

## HVC, Oct 1

It was my pleasure to judge the Hungarian Vizsla Club's 32nd annual Championship show, held at Brackley, Northants. My thanks go to officers and members of the committee for their hospitality and smooth running of the show and to my efficient steward who more than ably fulfilled her duties.

My overall impression is that we are continuing to lose breed type, it was obvious that some of the longer established kennels understand the finer points required of our noble and aristocratic breed. The removal of the word 'gaunt' when referring to the head is rightly lamented by a good number of breed specialists. Everything about the vizsla's characteristics should be in harmony and moderation with nothing overdone. A major cause for concern is the poor construction of the forequarters, a correctly laid shoulder should place the front legs beneath the withers when stacked and the proportions 50/50 body to leg. This cannot be achieved with a short upper arm, which results in an inability to extend on the move. A prominent pro-sternum/breastbone should be accompanied with an adequate depth, leading to a well filled sternum and moderate width of chest. This is vital for the protection of the major organs heart and lungs, as well as giving the vizsla the capacity to perform for longer periods in the field. Good forequarters should be balanced by similar rear angulation, well rounded quarters, the powerhouse to drive the vizsla forward. Many with weak long stifles failed to produce sufficient drive. In the majority feet and pasterns were good, the same could not be said of tailsets. Very few tails were carried horizontally as the standard requires, more worryingly were tails coming straight off the back! Sadly something else that has been removed from the standard is the wording 'Moderately low set' when referring to the tail. This is not cosmetic statement a high set tail shortens the quarters and affects the rear angulation as a whole. There were a good number conforming to the breed standard, I was more than pleased with my principle winners and I commend the exhibitors who graciously accepted my decisions.

**MPD (3)** All three are promising youngsters. 1 Black Oroshaza Quinn **BPIS**, So much to like about this boy, so balanced for a 7mth baby, strong neck leading to well laid shoulders, good width to brisket, well bodied and well off for bone with good pasterns and feet, with rounded quarters, the more he was moved the more relaxed and settled into his ground covering stride, maintaining a strong level topline. 2 Simpson Kincsem Dancing Brave at Fiscardo Preferred his head to 1, good leathers, excellent dense coat, standing on good feet. 3 Downing Nicael Blue Moon at Kirbydeene

**PD (8 1)** 1 O.Quinn 2 Harper Magnus Fortuna Pitswarren JW Correct head proportions, moderate throughout, standing on good feet, correct coat, not as settled on the move 3. Burden Karaszy's Ignite

**JD (1)** 1 Stanton Roytan Zodiac Sweet expression enhanced by good leathers framing the head. Short in upperarm, lacked width, correct topline, coat and tailset, needs to settle on the move, still young with time on his side

**YD (2)** 1 Challis Highforce Future Legend for Vizslanya Masculine vizsla, skull slightly domed, dark eyes in harmony with his coat colour, well laid shoulders, short strong pasterns, well built with a good spring of rib, correct size, darker than I'd prefer. 2 R Zodiac

**PGD (7)** A strong class, a good number exhibiting many of the required breed attributes. 1 H Future Legend for V. 2 Barrett Karaszy's Glorious Legacy Good head with well squared off muzzle, good front and width, I felt a little more rear angulation was required, gently sloping croup with correct low tailset, standing on well-padded feet. 3 Clubb & Mason Oroshaza Chukar.

**LD** (6) 1 H Future Legend for V.2 Mills Karrouki Wildfire JW Lovely quizzical expression, good bite, good feet, correct length of leathers good body, deep chest, moved well coming and going. 3 Underdown Zahur Zambala.

**OD** (9) 1 Golby Sh Ch Ciboney Fagan at Shadymoore **DCC & RBIS** Sweet yet masculine expression, well bodied with the correct amount of moderate tuck up, well balanced, moved and presented very well. 2 Townsend Sh Ch Daxpack Risk Taker Rainscote **RDCC** Another with a pleasing expression, good shoulder, deep brisket and balanced angulation, correct tailset was out move by 1. 3 Willson & Jones Ismeya Saint Isaac.

**VD** (3) 1 Bonnett & Leigh Zavis Loch Loyale An elegant, stylish vizsla, oozes breed type, better front than 2. Correct proportions. Moved freely, covering the ground nicely, a lot to like. 2 White Parcroft Piros by Arunszvar Deep chested, correct tailset, overall a bit square, and let down by poor feet. 3 Northwood Ch Hookside Gabor.

**FTD** (3) Harris Szajani Szeder Dark eye and kind expression, good depth and well bodied with moderate tuck up, well-proportioned with good strong loin, drove off well using his well-muscled quarters to his advantage. 2 Harris Szajani Varazslo Kind Expression, well bodied, good tailset, moved very well maintaining a level topline. 3 White Russetmantle Idaho of Arunszvar.

