone and feet, good depth of chest, nice second thigh, good bend of stifle, good topline. On

the move she did really well, good forward reach, drive from rear quarters. Head carriage and use of tail, holding her topline well. Bitch CC & Best of Breed. 2 McCullough's Sh Ch Kimmax Kindly Stand Black. Really typy bitch, very nice classical GWP, liked her from the minute I saw her coming into the ring. She has a beautiful head, neck, shoulders, nice body, good bend of stifle, up on her feet, good bone, nice dark eye, fitted into a really well shaped head, with good skull, nice muzzle, very good ears for size set and shape. Excellent conformation. On the move went quite well, but thought the winner had a bit more verve. Shown in super wire jacket. 3 Lovatt's Ir Sh Ch Beechillawn Amarillo Starlight of Shirostar Cjw19. Quality bitch, nicely marked, perhaps a little narrow in skull for me, but has nice outline, does fall away in topline, which is correct, nice body shape, good depth, good bone, feet, decent pasterns, with good bend of stifle, moves well, in good wire coat.

Field Trial Bitch (1) 1 Nilsson's Se Uch No Uch Ba Ch Dk Uch Sansas Black Beauty S Jch No V-22, wasn't placed in a strong previous class, but has a pleasing head, decent ear set, good eye colour of a nice shape, with a good muzzle length, but not a lot of facial furnishings, good width of chest, decent bone, long in body for height, gently falling topline, good bend of stifle, but does look a little narrow behind when stood but was ok on the move. Shown in good wire coat, moved well to justify 1st place.

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bitch (2,1a) 1 Donnelly's Sh Ch Beechillawn Oooh Betty. I loved this tall, six-and-a-half-year-old feminine bitch with such a good outline suggesting a capability for speed. I thought her head was delightful, with a decent eye colour with a really switched on expression, correct ear shape and set. She has a really long neck, so well-shaped, into good shoulders, decent topline & tail set with good depth of body, decent tuck up and very good width of second thigh, pleasing hind angulation with short strong hocks. Pleasing coat texture. Did not disappoint on the move. Res CC, worthy of her title.

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