

2013 CHAMPIONSHIP CRITIQUE - CONFORMATION

MR WIM WIERSMA (NDL) 'Of Summer's Joy' Whippets

What a treat it was to be invited again only one year after I had to cancel last year's invitation. On the other hand unfortunately due to the fact that the previously invited judge Mrs. Marshall was not able to come.

A big thank you to the Committee members of the Whippet Association of Victoria for this appointment and another big thank you to the members for this wonderful entry.

You have no idea how much I enjoyed going over all these, for me unknown, beautiful and lovely Whippets. In general quality was very high and presentation was excellent, although some handlers had the tendency to pull out the hind legs of their dog so far that they ruined the otherwise balanced picture.

As I mentioned earlier the Australian Whippet breeders and owners could easily compete in the Whippet ring on the Continent and do well.

I wished I could have used our grading system. Most of the exhibits would have received the highest grading excellent (meaning Champion quality). In this way I could have shown my appreciation also to the unplaced dogs.

What I looked for was flowing lines, balance, depth, strength and elegance, free, easy and low-over-the-ground reaching side movement, parallel sound coming and going, keeping the top line. And all of this without exaggeration. All my class winners and placed exhibits came close to these points.

Some points of attention were:

- Upright upper arms and pastern
- Straight top lines, especially on the move (can be caused by running too fast)
- Disappointing movement coming and going caused by loose pastern, feet turning in or out, elbows turning out, hocks turning in and going narrow behind.
- Teeth in quite a few could be cleaner.

In general a great sense of sportsmanship was shown among the exhibitors and it was very nice to hear that my final winners were so enthusiastically cheered by their competitors.

Many thanks to my Stewards Robynne Spencer and Adam Druce and my Show-Secretary Karen Fleming and Ticket Writer Barbara Murphy . Also thanks to my hosts John Thompson and Sandi Mashford for their great hospitality before the show and to Sue Delaney and Noreen Harris after the show. I felt so welcome in your beautiful and fascinating country.

BABY PUPPY DOG:

1ST. ARCAIZA CHEROKEE BRAVE (O: K Sheridan B: J Hargraves) - Four months old baby puppy very balanced in conformation a good head elegant neck excellent top and underline nicely angulated and front and rear quarters good bone and feet and nice free mover for age needs a bit of re-training for perfection. **Opp. Baby Puppy In Show.**

2ND NABIHAH HOT AS HELL (O/B: K Lewis) Five months old baby puppy in a larger frame long and lean head long elegant neck excellent top and underline well-muscled good bone and feet very good mover, well handled.

3RD KANA-KA SALBENE BENEFICIAL FOR DACHLAH (O: B Daines B: J Newton-Williams) almost five months old baby puppy of very nice size and construction nice head good ears good length of neck nicely ribbed up for age a balanced angulated very good bone and feet good depth not entirely steady on the move yet, well handled.

BABY PUPPY BITCH:

1ST. BYERLEY PIAGET (O: L King B: P More & P Griffiths) Four months excellent type pretty head lovely elegant neck very well angulated nice depth of chest good top and underline good bone pastern and feet already quite steady on move. **BABY PUPPY IN SHOW.**

2ND. ACAIZA DREAMCATCHER (O/B: J Hargraves) Four months pretty baby puppy girl head with beautiful expression long powerful neck excellent top and underline well angulated she has to knuckle up in feet moves well from all sides .

3RD. BYERLEY BAUME AND MERCIER (O/B: P More & P Griffiths) Four months very elegant baby puppy girl. Long lean head, long elegant neck, not entirely balanced in angulation but perfect top and underline. Good bone and feet very well handled.

MINOR PUPPY DOG:

1ST. RORYSTAR NAPOLEON (O: J & T Comerford B: C Kirkman) Seven months elegant puppy dog lovely substance and angulation well-proportioned head long neck flowing top-line that has to develop in strength good depth bone fitting with type good feet very enthusiastic mover. **MINOR PUPPY IN SHOW**

2ND. MONDETTA OPERATION REPO (O/B: J Johnson) Eight months well developed puppy dog with a larger frame very nice head and lovely expression long neck a bit upright in upper arm and pastern excellent top-line and depth strong developed hindquarters moved well from all sides.

