

Hungarian Vizsla Club Open Show
Sunday 20th March 2016

It was an honour to be invited to judge this prestigious breed club show.

I have followed hpr's since the early '70s when I first started on my journey both working and showing hpr's. It is fair to say that many of those early hpr's have changed significantly over these years and in many not for the better. Today I had some classes that reminded me of those early days where size was correct, breed type was evident and construction showed the improvements that were necessary over the years. It reminded me of those early pioneers of the breed striving to maintain the standard, many no longer with us.

All is not rosy however and there is still work to do in certain areas of construction where common faults seem to be repeated. Height is creeping upwards in some at the expense of the depth required in this working breed. There were a few with backs longer than required for correct proportion which with longer coupling causes weakness and can ruin topline and type.

My overall view is very favourable albeit on a limit number of exhibits, there was sufficient quality in depth that with careful breeding faults can be corrected and good type can be maintained. I was pleased with my class winners and delighted with my final line-up and their reflection of breed type.

I would like to thank the committee for their warm welcome and generous hospitality. To my stewards I offer my thanks also. To the sporting exhibitors who showed their support for decisions made and to all those friendly owner/ breeders who came over for a chat after judging, you made the atmosphere worthy of your club show.

Minor Puppy Dog (2)

1st Barwick, **Bequerelle Vagabond**, 7 months good breed head, all is there to enjoy. Lovely construction and type and a steady free mover, just need to sit back and watch him mature. One to watch, lovely dog. **BP Dog res. BPIS**

2nd Warnes, **Debian Domination**, lighter build, looses his topline a bit standing but so young, needs to develop but he is sound in construction, just needs to body up to improve his all around balance.

Puppy Dog (3)

1st Mills, **Karrouki Windfire**, Good head quality bone & feet. Shoulders neat, good topline. Brisket deep and just enough forechest. Stands well on good straight strong hocks. Proportions and balance winning him his place today. Moving true.

2nd Northwood, **Northey Emperor Del Acquadoro**, Another in those throes of development. Much to like about him but he still needs to develop, just as you might expect at this age more depth on the underline needed to improve his balance, just at that rangy stage but when mature should be one that challenges. Two quality dogs.

3rd Warnes, **Debian Domination**

Junior Dog(3)

1st Townsend, **Daxpack Risk Taker Rainscote**, Outstanding young dog. Mature for his age, clean in neck with a beautiful outline, lovely proportions. Correct depth and balance. Well angulated front and rear. Strong in coupling, nicely muscled. Moving well over his ground with freedom and panache, easy winner in this class. **Best Dog res. BIS**

2nd Hoy, **Alfizbet the Tide of Life**, Much of what was not on display was just due to immaturity of spirit. Battled his handler and spoiled his chances today. Lot to like, well coupled, liked his angulation and quarters, lovely straight hocks. Good quality in head. Handler worked hard trying to show off his good construction and type. With dedication he looks as though he could make a more even ground covering stride when settled. Stick at it!

3rd Mills, **Karrouki Windfire**

Yearling Dog(3)

1st Bennett & Howard, **Artilyminiz Wisteria**, Quality, good size and proportions, well presented. Head refinement in skull showing good character. Feet well padded, strong clean neck through withers to a firm well carried topline. Well muscled, with strong hocks, outstanding in this class.

2nd Bornett & Leigh, **Roughshoot Ishmael** Nice proportion but not the depth, balance or rear angulation of the winner. Clean neck and firm topline. Standing a bit flat and unsettled when it came to selection spoiling his chances today.

3rd Bergin, **Flushpoint Frater of Roughshoot**

Postgrad Dog (5,3abs)

1st Underdown, **Zahur Zambala**, Strange class my winner correct back length sturdy bone and depth. Some elements of outline and construction were not as good as my second placed dog. Winner was so typical in outline and proportions it deserved his placing. Over reaching when moving.

2nd White, **Lutra Lord Admiral by Arunszvar**, Pleasing clean appearance with some good construction, covered his ground with a flowing stride, unfortunately not my ideal type or proportions.

Limit Dog (2)

1st Dasilva, **Bournehouse Crispin**, Both these two dogs could fidget for England which was a shame because they were very close in their all around appeal. Similar in size shape, type & construction. Both sound honest examples of the breed.

2nd Jones & Cutty, **Sulisminerva Liber Von Logizspark**, Unsettled throughout but worth the effort to get him right because although standing second today I preferred the head quality and the graceful flow of neck through his clean shoulders to topline, also his more purposeful movement.

