

Dachshund Club of Queensland Show Critiques

Saturday 12 June 2021

Judge – Linda Stevens (ACT)

Veterans Sweepstakes

1st (67) **NZ CH.CH KERNOEL EYES OF A WARRIOR (IMP NZ)**

Long Haired – 10 years, male in beautiful condition, sound, correct proportions, bold and defiant carriage on the move, full coat and furnishings, correct conical head with pleasing expression, excellent quality and breed type.

2nd (16) **GR CH ADADACH BUTTONS N BOWS**

Miniature Long Haired – 8 years, very good breed type, very feminine, correct conical head and expression, moved freely lovely coat and presentation with beautiful ear fringes, pleasing quality for age.

3rd (69) **CH. ALMARJO GRETA VON SCHNITZEL**

Miniature Smooth Haired – 8 years, good breed type, starting to show her age particularly on the move with a slightly saggy topline, pleasing head and expression, very sound front and rear.

Long Haired Dachshund

Class 1 **BABY PUPPY DOG**

(1) **KIMSCOTT BOAST THE POST**

5 months black and tan male, smart looking, very sound mover, excellent chest, pleasing head and dark eye, correct proportions, lot to like about this young dog.

Class 4 **JUNIOR DOG**

(2) **LAURADALE ROLL THE DICE**

Good type, strong topline, correct proportions, quite heavy bone and heavy set for a young dog, promise of coat with plenty of pants and tail feathers already and well textured, sound bold and happy mover, pronounced chest and prosternum, front feet turn out slightly, broad and full rump.

Class 5 **INTERMEDIATE DOG**

(3) **AUST CHAMPION BRIARMIST I WILL ROCK YOU**

Very pleasing type, stylish young male, attractive coat and furnishings, pleasing conical head with a dark almond shaped eye providing correct expression, moved soundly with correct head carriage however I would prefer less spring and more flowing movement.

Class 10 **AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG**

(4) **CHARLEMAGNE ONCE UPON A TIME**

Good type with correct moderate proportions, correctly placed front with full chest, correct conical shaped head with dark eye but head perhaps a little stronger than I would prefer, pleasing size and weight, stands under himself a little, coat promising and well textured.

Class 11 **OPEN DOG**

(5) **SUPREME CH BRIARMIST BREAKING THE RULES**

Excellent type with great topline, beautiful balance and correct moderate proportions, excellent head and expression, very pleasing shoulders, front and prominent chest, bold and defiant flowing movement with drive, coat well conditioned and plentiful, very sound, great ring presence. My eventual Best in Show winner.

(6) **CH MARALYA WAR AND PEACE**

Excellent type, attractive conical head with stunning long feathered ears, slightly flat in front feet and pastern, smooth flowing mover, shown and presented beautifully. Lots to like about this boy.

Class 1a **BABY PUPPY BITCH**

(7) **BRIARMIST WITH LOVE FROM CORSAIR (IMP NZ)**

4 months, very attractive head and expression, very pleasing type, well bodied with good bone, moved very soundly, a little scant in coat, lacking thickness and density but hopefully this will improve with age. Promising youngster. My eventual Baby in Show.

(8) **KIMSCOTT BETTY BOOP**

5 months, beautiful head and expression, sound, topline a bit soft in body but should improve with maturity, correct front, prefer slightly longer ribbing.

Class 5a **INTERMEDIATE BITCH**

(9) **KIMSCOTT AIN'T SHE A SINNER**

Red, good honest bitch, pleasing type, sound, lacks coat furnishing, strong rear quarters but reluctant mover.

(10) **KIMSCOTT AIN'T SHE TIPSY**

Black and tan bitch, pleasing type, attractive feminine head, prefer more forechest, sound front and rear but very reluctant mover, well coated.

Dachshund Miniature Long Haired

Class 2 **MINOR PUPPY DOG**

(11) **SPLENDAK NEXT CHAPTER IN BOLD**

7 months, very good type, pleasing head and expression, prefer slightly longer ribbing and longer neck, feet a little bit flat at the moment, sound movement coming and going, correct body proportions, beautiful temperament.