3rd. CHESSMAN HOPE AND GLORY (O/B: J Kerslake) Six months very balanced in construction and of good type masculine head a bit round in eye good length of neck, bit upright in upper arm, beautiful top and underline strong developed hindquarters moved freely with nice drive through the ring.

PUPPY DOG:

1ST. BONNYMEAD INTREPID (O/B: N Harris) Ten month old youngster of excellent type and very whippet. Pretty head lovely expression elegant neck flowing into excellent top-line, good depth of chest, excellent four-quarters well angulated strong hindquarters, good bone in feet, moved well from all sides with good reach and drive. Well handled.

Res. Dog Challenge. PUPPY IN SHOW.

2ND. ROSIEL PAX TO THE RAFTERS (O/B: T Wills) Nine months old very nice young dog with lovely head elegant long neck nicely shaped top-line breast bone could be a little longer, depth very good, well angulated in front and hindquarters. Nice low pastern and hocks free and very good mover. Well handled.

3RD. KANATI INSPIRATION FORTHA SOUL (O/B: V Moon) Nine months strong young dog of very good quality. Masculine head with nice expression, excellent long neck, well angulated in front and hindquarters. Beautiful long ribcage, strong in hindquarters, well boned with good feet, good mover from all sides and very well presented.

JUNIOR DOG:

1ST. CH TAEJAAN SET FIRE TO TH RAIN (O: S Turay & M Rule Steele B: Taejaan Kennels) Twelve month old junior of excellent type and conformation. Long lean head, nice flat skull elegant but still strong neck, balanced angulations excellent top and underline very nice muscle tone. Good bone pastern and feet excellent mover from all sides. Well handled. **Opp. Junior In Show**

2ND. PARNEW I LIKE HOW IT FEELS (O/B: G Parry) Seventeen months old, strong junior of excellent type. Beautiful head lovely expression, long strong neck, good top and underline and balanced angulations. Good depth of chest excellent bone pastern and feet, strong hindquarters which were very well used with good propulsion. Well handled.

3rd. NABIHAH THE ARMANI LANCER (O: S Santoro B: K Lewis) Fifteen months old another junior of excellent type. Lovely head, long strong neck, very good body structure with no exaggerations, balanced angulations good depth of chest, good bone pastern and feet. Very nice mover from all sides. Well handled.

INTERMEDIATE DOG:

1ST. CH DANESON DARCEZ ARTFUL DODGER (O: J Stephenson & W Downing B: J Stephenson) Nearly two year old quality fawn, excellent outline very typical head, lovely clean shoulders, good ribcage and strong well angulated hindquarters. Moved very parallel with good reach and drive. Well presented. **Opp. Intermediate In Show**

2nd. BYERLEY GANT (O/B: P More & P Griffiths) Two and a half years quality brindle, masculine head beautiful flat skull lovely expression, elegant long neck, beautifully balanced and angulated. Excellent top and underline, well developed hindquarters used very well for good propulsion a bit narrow going away from me. Very well presented.

3RD. CH BENBRIDGE ANGEL OF FAITH AT BUFFALO (Imp NZ) (O: Buffalo Knls B: H Faifua & T Fox) Nearly three year old. Another specimen of excellent breed type, well-proportioned head with lovely expression, long strong neck, well developed in chest, excellent top and underline and well balanced angulation very good and pastern, feet moved well from all sides. Very well presented.

AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG:

1ST. CH PEPPERONE LUV UR STYLE (O/B: Peperone Knls) Just over four years old masculine dog of nice size and type. Beautiful head, lovely expression, long neck, clean shoulders, lovely top and underline, good ribcage, strong hindquarters and sound mover. Very well presented. **Opp. Aust. Bred In Show**

2nd. CH TAEJAAN KINKY BOOTS (O: N Rule-Steele & L McVilly B: N Rule-Steele). Six year old another specimen of good size and substance. Well-proportioned head nice expression, elegant strong neck flowing into well laid shoulder a bit upright in upper arm but excellent top and underline, well developed hindquarters, parallel movement coming and going and good reach and drive seen from the side. Very well handled.

3rd. CH KARNABAY JIMMY CHOO (O/B: J & T Comerford & M Quinn) Two years old another nice classical fawn, very pretty head with lovely expression, good neck and shoulders, excellent top and underline, very good bone and feet. Strong developed hindquarters, moves well but has a tendency to go a bit wide in behind. Well presented.

