Weimaraner Association Open Show June 2022 Judge Miss Helen Ann Upton (Roydack)

I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge their open show in conjunction with Southern Counties Championship Show, it was an honor to be invited to judge and I was delighted with my entry. I thoroughly enjoyed my judging appointment and was thrilled with the atmosphere both in and out of the ring.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my 2 stewards for the day, who had given up their time freely and kept the ring and myself in good order.

I would like to just comment on one thing I noticed, handlers need to be careful about overextending the back legs on their dogs, if you have them overstretched you lose the topline and the correct shape of the rear angulation.

Minor Puppy Dog (Entry 2- Absentees 0)

Phillip's - FARNFIELD LINESMAN FROM RIVERTONE NAF TAF
 6mth old who oozes confidence, well balanced, handsome head of correct
 proportions with a cheeky glint to the eye, lean neck, leading into good shoulders and
 level topline. Moved with Enthusiasm and drive when settled. I look forward to seeing
 this one mature, just lacking the maturity of the puppy dog at this stage.

2. Hillen's - BRITMANS AURIOL

Less confident than the winner and different in type to 1. Slightly more compact in body shape at this stage. Pleasant head, with soft expression, well-muscled, deep chest and good spring of rib. Once settled on the move, used his rear angulation to his advantage.

Puppy Dog (Entry 2- Absentees 0)

1. Simpson's - SIREVA EMEYEFIVE

Wow-what can I say about this puppy, he walked in the ring and owned it. Full of confidence and that 'look at me' about him and he has it all there to back up the confidence. Beautifully balanced and carrying correct weight and muscle, elegant head of the right proportions with that aristocratic expression about him, correct length to height ratio, good depth of chest and spring of ribs. His body and enthusiasm portray one that could work the fields all day. Moved with drive and enthusiasm. RBD, BPIS

2. Braine's - ANSONA DREAM BIG

A male full of substance, but not quite the show attitude of 1. Masculine head of correct proportions with gentle expression, well set ears. Well-boned and muscled for one so young, deep chest with plenty of lung room. Moved ok when he found some enthusiasm. One I hope will develop in time as lots to like about him.

Junior Dog (Entry 1 - Absentees 0)

1. Martin's - DEIFSTOCK DEJA VU FOR TEUFEL

Masculine male, stronger in the head than I would prefer, good length of neck, straight front, well-sprung ribs, rear angulation moderate and will strengthen with age. Moved well, with drive and enthusiasm.

Yearling Dog (Entry 4- Absentees 0)

1. Thomas's - SILVERWEIS SUMMER LOVE

A dog I have admired at the ringside and wasn't disappointed, taking his time to mature. Moderate dog, well balanced, correct bone and muscle for age. Masculine in the head with an air of intelligence and alertness in his expression. Clean neck leading into well-placed shoulders, straight front, well ribbed and level topline with a correct slope off over the croup, nice bend of stifle, covered the ground with drive and enthusiasm holding topline and tail carriage correctly, was considered for top honors, only lost out to maturity and showmanship.

- 2. Kemp's NETHERHILL EURO VISION OF GREYFLYER
 - A substantial dog although balanced. I preferred the head and tail carriage of 1. Deep chest and Well ribbed up. Well-boned and muscled for age. Handler needs to be careful not to run him too fast.
- 3. Martin's DEIFSTOCK DEJA VU FOR TEUFEL
- 4. Heuston's PARHELIS CORRINO

Post Graduate Dog (Entry 6- Absentees 1)

1. Pountney's - WALLAROO PHANTOM MENACE

I liked this dog for overall balance, Nice head, slightly finer in foreface than some, lean neck leading into good shoulder placement, Deep chest with the right amount of lung room, correct bone and muscle, straight front with well-bent stifles at the rear, well-arched feet, Moved well, covering the ground with ease.