Class 10 **AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG**

(12) **GR CH SPLENDAK FIRST CHAPTER**

Very good type, prefer slightly longer neck, and darker eye, excellent body, ribbing and topline which is retained on the move, sound coming and going with very correct rear quarters, lovely textured coat and feathering and beautifully presented.

Class 3a **PUPPY BITCH**

(13) **SHASDIN ROYAL RED ALERT**

Excellent type, very smart young bitch, elegant length of neck and balanced body, feminine head and expression, promise of coat, well put together in front, fluid free mover, very sound, one to watch as she matures. My eventual Puppy in Show

Class 4a **JUNIOR BITCH**

(14) **SHASDIN ROYAL RADIO GAGA**

Almost 12 months, very good type, attractive head and expression, free, sound and clean mover, similar to puppy bitch but perhaps not as elegant in outline on the move or when standing particularly over the rear.

Class 9a **STATE BRED BITCH**

(15) **CH SPLENDAK SPECIAL EDITION**

While of correct length, strong rear quarters, well coated with attractive head and expression, she is somewhat lacking in front construction so she appeared unbalanced, prefer more prosternum and more layback in shoulders and better angulation, slightly nervous.

Class 10a **AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH**

(16) **GR CH ADADACH BUTTONS N BOWS**

Excellent type, strong topline standing and moving, feminine head and expression of conical shape and good length, well balanced and developed body, full chest, sound free movement with correct head carriage but coat a bit ragged and scrappy.

(17) **CH WESTPRIORS WALK ON BY**

8 years, very good breed type, very feminine, correct conical head and expression, moved soundly, lovely coat and presentation with beautiful ear fringes.

Class 11a **OPEN BITCH**

(18) **CH DACHDOTCOM MILO HEIDI**

Very feminine bitch of excellent type, beautifully presented in full bloom, very pleasing conical head and expression, very well angulated front and rear which enabled smooth and fluid movement, coat of excellent thickness, length and texture. A lovely picture. My eventual Runner Up in Show winner.

Dachshund Smooth Haired

Class 5 INTERMEDIATE DOG

(19) GERSNDACH COURAGE UNDER FIRE

Very smart dog, a bit nervy on the move (Covid age?), lovely outline, pleasing head and expression, sound coming and going, very good topline which he retains on the move, full over the rear, handsome head of correct length and pleasing expression, would prefer better angulation in the front to provide more prominent chest and prosternum.

Class 9 STATE BRED DOG

(20) CH ADBESARE GREEN GRASS OF TEXAS

Black and tan male, smart mover with pleasing head carriage. Good topline. Prefer shorter leg and therefore shorter length of hock, prefer stronger tan markings, front angulation and lay of shoulders could be improved, tail hooks to the side a bit on the move.

Class 10 AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG

(21) GR CH ADBESARE PHIRST CLASS

Red, stylish, very good type, pleasing conical head, well proportioned, full chest with balanced rear quarters, smart fluid mover, good turn of stifle, full chest and correctly built front.

(22) CH BOSKAHAN HUGO BOSS

Good type, but lost front on the move indicating that front angulation could be better. Adequate head and expression, prefer less length of leg and longer ribbing, hooks tail on the move.

Class 11 OPEN DOG

(23) AM CH AM GR CH AUST CH JOY-DENS ROCKIN ROBIN SS (IMP USA)

Excellent breed type, correct proportions, free mover with strong topline and excellent head carriage, head is of good length and conical in shape with a correct almond eye, prefer slightly more prominence in pro sternum but otherwise a classy dog of quality.

Class 3a PUPPY BITCH

(24) GERSNDACH GIVENCHY

Red, 9 months, good breed type, pleasing feminine head and expression, moves smoothly, good depth of chest, topline needs to settle but should do so with age.

Class 5a INTERMEDIATE BITCH

(25) CH ADBESARE FIRECRACKER

Very good breed type, strong front, correct conical head, prefer longer ribbing, pleasing outline on the move with strong topline and clean rear movement. My eventual Intermediate in Show.