OPEN DOG:

1ST. SUP. CH ACAIZA DISTINCTLY DASHING (O/B: J Hargraves) Five and a half years quality dog of lovely substance and size. Masculine head well-proportioned a typical whippet expression. Long strong neck flowing well laid shoulder, beautiful top line, excellent depth, good ribcage and strong well angulated hindquarters. Good bone, nice low pastern and good feet. Sound mover from all sides and very well presented. **DOG CHALLENGE, OPEN & BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW**

2nd. SUP. CH BYERLEY LONGINES (O/B: P More & P Griffiths) Seven years old. Another quality dog and a good runner up to the number one. Well proportioned head, excellent length of neck, good top and underline and well filled fore-chest, excellent bone, pastern and feet and very sound mover from all side. Very well presented.

3rd. SUP CH PEPPERONE NEW SENSATION (O: Elmaro Knls B: Peperone Knls) Five and a half year old dog that does not look his age has a puppy thing about him. Higher on the leg but with very good depth and body proportions. Beautiful head lovely ear carriage, excellent neck shoulder and top-line, very good depth of chest and beautifully angulated. Shows great reach and movement. Very well presented.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH:

1ST. KANATI INSPIRATIONS IN COLOUR (O/B: V Taylor) Eight months very promising minor puppy. Beautiful head lovely expression, good ear carriage, long neck flowing in very nice top line which she keeps on the move. Balanced angulated, good depth for age, very feminine, nice strong loin, good bone pastern and feet. Enthusiastic free mover. Well presented. **Opp. Minor Puppy In Show**

2nd MOONWIND OVER THE RAINBOW (O/B: M Hoy) Eight months well developed quality minor puppy. Pleasing head, long neck, good ribcage and depth of chest. Lovely top-line kept on the move well angulated, bone fitting for type, good movement from all sides, maybe a bit wide going away from me. Well handled.

3RD. MONDETTA UNCHAIN MY HEART (O/B: J Johnson) Eight months super elegant bitch with just enough bone for her type, very balanced in construction, pleasing head with lovely expression, lovely long neck. Very good top and underline, nicely angulated, good pastern and feet. Strong hindquarters, moved well. Excellent presentation.

PUPPY BITCH:.

1ST. CHESSMEN HOCUS POCUS (O/B: J Kerslake) Nearly seven months old pretty young bitch with a long lean head she could have a bit more stop, elegant neck with very good top-line, excellent angulation and good depth of chest. Lovely size and substance, free and enthusiastic mover with good reach and propulsion. Very well presented. **Opp. Puppy In Show**

2ND. WINDYLE GREY GARDENS (O/B: R Barwick & D Smith) Ten month old substantial bitch of good quality, lovely head, good neck, excellent top and underline, excellent depth, good bone and feet and well developed hindquarters. Good movement from all sides. Well presented.

3RD. BYERLEY TILKAH (O/B: P More & P Griffiths) Ten month old quality bitch with a rather large frame. Pretty head, nice dark eye with ear carriage, lovely neck, well angulated, good ribcage, strong hindquarters, good bone and feet. Moved very well, well presented.

JUNIOR BITCH:

1ST. BONNYMEAD IANTHE (O: L Barrenger B: N Harris) Ten months old quality junior. Feminine head, lovely expression, elegant long neck flowing and well laid shoulders, flowing top line, good depth of chest and excellent angulation in front and rear quarters. Flowing movement with reach and drive. Well presented. **JUNIOR IN SHOW**

2nd. BYERLEY VERONIKA MAINE (O: H Gibson B: P More & P Griffiths) Ten months old elegant junior of excellent body construction. Good top-line which is kept on the move lovely head, neck and shoulders, good bone, strong hindquarters, powerful movement quite parallel coming and going. Very well presented.

3rd BARONRATH ZIG ZAG (O/B: S Sutherland). Just over 12 months old strong young bitch in dry condition. Nice head with lots of expression, long powerful neck, well angulated from the hind quarters, lovely depth of chest, very good top-line good bone and feet. Moved well but could show a bit more enthusiasm. Well presented.