Open Dog (2)

1st Barwick, **Bournehouse Hawkeye to Bequerelle**, Good depth and balance throughout. Quality head, eye and expression. Strong clean neck and shoulders. Correct bone well padded tight feet. Lovely outline and proportions. Strong well coupled with nice short hocks. Sound and typical throughout. Positive striding action clean front and rear with style.

2nd **Hubertus Hungaricum Adal at Pitswarren JW (Imp.Hun)**, Sorry exhibit not present for critique or photo.

Veteran Dog (4) Lovely to see such nice veterans.

1st Jones & Cutty, **Alfizbet the Upstart**, Two nice exhibits of slightly differing qualities. This one had quality head proportions and development, good structure. Excellent reach of neck, general balance and breed type. Well angulated front with snug shoulders. Good development in quarters nicely muscled. Still looks very young for a veteran. Free flowing and purposeful movement covering plenty of ground with an extra spring to his step on move. **Res. Best Dog**

2nd Bergin, **Sh.Ch./Aus.Ch. Hanafor the Xecutioner (Imp Aus)** Cannot hide away his qualities. Undoubtedly a fine example of the breed. Sound, honest and beautiful construction. A credit to his owner and must surely be an asset to the breed. My split decision was an 'on the day' choice for the more exuberant and flowing movement of my winner given that both were so well constructed. I would love to have judged these exhibits as two year olds.

3rd Bornett & Leigh, **Zavis Loch Loyle**

Field Trial Dog (2)

1st White, **Russetmantle Idaho of Arunzsvar** Liked both exhibits for different reasons. Liked one for his depth of body, ribbing and strength in coupling. Lovely balance and proportions. Good bone, strong, sturdy, workmanlike, good angles, steady and true, won on breed type.

2nd Belton, **Flushpoint Lurko**, Excellent mover. Not the depth throughout of winner but so sound and honest. I'll bet he covers some ground when working. Solid well made dog lovely muscletone and condition. Two lovely exhibits.

Minor Puppy Bitch (1)

1st Upton & Purkis, **Tragus Talia**, Standing alone at just 9 months old. I think she would have stood out in a line of others. Good size and shape. No problems to worry about, perhaps could stand up a little more to enhance her lovely outline but that's being hyper critical. Certainly has what I was looking for in a puppy of this age. In my opinion she should continue to improve as she matures , tightens and learns how to flaunt her lovely attributes. Definitely one to watch

Puppy Bitch (4,1abs)

1st Novis, **Karrouki Windstorm at Novapak**, Just at that advanced stage of maturity that some puppies have. Enough bone nice feet and good proportions. Nice depth for her age preferred balanced angles front and rear on winner. Steady easy action on the move.

2nd Moss, **Arany's Allegro**, I preferred the head on this bitch having character and detail providing the correct expression. I thought her type was excellent. A little stilted at present as she is at that stage between a baby and a lady. Needs to drop a little to improve her underline and would prefer a bit more rear angulation but have no doubt that her general qualities will make her difficult to beat as she matures.

3rd Harper, **Pitswarren Nora Kovach**

Junior Bitch (4)

1st Harper, **Pitswarren Zizi Jeanmarie**, Upstanding feminine with lovely elegant lines and true type. Head developing well, kind, alert expression. Short strong back, clean neck and shoulders. Graceful lines throughout. Just the right depth for her age and well angulated fore and aft. Moved with a purposeful action with a spring in her stride. **BPIS**

2nd Dent, **Szajani Sarika**, Another of real quality , similar in make and shape to the winner. Sound construction. Rises on topline when standing but I am sure if she were to enjoy it more it would improve her ring presence and general animation on the move which is accurate both ways but lacks enthusiasm. It is often these little details that hurt in a split decision but two lovely bitches.

3rd Barnard, **Daxpack Henrietta**

Yearling Bitch (2)

1st Dasilva & Sexton, **Ertekes Lucky in Love**, Really liked her, she has such sound construction but also lovely type. Only saw glimpses of how good she could be as her inexperience in the show ring was apparent. Very feminine with a quality head and enquiring expression. Liked her proportion and balance and considering she was a novice at the game she is a lovely mover with a true purposeful yet spirited action. I'm sure when she learns her craft she will be one to watch.