- 2. Bennett's CALVALMIST COSWORTH
 - Similar in type to 1, slightly stronger in the rear than in front. Masculine head with broader foreface than 1. Well ribbed up and deep in chest, correct body length with plenty of tuck-up. Moved well once he settled.
- 3. Hunter's BRAEFELL DRAGONFLY
- 4. Pearman's WEIPOWA DENTON AT BRITMANS
- 5. Heuston's PARHELIS CORRINO

Limit Dog (Entry 4 - Absentees 0)

1. Burgess's - GUNALT VETTEL TO HANTZBURG

Nothing over exaggerated with this male, eye-catching to look at, and doesn't disappoint when you get hands-on. Dog of moderate size and length, masculine head with correct proportions and gentle expression. Straight front with tight feet, Good shoulder placement, well-developed chest, with plenty of spring to the rib, slightly shorter in body length to my eventual winners, but in proportion for his build.

Well muscled throughout. Moved well, covering the ground with ease, considered for top awards.

2. Kerr's - KALIMOR HUDSON

A substantial dog, Preferred the balance of 1. Strong head, with an alert expression. Full of substance, deep chest with well-sprung ribs, correct body length, and tuck-up. I think this boy had had enough by the time he got to me as didn't show himself off on the move. Moved well, but didn't get into full stride and was lacking the enthusiasm of others.

- 3. Hawkins's SMILEK FERNANDO JW
- 4. Hawkins's SMILEK MASSACHUSETTES

Open Dog (Entry 4 - Absentees 0)

1. Crowther's - SH CH HUNDWITH MCLAREN

A dog I have been wanting to get my hands on, he was exactly what I was looking for. Nothing overexaggerated and to the correct size and length. This male is balanced, he has a beautiful head with correct skull shape and proportions, and he has a kind expression but with an element of alertness. Lean neck, leading into well-placed shoulders, level topline, and correct fall off over the croup. Deep chest, with plenty of lung room, well tucked up. Strong front, with muscled and well angulated hindquarters, using both to his advatange on the move, moving with enthusiasm, with almost perfect footfall, holding his topline as he covered the ground with ease, both handler and him were in sink and handler showed him to advantage, very pleased to award him Best Dog and Reserve Best In Show.

2. Mutlow's - BRAEFELL GOSHAWK JW

I have admired this dog from the ringside, however isn't as balanced as 1. Nice head with a friendly expression, straight front with nice tight feet, would like to see a little more forechest. Clean neck, level topline, stronger in his rear angulations, which he did use to his advantage on the move, where he moved out well, covering the ground with ease.

- 3. Burgess's GREYSPIRIT ROCK STAR FROM HANTZBURG JW
- 4. McMahon's SILVERKELVIN JUPITER OVER MAGDALA

Veteran Dog (Entry 2 - Absentees 0)

- 1. Rayner and Maskell's SH CH GUNALT ACADEMY OF RAYSTANS JW SHCM There is a lot to admire about this dog, today he wasn't on his best form, a long day in the sun I'm sure played part in this. Substantial dog, who does take your eye as he enters the ring and handler, and runner show him to advantage. Elegant head with the kindest of expressions, full of substance throughout, clean neck, good shoulder placement, deep chest and well sprung ribs, correct amount of tuck up and level topline, strong well-muscled hindquarters. Moved well, covering the ground with ease.
- 2. Stoke's KHAMSYNN COAST TO COAST AT WIPFEL

Different type to 1, smaller build and not quite the balance. A lot to like about this male, a very artistotic head and expression. Lean neck into level topline, correct amount of chest and lung room for his frame. Moved well with reach and drive, just lacking the overall strength that 1 presents.

Special Working Dog/Bitch (Entry 1 - Absentees 0)

1. Hunter's - BRAEFELL DRAGONFLY

Substantial dog, more relaxed in this class than in previous class. Head of the correct size and in keeping with body size, presenting an alert expression today, would like to see this soften slightly. Well-boned and muscled. He moved well once he settled.

