

The Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla Association

Open Show – September 2nd 2012

It was a great honour to be invited by the Association to judge their open show, my thanks to the committee for their invite, for their hospitality and for the provision of a superb steward. I was looking forward to the task of judging this lovely breed, and to be afforded such an excellent entry put the icing on the cake. I thank all who entered their dogs for my consideration.

I would like to make a few general observations which I hope are accepted by everyone in a positive manner. The breed on the whole has, for its numerically small size, a massive variation in type. Heads on the whole were pleasing, well shaped and well furnished. Fronts are not so great, with many coming towards me very wide and/or with weak pasterns. Feet in some were very poor, long nails and flat splayed feet which should not be prevalent in any gundog breed, long nails are easy to remedy. Coats were pretty good overall with only a few soft and fluffy. My greatest concern is temperament which seems to be deteriorating. The breed standard requires this breed to be “demonstrably affectionate”. Most worrying to find puppies with extremely nervous temperaments – please bear temperament in mind when considering your breeding plans. The depth of quality in the bitches was much greater than in males hence BIS, RBIS and BPIS were all claimed by the fairer sex. Handling overall could be improved; both in terms of stacking the dog and moving them. It was rather disappointing that some of the bitches “gave up” as time went on - handlers need to work with their charge to keep them alert and enjoying their showing experience throughout the class, rather than chatting with other exhibitors! I thank those present who accepted my decisions with good grace.

Puppy Dog (9,2)

Some temperaments were a worry; what may have been one of the best dogs in the class had to pay the price for being very worried and unable to be handled. I do hope he gets over it as he has great potential.

1 Stephenson's Leiborschy Lincoln of Fryerfold. Very well grown male whose overall soundness clinched him this class. Balanced masculine head, strong neck and good shoulder. Straight front limbs, well ribbed for age. Moved out well enough for his age, BPD. Well handled and with a confident temperament. 2 Aldridge's Gwaithmaes Shameless. Close up to the winner and another of good type, just at an awkward stage of growth however I would love to see how he develops in the future as he has a lot of promise. Owner gets the best from him, confident chap. 3 Collier's Belatarr Dizzy Gillespie.

Junior Dog (3)

Difficult class, both had good temperaments and were enjoying their showing. 1 Draper's Bardantop Blueberry. Won this class on his movement and body length. He has a well balanced and typical shape, is robust enough and in fit condition. Coat rather soft. Sympathetically handled. 2 Wild's Herlinga Harlan. More compact in shape, with a better coat than the winner, however he just couldn't match the winner on side gait today. Nicely shown and good temperament.

Post Graduate Dog (4)

1 McLeish's Cwsscwn Cadiz. Very smart male of excellent type. Masculine head and correct expression, strong neck, well balanced fore and aft. Good coat, movement, type and temperament. Well handled and close up for RBD, he will be a strong contender for top awards in future years. 2 Godfrey's Tragus Rudo. Well made chap, balanced and in good coat. Feet need attention. 3 Dodd's Cuffnells Forester.

Limit Dog (2)

1 Fisher's Leiborschy Ylam of Zamiyla. Well grown male, possesses a typical outline and impressive stature. Dark colour, with an excellent coat. Moved out with style however was a tad untidy coming towards me which cost him higher awards, perhaps having an off day. Handled slickly to get the best from him. 2 Godfrey's Tragus Rudo.

Open Dog (3)

An interesting class, all three possess good points and could easily change places another day.

1 Holman's Sh Ch Silvanus Oh Oh Seven. Excellent head on this veteran who was presented in fit condition and good coat, won on type and overall soundness. His expression is intelligent and slightly aristocratic. Good front, ribbing and strong couplings. Well angled quarters, excellent muscle tone and stands on great feet. Moved out very positively indeed, he is a credit to the breed and I now notice from the catalogue he has great potential as a sire. Even though he had two different runners as well as someone else stacking him his temperament is excellent and he coped with this admirably. BD & BOSIS. 2 Tolladay's Cwsscwn Chanzer at Bethersden. Close up to the winner and of excellent type. Well made, great balance and good coat, just carrying a little too much weight. Feet need attention but gained this place on good front angulation. 3 Upton & Rowan's Tragus Jakobi.

Best Dog – Holman's Sh Ch Silvanus Oh Oh Seven

Res Best Dog & Best Puppy Dog - Stephenson's Leiborschy Lincoln of Fryerfold

Puppy Bitch (10)

Class of quality, some giving away a bit in age but a lot of potential for the breed here which was encouraging.