Class 9a **STATE BRED BITCH**

(26) **GERSDACH INDELIBLE**

Red, very good type, pleasing feminine head of good length and expression, prefer greater length upper arm and hence level out topline on the move, rear is strong, smart mover.

(27) **APANINA SUMMER WINE**

Red, very pleasing head with dark eye and feminine expression, however slightly short in upper arm, short ribbed, long in loin and over muscled behind.

Class 10a **AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH**

(28) **CH GERSDACH QUINTESSENTIAL**

Sound, good type, pleasing head and expression, long strong neck, good length of ears, prefer longer length of upper arm and shoulder angulation so the chest is more prominent, elegant outline over the rear.

Class 11a **OPEN BITCH**

(29) **CH ADBESARE LINCLAIRE MAHTAVA**

Black and tan, well marked, head is pleasing, very dark well shaped eye, however very short in upper arm, lost chest on the stack and on the move. Although very good behind, restricted in movement due to front angulation, topline rounded too much over loin and overlong toenails need trimming.

Dachshund Miniature Smooth Haired

Class 3 **PUPPY DOG**

(30) **GERSDACH CLASSIC CAPONE**

Classy black and tan, excellent type, correct size, true mover, correct body proportions, pleasing outline which he maintained on the move, long conical well shaped head. Very promising.

(31) Absent

Class 4 **JUNIOR DOG**

(32) **GERSDACH VON CHANDON**

Red, excellent breed type, well bodied, soundly constructed and well balanced, graceful outline on the stack and when moving, moved with purpose and drive from strong rear quarters, excellent head type, slightly apprehensive. Great promise. My eventual Junior in Show.

Class 5 **INTERMEDIATE DOG**

(35) **ALMARJO DARYL VON SCHNITZEL**

Red, very good type, moved purposefully with great ring presence, well constructed, pleasing head, compact and well muscled body.

(33) USHERIN THE DEBT COLLECTOR

Black and tan, well marked but oversized, correct front and rear, lovely head with good expression.

(34) CH CRAIHALL MAGIC MIKE

Red, needs more angles in the front to provide more chest and prosternum and improve the lay of shoulders, slightly untidy rear movement, well shaped head with pleasing expression.

Class 9 STATE BRED DOG

(35) AUST SUPREME ALMARJO HARVEY VON SCHNTZEL

Red, excellent type, well constructed, excellent topline and well ribbed, correct moderate proportions, attractive, well shaped head of correct length, with good ear and eye providing a lovely expression, very sound but a bit lack lustre on the move. Quality dog.

(36) GERSNDACH ROUGE ROYALE

Red, excellent type, smart mover with purposeful drive and ground coverage, correct head type and expression, slightly long in the loin.

Class 10 AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG

(37) CH ALMARJO WILSON CON SCHNITZEL

Red, very good type with elegant outline on the stack, well constructed and well bodied, but slightly sluggish on the move although quite sound front and rear.

(38) ASSUANA SULTANA

Red, happy temperament and smart mover but front angulation is insufficient and length of ribbing is a bit short and both of these aspects contributed to an uneven topline on the move and when standing.

Class 11 OPEN DOG

(39) AUST SUPREME CH ALMARJO TWIST N SHOUT

Shaded Red, excellent breed type, excellent size, elegant outline with very good topline, front feet a bit untidy, strong full rear quarters, head of good length and conical, moved truly. Pleasing quality.

Class 1a BABY PUPPY BITCH

(43) ALMARJO KAREN

Red, 5 months, stylish young bitch, sound in front and rear, promising head, would prefer her to have longer ribbing.

(42) SPLENDAK SWEET N SASSY

Red, 4 months, young and still to develop in body, prefer her ribbing to be longer, topline needs to settle on the move, OK on the stack, requires more prosternum.

(41) CRAIHALL THE KNIGHTS LOVER

Black and tan, 3 months, young and didn't want to move, very little front development, front angulation insufficient and lacked prosternum, ribbing also a bit short.