Special Open Long Haired Dog/Bitch (Entry 2 - Absentees 0)

1. Anderton's - TATZE BEWITCHED BY THRIHYRNE

This class was headed up by Mother, daughter in 2. This was a close decision between the 2, a lot to like about both and very similar comments for both. Lovely head, with a beautiful kind expression, she presents as balanced with the appearance of strength. Lean neck, leading into well-placed shoulders, deep chest with plenty of spring of rib, I would say carrying maybe a tad of excess weight today. Firm straight topline. Straight front with a great bend of stifle in the rear, she used her strength and balance with the help of a great runner to cover the ground with ease, holding her topline and tail throughout. Best Longhaired in Show.

2. Reake's - THRIHYRNE LOVE LETTERS

Daughter to 1, and similar comments apply, just less mature at this stage. Pretty head, well balanced throughout, good neck leading into well laid shoulders, level topline, correct tail run off, needs to mature and body up. Moved well, the handler just needs the confidence to go a little faster with her.

Minor Puppy Bitch (Entry 4 - Absentees 0)

A class of raw youngsters, I'm sure as these develop on they will all switch places.

1. Phillip's - FARNFIELD DEJUVU FROM RIVERTONE NAF TAF Came into the ring full of enthusiasm, she has the show factor, just needs to settle down to remember her job. Pretty head with a lovely alert but a soft expression, Good eye shape and colour. Lean neck, leading into well-placed shoulder, good forechest, depth of chest, and spring of rib for one so young. Level topline and good tuck-up. The correct amount of muscle covering for age. Handler has a habit of over-stretching her though, which spoilt rear angulation when stood. However, once settled she showed off her correct angulation by covering the ground with ease and enthusiasm and holding her topline. Very close for Best Puppy Bitch just lacks the maturity at this stage, one I will watch with interest.

2. Pearman's - BRITMANS ARIA

Slightly rangier and less balanced than 1 at this stage. Pretty head of correct proportions. Nice neck length and good front and rear angulation which she used to

- on the move when she covered the ground with ease. Promising puppy, just needs time to mature.
- 3. Coleman's SMILEK SWEET CAROLINE
- 4. Cain's SCHONHUND SHOW MIA STAR AT LUSTAMUSK

Puppy Bitch (Entry 8 - Absentees 1)

1. Morris's - KALIMOR DOTTIE

Mature puppy, slightly darker in colour than I would prefer, but this does not distract from her substance. Beautiful head with lots of work in it, sweet expression with an element of naughtiness about her. Well-boned and muscled throughout. Straight front with tight feet. Good depth of chest and plenty of forechest, she has wonderful spring of rib for her age, ribs lead back into stong abdomen and moderate tuck-up. Slightly longer in the body than some, handler handles her to advantage. Moves well once handler gets her into her stride, when she is in stride she moves effortlessly around what was quite a big ring. Best Puppy Bitch.

- 2. Maskell, Rayner & Maskell's ENJAGER HARMONY WITH BROWNBANK Very close between 1&2. A different type to 1, slightly leaner and racier in type. Balanced bitch, pretty head with nice eyes and correct ears. Lean neck into well laid shoulders, level topline, good front, and rear angulation, she moved well covering the ground with ease and holding her topline throughout.
- 3. Green's ANSONA GOING FOR GOLD
- 4. Dobb's KALIMOR SUMMA LOVE
- 5. Coleman's SMILEK SWEET CAROLINE

Junior Bitch (Entry 4 - Absentees 1)

- 1. Morris's KALIMOR DOTTIE Repeat of Puppy
- 2. Maskell, Rayner & Maskell's ENJAGER HARMONY WITH BROWNBANK Repeat of Puppy
- 3. Maclaine & Dickson's GREYSPIRIT MYSTIQUE CPW22

Yearling Bitch (Entry 2 - Absentees 0)

1. West's - GUNALT WAVELENGTH

A beautiful Bitch, nothing overexaggerated she is balanced and has the correct amount of bone and muscle required. Pretty head, with soft eyes, lovely ear placements, good neck leading into well-placed shoulders. Nice amount of depth to the chest and well ribbed giving her plenty of lung room. She used her strong straight front and her well-angulated rear to her advantage on the move, she moved with reach and drive and covered the ground effortlessly. Reserve Best Bitch.

