

Weimaraner Association Championship Show
30/4/2017

Oakridge Arena Newark

I would like to thank the WA for inviting me to judge bitches at their championship show at this excellent venue. The weather was sunny and although a bit windy, it was good to be able to judge outside in large well-manicured rings. The facilities at this venue are outstanding, top quality all round.

I enjoyed my day and was very pleased with my winners but I do have a few concerns about our breed. The standard says that movement should be "effortless, ground covering, indicating smooth co-ordination. Seen from the rear, hind feet parallel to front feet. Seen from the side topline remains strong and level". Quite a lot of the bitches do have parallel movement but they do not cover the ground or maintain a level topline. Bum high movement is almost becoming the norm! I do urge breeders and judges to be aware of this and penalise the dogs accordingly. Reach and drive needed to achieve the effortless ground covering stride, are a delight to see but all too often not present. All too often judges seem to concentrate on parallel movement with multiple up and down observation and very little examination of profile movement.

Grumbles over, temperaments were spot on.

Minor Puppy 3

1st Dyer's Sharnphilly Ruby Aura.

Very smart pup built on clean lines. Intelligent kind expression, good foreface and depth of flew. Medium length of neck, well arched flowing into well-constructed front and rear. Presented a very balance and pleasing outline. Easy profile movement. My co judge and I agreed that she should be BPIS.

2nd Miss Terrell Warrica Dusk Til Dawn. Really promising LH puppy, only just 6 months old but she is worth persevering with. Liked her head in particular her width of skull, clean medium neck leading in to well-placed shoulders and return of upper arm. Good bone and feet. Well sprung ribs and short loin. Moderate hind quarters. Moved soundly and with a good length of stride. Pushed the winner hard.

3rd Miss Brierley Tatze Silver Solstice

Puppy 4

1st Dyer's Sharnphilly Ruby Aura

2nd Alcorn's Hundwith Thyme. This puppy would not settle but she was enjoying her day, and why not! Balanced head with intelligent expression and nice fold of ear. When settled she had a good outline with well-constructed front and rear assembly. Correct length of body and strong loin. Will watch her progress with interest.

3rd Oliver's Deifstock Deep Desire

Junior 5 (2)

1st Reilly, Rayner and Maskell's Smilek Eyes of Silver JW. Liked this bitch's head, has a very intelligent and kind expression. Good pigment. Moderately arched neck, good lay of

shoulder. Well sprung ribs, strong loin. Moderate hind quarters. Preferred her coat, the preferred silver grey colour to 2.

2nd Yewdall's Gunalt Adorable from Ladwey. Really liked the movement of this bitch but she did not have the coat or colour of 1. Balanced head, good neck, flowing to well-made front. Correct body length of body, ribs reaching well back. Moderate hind angulation.

Sound on the move with an easy ground covering stride. Well handled.

3rd Dunn's Bryanntar Pink Princess.

Yearling 3 (1)

1st Brierly's Tatze Rogue Legacy. A very pleasing mature LH, really does present a picture of power and stamina but no sign of coarseness. Good balanced head with moderate stop and kind eye. Moderate neck flowing well into well-made front assembly. Straight legs and good feet. Well sprung ribs and long ribcage. Strong short loin. Moderately angulated hindquarters. Good profile movement with level topline and good reach and drive. Nice bitch.

2nd Myer's Kuantan Enchanted. Not as mature as the winner and needs to drop in ribs. Pleasing outline, and movement, lovely feet and colour.

Novice 6 (1)

1st Dyer's Sharnphilly Ruby Aura.

2nd Alcorn's Hundwith Thyme.

3rd Dunn's Bryanntar Pink Princess.

Graduate 7(1)

1st Morgan's Parhelis Irulan. Liked this bitch on the move, easy and powerful with a level topline which gave her the edge over 2. Beautiful silver grey coat, amber sweet eyes. Balanced head. Good muscular neck. Well laid shoulder, good bone and feet. Strong loin. Moderate hind angulation. Moved soundly.

2nd Reilly, Rayner and Maskell's Smilek Eyes of Silver JW.

3rd Murray's Kuantan Beau River at Rachmor.

Post Graduate 12 (3)

1st Carrington's Edingorse Enigma. Quality bitch who headed a good class. I loved this bitch's outline, colour and feminine head. Balanced head with good foreface and snooty expression. Clean neck, well-constructed front and rear. Well sprung long ribcage. Short strong loin leading to well-muscled hind quarters. Sound mover with level topline, would like a bit more enthusiasm on the move to complete the picture but well handled, never seen her look so good in the stack

2nd Ricketts' Wraithseer Summer Solstice. Another quality bitch, classy outline. Balanced head, kind intelligent eye. Well-built throughout with correct angles and outline, best of feet. Good long deep ribs with strong loin. Preferred her on the move to 1 but lost out on coat colour.

3rd Thrasivoulou Skilaki It's De Lovely JW

Limit 2

1st Batty's Edingorse Ethereal at Almoor JW. Litter sister to the post grad winner and very similar in build but what a great mover, just eats up the ground with a long sound stride. I

have long admired this bitch from the ring side, she excels in colour and movement. Beautiful head, balance and the best of expressions, very aristocratic and superior. Correctly made throughout with tight feet. Well sprung long ribs and strong short loin. Shown in tip top condition. She pushed hard for the CC but just lost out today, but I am sure her day will come. RCC
2nd Haseltine's Rutilus Housemate with Hookwood JW.

Open 8

1st Perez-Powell's Gunalt Quirky. This bitch headed an interesting class which was a pleasure to sort out. This is a moderate LH bitch in construction which is how they should be. Balanced head, good width of skull with moderate occiput. Moderate neck, well angled front and rear. Deep well sprung ribs, strong loin. Moved very soundly and with reach and drive. Really liked her, unlucky to be out of coat which cost her in the challenge.
2nd Allison & Treadgold's Kuantan Kraving. Very much my type of Weimar when stood but she just didn't reach out as well as the winner when on the move. Great head, eye, arched neck. Good ribs and hind angulation. Sound on the move and a great silver colour.
3rd Allison's Silberstein High Society.

Veteran 9 (1)

1st Crowther's Ch Hundwith Toggle JW. When this bitch first entered the ring she just filled my eye. She is moderate throughout but with that extra sparkle of quality. Great head and expression, clean moderate arched neck flowing into well laid shoulders. Good return of upper arm, lacking in quite a few. Straight front and the best of feet. Deep long well sprung ribs, short strong muscular loin. Great sweep to hind quarters and low set hocks. Just powered round the ring. Loved her CC and she is a full Champion which is so good to see. With the agreement of my co-judge BIS and BVIS.
2nd Brook's Quadet Dita at Whisperbrook. Great coloured bitch, I liked her head with a good length of foreface, moved very well on an easy stride, a bitch who has really improved with age.
3rd Wright's Ir Sh Ch Lassemistia Calypso.

Special Open Longhair 8 (2)

1st Perez-Powell's Gunalt Quirky.
2nd Brierley's Tatze Rogue Legacy.
3rd Wright's Ir Sh Ch Laemista Calypso.

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