**MPB** (3) 1 Rutherford Kincsem Sariska Super feminine 7mth puppy, so much to like, nicely chiselled head framed by correctly set ears and squared muzzle. Adequate length of neck, good front and feet, presented a balanced picture, moved well. Pushed the hard, the dog puppy for BPIS. 2 Digby Nicael Blue Mist at Alsziv Not the femininity of 1 balanced construction, with good topline held well on the move, at this stage not as mature as 1. 3 Wallington Nicael Blue Diamond.

**PB** (7 1) 1 K Sariska. 2 Challis Vizslanya Eritrea Sweet expression, enhanced by a kind eye of the correct colour, well laid shoulders, good depth to body, tight feet and strong pasterns, sadly dropped topline on the move and preferred the tail carriage of 1. 3 McDonald Valodi Yellow Rose Of Texas at Donurie (Imp USA).

**JB** (12 4) 1 Harper Pitwarren Rauzan Still very much a baby, feminine good head and expression, correct length of neck leading to well laid shoulders, good width of brisket, quality bone and feet, balanced correct moderate angulation, strong topline held well on the move, one for the future. 2 Golby Bareve Painted Lady over Shadymoore Not the substance of 1 correct head framed with good leathers, Presented a pleasing balanced outline, moved well, coming and going. 3 Priestley Silvestre's Jolene.

**YB** (8 1) 1 McDonald Donurie Katooni **RBCC** elegant yet strong 18mth bitch, low earset hanging close to cheeks and framing her head, great chest and brisket/prosternum, excellent feet, carried tail well in the challenge. 2 Challis Vizslanya Dunaviz Loved her expression, kind dark eyes, not so prominent pro sternum, good shoulders, well bodied, good topline, tail set on low, balanced throughout, moved well with ground covering stride. 3 Wilks Nicael Savanna.

**PGB** (10 1) 1 Whitfield Alfizbet The Wingless Bird Stylish bitch, ears correctly placed and framing her sweet head, good length of neck, good lay of shoulder, good spring of rib, strong short pasterns, good balanced construction, move well. 2 Lambert Zavis Paloma More rangy than 1 another elegant bitch, kind dark eye, correctly placed leathers, nicely proportioned, a bit more body would complete the picture, happy and free moving. 3 Joyce Ranchstar Mystique.

**LB** (13 1) 1 Challis Tarafield Anya Panni by Vizslanya Quality bitch I loved her overall balance, sweet expression and dark eye, good earset, great front, well ribbed with

moderate tuck up, balanced angulation, good second thigh, well developed quarters, tail correctly set, moved well. I gave her sire the CC at Southern C's a few years ago, **BCC & BIS**. 2 Barnard Daxpack Henrietta Typical vizsla, lovely head, good eye shape, strongly constructed, standing on good feet, ozzed quality, would prefer more overall length, moved well. 3 Rutherford Kincsem Pussy Galore.

**OB** (14 1) 1 Barnard Daxpack Lush Lashes One I have always admired, gentle expression with typical horty vizsla aire, good length of neck, correct straight front, balanced throughout, standing on good feet, moved freely, pushed hard in the challenge. 2 Harper Pitswarren Zizi Jeanmaire JW Another elegant bitch, good length of neck leading to well-made forequarters, well bodied with correct depth of brisket, good strong topline and quarters, not as settled as 1 on the move. 3 Digby Nicael Rochella at Alsziv.

**VB** (11 3) 1 Harris Szajani Komika Classic vizsla of lovely type, a real sugar face, everything in moderation, moved well hard to believe she was born in 2003. 2 Mills Sh Ch Carwci's Phoenix ShCM Loved her head for type and gentle expression, moved straight and true, sadly carrying too much weight. 3 Joyce Ranchstar Miranda Hobbes.

**FTB** (2) Two very classic vizslas from the top drawer, 1 Barnard Daxpack Thorn Bird Loved her type, nothing overdone, good width to brisket and well sprung ribcage, well-let down hocks, didn't disappoint on the move. 2 Harris Ch Szajani Sipos JW ShCM Another from the top drawer, feminine with substance, balanced fore and aft, correct moderately low set tail, held her topline well and moved with a lightness of foot, straight and true, not the fore-chest of 1

**Brace** (6 1) 1 Mills brace O' so similar, like peas in a pod, standing and on the move. 2 Griffiths & Scott Well matched dog and bitch moving well together 3 Yarnley.

**Team** (1) 1 Mills, Well matched team and handled to perfection.

**Progeny** (2) 1 Griffiths & Scott Sh Ch Ulurudawn Cardinal Marker (d). 2 Harris Szajani Komika (b). Both exhibited familiar attributes.

Judge Gill Buller (Huntingate)