2. Reake's - THRIHYRNE LOVE LETTERS - Repeat of 2nd in Longhaired class.

Post Graduate Bitch (Entry 6 - Absentees 1)

1. Dennis's - SILVERWEIS SPARKLER

Close decision between 1&2, this bitch just pipped it for balance and enthusiasm. Pleasant head, with kind expression and good eye shape and colour. Strong neck into good shoulder placement, level topline and correct fall-off over the croup. Plenty of depth to the chest and spring to the rib, good bend of stifle into well let down hocks. She came to life on the move, she moved out covering the ground effortlessly and with the 'look at me' kind of attitude.

- 2. Cain's SCHONHUND SHOW TALLULAH AT LUSTAMUSK
 Similar in type to 1. Pretty head, with a nice expression. Well balanced, good length
 to the neck, beautiful forechest and straight front. Rear angulation put on a show on
 the move, she really drove around the ring and covered the ground with ease.
- 3. Davies & Brown WYSTRY ONE MINT JULEP
- 4. Brown & Filby DESJIEM DUJARDIN
- 5. Lovejoy's FELICITAS LUCK

Limit Bitch (Entry 9 - Absentees 3)

1. Marr's - SHARNPHILLY GRACE KELLY AT CLEIMAR

Another Wow - This Bitch came into the ring and owned it from the moment she stepped in. Beautifully balanced of correct size and substance required, with a clean outline. A beautiful head with an intelligent expression with a glint in her eye. She has one of the best necks here, lean but strong, leading into well-placed shoulders, she has the correct depth of chest and spring of rib. Straight front with firm well arched feet on the end. Well-bent stifles leading into straight hocks. She has the correct amount of muscle coverage and she used all her attributes to her advantage on the move, she moved with drive, enthusiasm and 'look at me' attitude which meant she covered the ground effortlessly. I couldn't take my eyes off her. Pleased to award her (Best Bitch and Best in Show).

2. Clarke's - SIREVA SAILING BY COASTEDGE

A different type to 1. Feminine head with lots of work in it, kind but an alert expression. Confirmation balanced, well-formed chest, ample bone, and muscle coverage. Moved with purpose and drive around the ring. Handler just needs to be careful to not over-stretch her on the stack.

- 3. Morris's KALIMOR GEM
- 4. Maclaine & Dickson's GREYSPIRIT HOPES N DREAMS JW
- 5. Dobb's OAKSWARREN ICE MAIDEN

Open Bitch (Entry 5 - Absentees 2)

- 1. Anderton's TATZE BEWITCHED BY THRIHYRNE Repeat of Longhaired class.
- 2. Maclaine & Dickson's GREYSPIRIT PURDUE JW SHCM SHCEX CJW17 CW22 I liked this bitch a lot, just didn't have the overall balance of 1. Feminine head with soft expression, lean neck into well-placed shoulders, straight front with well-arched feet. Good depth of chest and well ribbed up. Rear angulation she used to her advantage on the move, she moved out with drive and enthusiasm, covering the ground with ease.

3. Moore's - KALIMOR JAZZ AT CAVALMIST

Veteran Bitch (Entry 3 - Absentees 2)

1. Crowthers - HUNDWITH GIGGLE

More compact in type than others, but an honest bitch with a lot to like about her. She is balanced and has the right amount of substance to her. Pretty head with a gentle expression and another one with a glint to her eye. Moderate length neck, into well placed shoulders, level topline with short firm loin, drops off correctly over the croup. Straight front with correct bone, well-muscled over the correct rear angulation. Moved effortlessly around the ring with enthusiasm and drive. Best Veteran in Show).

Junior Handling

1. Georgia Maskell

This young handler has come so far in the time I have been in the breed. It is a pleasure to watch her handle dogs, she is calm with them and gets the very best out of any dog she handles or runs. She stood alone in the class but deserving of her place. She handled the dog to perfection, never in front of me and the dog and when I asked her to do a 'T' she did it to flawlessley which is hard to do with such a big dog. Well done Georgia you are a credit to the breed and the breed is lucky to have such a wonderful young handler.