Class 2a **MINOR PUPPY BITCH**

(45) **GERSDACH MASTERING THE RED**

Red, good breed type, topline not great on the move or stack, hopefully will settle with age, feminine attractive head, prefer less length in body as it looked a bit unbalanced.

(44) **DACALDORF MUSTANG SALLY**

Red, good type, prefer head to be more feminine, sound in movement but tail carried too high which marred the outline on the move, well bodied.

Class 3a **PUPPY BITCH**

(47) **ALMARJO HEIDI VON SCHNITZEL**

Red, excellent type, soundly constructed, classy true mover, well bodied and well muscled, lovely head piece, well balance, prefer slightly longer ribbing. Unlucky to miss out on Puppy in Show which was a strong class.

(46) **GERSDACH THE CLASSIC PEARL**

Black and tan, still to mature and firm up in body, but quite classy and well put together, moved truly with elegant outline.

Class 4a **JUNIOR BITCH**

(48) **CRAIHALL TRUST IN ME**

Red, good type but head a bit wedge shaped, topline not level on the move. Sound coming and going.

Class 5a **INTERMEDIATE BITCH**

(49) **CH GERSDACH ARIA RIO FEMME**

Red, smart mover with great ring presence, prefer to see longer ribbing and greater angulation in front which would improve the topline on the move, well muscled in good condition.

Class 10a **AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH**

(50) **AUST CH ALMARJO LADY SARA**

Shaded red, excellent breed type, elegant with good length of neck, feminine correct shaped head, would prefer to see more prominent prosternum to balance the full strong rear quarters. My eventual Aust Bred in Show.

Class 11a **OPEN BITCH**

(51) **AUST CH ALMARJO CAROL VON SCHNITZEL**

Red, excellent type bitch of quality, very well constructed, stylish coming and going, true purposeful mover, lovely full chest and prosternum, well ribbed, elegant neck into topline, beautifully balanced, very appealing correct head shape and expression.

(52) CH STARDAYNE ROYALE BOUQUET

Red, very good type, well bodied, well balanced, good topline and head carriage, prefer to be a bit tidier in the rear on the move.

Class 18 NEUTER DOG

(53) CH STARDAYNE POL ROGER

Black and tan, very good type, well presented, in lovely condition, elegant but well up to size, prefer slightly less length, smart mover.

Dachshund Wire Haired

Class 5a INTERMEDIATE BITCH

(54) CH SHASDIN WIRY CHIQUITITA

Very good breed type, excellent coat texture, sound front and rear, moved with boldness and purpose, well balanced head with good length and very well furnished, prefer a touch more compact.

Class 9a STATE BRED BITCH

(55) CH DACHDOTCOM WIRY RUMOUR HAS IT (AI)

Excellent breed type, very well constructed, lovely balance, very sound front and rear, great ring presence, moved with drive and purpose. Excellent topline on the move and on the stack, coat was of harsh texture but could be more profuse, well balanced appealing head and expression. My eventual State Bred in Show.

Dachshund Miniature Wire Haired

Class 1 BABY PUPPY DOG

(56) AGWYR MORGAN TSAR

Black and tan, almost 6 months, lovely promising head with great expression, well bodied, sound front and rear, would prefer longer ribbing and accordingly a better topline on the move, hopefully the topline will settle with maturity, promise of correct texture coat.

Class 4 JUNIOR DOG

(57) SYRMA LAIRD OF RUM

Very good breed type, coat straight and harsh, sound front and rear, going through an unsettled stage with the topline, which hopefully will settle with maturity, a bit nervous, particularly around mouthing.

(58) AASHEERDAC UNSER ZANDER

Red, good breed type, prefer a tidier front, rear quarters strong, correct harsh coat, slightly restricted on the move.

Class 1a **BABY PUPPY BITCH**

(61) **SANDSWEPT GABRIELLE**

Very good breed type, very smart, well furnished with coat of harsh texture. Promising feminine head with pleasing expression, sound front and rear.

(62) **AGWYR POPPYSEED PRINCESS**

Very good type, well constructed, well bodied and attractive head.

(60) **SANDSWEPT GEORGIA**

Good type, attractive head, harsh coat texture, would benefit from longer ribbing and more correct topline.