2nd Griffiths & Barnes, **Szajani Sztar**, One I judged earlier she too was unsettled in this and her previous class. Had not the outline or balance of my winner nor her style and accuracy on the move.

Postgrad Bitch (6,1abs)

1st Mills, Karrouki Windflower, Correct size and type. Alert well presented, clean lines. Snug shoulders, flowing neck and firm topline. Good depth, well coupled, balanced angulation. Nice muscular definition. Moved freely covering her ground with ease.

2nd Price & Buller, B'ignis Brunensis Locura at Aldom (Imp.Cze), Feminine head with kind eye and expression. Enough bone, chest deep but underline more sweeping than I am looking for. Needs to put her weight forward when standing to show off the outline to better effect. Shown in good hard condition and moving with a purpose from good hocks.

3rd Bell, Glasleeb Skyfall

Limit Bitch (10,4abs)

1st Barnard, Daxpak Lush Lashes, I had put so much about this bitch that it makes it easy for me to say that although not taking top honours today I think it will not be too long before she is doing just that. Has everything in the right places and lovely feminine type. I think she needs a little more time to finish off, keep moving with the same style and presence and your time will come.

2nd Warnes, Debian Dreams of Summer, In a strong class this bitch put in a solid performance. Alert to her handler showing all the time. Standing solid with a firm body and sound construction, lovely feet and hocks. Obvious quality and good breed type. A little over angulated for me in her quarters which makes her movement not as fluid and coordinated as my winner.

3rd Mills, Karrouki Windrush D'lyla JW

Open Bitch (3)

1st Belton, Flushpoint Willow, Two lovely bitches both sound with equal depth, balance and proportion. Nothing flashy in either one but honest examples of good breed type. **Res Best Bitch**

2nd Yarnley, Alsiv Wild Cherry, With so little to choose between them it came down to my preferring the head quality of my winner and in the final assessment this one being a little erratic on the move compared to the true balanced action of the winner. This could easily change on a different day.

3rd Allen & Bloxome, Gingibre Head over Heels

Veteran Bitch (10,3abs)

1st Upton & Erskine, **Sh.Ch. Tragus Bright Star**, I love to see veterans particularly good veterans. What a pleasure to judge this class. This lady at nearly 12 yrs was today moving with accuracy, precision and purpose and style only dreamed of by many. She was still the complete package, only age redefining her youthful looks, in all other areas she was and still is a worthy Sh.Ch. and a credit to her breed and her owners. The pleasure was all mine.

2nd Bergin, **Sh.Ch. Roughshoot Calypso JW**, 7yrs I take nothing away from this lady. Outstanding example full of quality, upstanding, graceful, robust. Another of great type and construction. Showing well for her owner, a bitch to be proud of and a joy to go over. It was only the spirited driving action carried out with such style that separated these two lovely ladies. Thank you also.

3rd Price, **Aldom Cristal**

Fieldtrial Bitch (1)

1st Harris, **Ch.Szajani Sipos JW ShCM**, In walked this bitch and as soon as I laid hands on her I knew she was the one I had been looking for. With only a spot of milk spoiling her undercarriage nothing could detract from her attributes. The first look found the head I desired, the strong lines of the neck, topline, loin and quarters. The neatness of construction contrasted by the firmness and muscletone required for the working vizsla. The quality in head refinement, eyes, expression and character just as required. I was in no doubt that she would move well but she moved so well. Strong driving action, freedom of stride yet accurate in motion and with a great head carriage and presence.

Best Bitch & BIS

Champion Stakes (3)

1st Barwick, **Sh.Ch.Salvache Hidden Glory to Bequerelle JW**, Lovely class to judge, all three worthy of their titles and difficult to divide. The winner came out due to his youthful outline firm condition and style. His ring presence and movement at least equalling the bitch that came in second.

2nd Upton & Erskine, **Sh.Ch.Tragus Bright Star**

3rd Bergin, **Sh.Ch./ Aus.Ch.Hanafor the Xecutioner (Imp.Aus)**

Brace (4)

1st Bells, In a close decision these I believed to be a close matching pair in type, size and movement.

2nd Mills, Difficult when matching same sex and mixed sex at differing stages of maturity but close up.

3rd Novis

John Wagstaff Sp.Working Mem.Stakes D/B (4,3abs)

1st Mills, **Karrouki Windrush D'lyla JW**, Previously placed. Shame only one turning up but has sufficient qualities in construction, movement and type to earn her first.

Kevin J.Grewcock (Judge)