INTERMEDIATE BITCH:

1ST. CH RIDGESETTER SUMMER RAIN (O: N Harris B: J & T Comerford) Eighteen month old nicely matured quality bitch of excellent type. Typical head, elegant neck, lovely top and underline, balanced angulation, lovely depth of chest, good bone and feet, very nice mover and free with good drive and extension. Very well presented. **INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW**

2ND. CH TAEJAAN STEP ASIDE BOYS (O: A Tan, W Douglas & N Rule-Steele B: N Rule-Steele) Nineteen month old elegant bitch. Very typical head, elegant long neck, good depth of chest and excellent top line, nicely angulated, lovely bone and feet, very sound mover in all directions. Well presented.

3rd. CH WINDYLE CINNAMON SUGAR (O/B: R Barwick & D Smith) Two year old and another elegant bitch. Good size and substance, flowing lines from neck to tail, good depth of chest and moderate bone fitting for size. Good pastern and feet, very well angulated giving drive from the rear. Well presented.

AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH:

1ST. CH PEPPERONE LOVE SERENADE (O/B: Peperone Knls) Four year old classical fawn of good size and substance. Very typical head, good length of neck, very good lay of shoulder, excellent top-line, good depth of chest. Nicely angulated strong hindquarters, moves well from all sides and is very well presented. **AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW.**

2nd. CH BYERLEY GUESS (O: Ingwe Knls B: P More & P Griffiths) Three years old quality brindle. Long lean head, nice expression, very good top and underline, moderate but nicely angulate. Good depth of chest, very sound mover and well presented.

3RD. BARONRATH LORIKET ALL GOLD (O: D Broadbent B: S Sutherland) Four and half year old well-constructed strong bitch in a nice dry condition. Lovely head, dark eye, long powerful neck, excellent top-line and good depth of chest. Nicely angulated powerful first and second thigh, good bone and feet, sound mover from all sides. Well presented.

OPEN BITCH:

1ST. SUP CH BEAUROI SUMMER REIGN (O/B: T & J McNeill) Just five years old beautiful quality bitch with an exquisite head and lovely expression. Long elegant neck flowing into well laid shoulders and excellent top-line. Good depth of chest, nice strong and well angulated hindquarters, good bone and feet, moved well from all sides keeping her top-line. Well presented. **BITCH CHALLENGE. RUNNER-UP IN SHOW. Opp. Sex In Show.**

2ND. CH & NZ GRAND CH BEESHOLME TYGER TYGER (Imp NZ) (O/ N Rule-Steele & C Hendson B: J Howell) Six year old very nicely matured quality bitch. Very typical head, lovely expression very nice outline and good substance Strong loins and strong hindquarter, very well angulated, excellent bone pastern and feet, free and easy mover, nicely parallel and with good drive and very well presented.

3RD. CH NABIHAH PEPPAS TIGRA (O: Buffalo Knls B: K Lewis) Four year old, very pleasing form of lovely size and substance. Very typical head, lovely long neck, excellent top and underline. Moderate but balanced angulation, would like a bit more spring of pastern, very good bone and feet. Excellent mover from all sides. Well presented.

Property Classes.

Mrs Anne Robert (UK) Arbee Whippets

VETERAN DOG/BITCH (7 yrs & under 10 Yrs)	K Lewis' CH NABIHAH NUMERO OONO ET
VETERAN DOG/BITCH (10 yrs & Over)	L Barrenger & Dryburgh's GR CH TEZER FEEL FREE TO STARE
HEAD & EXPRESSION DOG.	T & J McNeill's BEAUROI BLAME IT ONTH REIGN
HEAD & EXPRESSION BITCH.	L Barrenger's BONNYMEAD IOLANDA
BEST GAITED DOG or BITCH.	Elmaro Kennels SUP. CH PEPPERONE NEW SENSATION
SIRE & PROGENY:	Greenwood's CH TWYBORN FLAM BEAU (Imp Swed.)
DAM & PROGENY:	L Barrenger's CH ISILWANE FLAG BEARER ET
BRACE:	J & T Comerfords Sup. Ch Ridgesetter Etain / Ch Ridgesetter Dontrainonmyparade
NEUTER:	Dillon & Thomas's JENRANA CARLTON PRIDE

CH AIRESCOT CHACONNE (Imp Nor.) AWARD for Most Successful Sire for 2013 Championship SHow

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