Class 3a **PUPPY BITCH**

(63) **AASHEERDAC UNSER ZELDA**

Great temperament, excellent ring presence, very happy to be in the ring, would prefer better front angulation and a longer neck, sound front and rear.

Class 10a **AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH**

(64) **SYRMA MADAMA BUTTERFLY**

Very good breed type, a bit tentative in temperament, elegant outline, moved truly front and rear, an attractive feminine head with good length of ear, well balanced and well bodied, coat of correct harsh texture, would prefer slightly more forechest.

Class 18a **NEUTER BITCH**

(66) **CH AGWYR QUE SERA SERA**

Good type with correct coat texture, sound front and rear, moved with a level topline, just a bit tentative.

General Comments

I thoroughly enjoyed judging this show! Overall the dachshunds were of a very good quality which is pleasing to a long term judge, breeder and exhibitor in the breed.

I was very impressed by the development in heads over all the varieties. It is obvious that breeders and exhibitors are trying to achieve conical, rather than wedge shaped heads and accordingly the length and balance is much more correct and "houndy". Eye colour and shape was also pleasing in most cases.

Generally soundness has been achieved by most dogs although not all have the required drive from the rear. I encourage breeders and exhibitors to get someone to video their dog's movement and check the drive. I also feel that not all dogs were as well muscled as they could be. Good old fashioned walking the dog/s a kilometre each day works wonders! I was pleased to see remarkably

few cases, if any of cow hocks and on the whole the fronts were straight with few examples of significant turn out of feet.

Talking about feet, there were a number of dogs, particularly evident in the smooth coats, that had toenails that were far too long and should have been trimmed. Long nails look bad and emphasize flat feet. There were also some dachshunds that had dirty teeth, particularly around the gums. Very important that these are attended too either by the vet (expensive) or by the teeth cleaning kits currently available and which are very effective. (eg Emmi Pet)

In just about all cases I was satisfied with the size and bone of the exhibits. Generally it was quite evident at a glance which variety the exhibit belonged too. I also was pleased to see that most of the dogs were shown in really good condition weight wise.

What I did see however, that needs addressing, is the length of ribbing on a number of the dachshunds. Short ribs and long loins tends to go hand in hand with poor toplines. Obviously easier to hide in the long coats and wires but hand examinations reveal it clearly. While appearing fine on the stack a dachshund looks quite unbalanced on the move when ribbing is short and the topline roaches, particularly over the loin. These exhibits often are unable to extend in the rear and on the smooth varieties 'sickle' hocks are more evident with the rear legs seemingly to tickle the underline. Young pups with less length of ribbing will seem to have a distinct upside down 'v' underline.

I noticed a number of exhibits were lacking chest development. Our standard clearly asks for a prominent prosternum, not just layers of fat. This tendency tends to run hand in hand with short upper arms in the front construction, and insufficient angulation and lay back of the shoulders. This impacts on ability to move efficiently as well as short neck length and incorrect head carriage.

While a number of exhibits carried their heads high, where there was insufficient angulation in the shoulders and short upper arm, the front movement often showed the front legs moving up and down quickly with too much lift and not efficiently, not pulling the ground correctly. Speed and "busyness" does not necessarily equate with long striding, fluid and flowing movement.

Temperaments were generally good however there were (and have always been) exhibits who are more nervous. Certainly months and months without shows has meant that some dachshunds were not getting the show training and experience that they would have otherwise. This might account for greater naughtiness in some but not for genuine timidity. I have found over the years that my biggest winners (and certainly even my own current dogs) are the ones with the happiest ring presence and temperament. A dachshund that goes into the ring with a happy demeanour and a 'pick me' attitude is much more appealing to a judge. It seems to rub off on the handlers too who are able to remain much more relaxed and enjoy the judging process.

Coats were reasonable in texture, density and length in most of the long coats. I think there has been an improvement in the harshness and furnishings of the wire coats generally.

Thank you all again for the opportunity to judge your much loved dachshunds. It was a great honour and a great pleasure.