1 Morgan & Schofield's Cwsscwn Calico. Really sweet puppy with the most delightful temperament and spirited air. She has a sweet head, melting expression and correctly balanced skull. Reachy neck, good shoulder and upper arm angulation. Ribs extend well back, strong over the loin and her tailset is correct. Hindquarters well angled and muscled enabling a strong driving action. In the final go around just preferred her more open side gait over 2 Upton's Tragus Honey Buzzard, for which the same remarks generally apply, just preferred the front angles and reach of 1. Both are promising young ladies and I will watch their progress with great interest. 3 May's Amiryck Dabinett.

Junior Bitch (8,1)

1 Morgan & Schofield's Cwsscwn Calico. 2 Stone's Moricroft Mayfair to Sonnetend. Close up to the winner, this young lady shows great potential. Good type, well balanced and presented in great

condition. Stands on good feet and moved out positively with accurate footfall. 3 Kelly & Shumiloff's Tragus Song Thrush.

Graduate Bitch (3)

1 Fisher's Zamiyla Sztar. A very impressive young lady whose eye catching movement could not be overlooked. Possesses great reach from a good front and drive from her well angled and balanced quarters, really covers the ground on the go around. Sweet head and expression all rounded off by a harsh jacket. Close up for top honours, in another year she will be troubling the best. 2 Revell's Falcongren Guba. Nice outline, good coat and good feet however today she was somewhat erratic in front action. 3 Wearing's Zoldmali Duna At Genlusa.

Post Graduate Bitch (4)

1 Morgan & Schofield's Cwsscwn Chanzy. My star of the day, she appealed in all departments. Best of heads, skull of correct balance. Well shaped eye of good colour, ears correctly set. Strong neck leading to super lay of shoulder with complimentary return of upper arm. Well developed brisket and depth of forechest. Ribs well sprung and extending well back to strong loin. Excellent rear angles, low hocks and very well muscled. Stands on the best of feet and coat is excellent. On the move she is very accurate away and back with a ground covering side gait. Slightly mischievous but her handler was calm and certainly got the best from her, I am confident she will gain top honours and her title. BB & BIS, well done. 2 Reed's Cuffnells Sweet Violet. This is a good quality b who was just overshadowed by the winner on the day who was on top form. Good head, front, ribbing and hindquarters. Moved out well and nicely handled. 3 Wearing's Zoldmali Ubrez at Genlusa.

Limit Bitch (6)

Thought this was a great class on first look around however some put on a disappointing performance.

1 Newman's Morganna Allspice. Smart, typical bitch with excellent coat. Good head, neck and shoulders. Well sprung ribs, strong loin. Nicely angled quarters giving good balance. Presented in excellent muscle tone and moved out very positively with reach and drive, lovely type and well handled by her clever breeder. She seems to lack a little enthusiasm and would be easy to overlook, but her size and soundness clinched the win here. 2 Smith's Tragus Ayana. Another good bitch, close up to the winner but preferred the overall size of 1. That said, she is well made, balanced in construction and moved out showing excellent reach and drive. Good coat and well handled. 3 Holman's Silvanus Modesty Blaise.

Open Bitch (4)

Grand class of quality ladies, the first three could probably change places another day however some were performing better than others and thus those who weren't moving enthusiastically paid the price.

1 Cairn's Ir Ch Incahoots at Galicar. Top quality bitch possessing a typical and feminine outline. Loved her head and expression, reachy neck and excellent shoulders. Good return of upper arm which enabled great forward reach on the move. Well ribbed back, strong over the loin and croup with well muscled and angled quarters. Great coat. Moved out very positively really covering the ground. Very close decision for BB, hence she was RBB and RBIS. I am sure her title will not be far

away in the UK too. 2 Richardson's Tragus Zuri. Good body and type on this bitch, she is classic in outline. Correct head and balanced fore and aft she just wasn't as tidy away and back on the day. That said she was enthusiastic and enjoying her job which gained her this place over a nice bitch who was 3 Wand's Herlinga Herleva.

Best Bitch – Morgan & Schofield's Cwsscwn Chanzy

Reserve best bitch - Cairn's Ir Ch Incahoots at Galicar

Best puppy bitch - Morgan & Schofield's Cwsscwn Calico

BEST IN SHOW - Morgan & Schofield's Cwsscwn Chanzy

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW - Cairn's Ir Ch Incahoots at Galicar

BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN SHOW - Holman's Sh Ch Silvanus Oh Oh Seven

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW - Morgan & Schofield's Cwsscwn Calico

David R. Alcorn (Judge).