

LONGHAIRD DACHSHUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2018

Miniature Long Bitches – Judge Judy Squires

Many thanks to the Longhaired Club for the invitation to judge the miniature long bitches at their first championship show, in partnership with the Smooth Club, which I understand was a great success for both clubs and exhibitors. Also my thanks must go to my fellow judge Maureen Poole and our capable steward Ian Blackshaw. Since I last judged this variety I found the depth of quality greatly improved in the bitches. No large thin exhibits. All were well covered and within the correct weight, except for one rather plump exhibit, and most were of the required two to one length to height ratio. As in some other of the varieties, ribbing could be longer, forechests more prominent (not just hair) and shoulders could have better placement. In some exhibits the shoulders were of the correct angle but the whole shoulder girdle was too far forward. Most feet and nails were well trimmed but some feet were down on their pasterns. Teeth were clean. What I did find unacceptable was that some dogs were not clean and my hands became very dirty during judging - I have never had that before. Saying that, the quality exhibits were to the fore and were beautifully groomed and a credit to their owners and I was spoilt for choice in some classes. I thoroughly enjoyed my day and thank exhibitors for my entry.

Veteran Bitch (6) (1) 1 Drady's Larkhund Russian Kween 8 yr old b/t shown in good condition and of good body proportions. Pleasing head, eye and front construction, good rear angulation, firm topline standing and on the move. 2 Norris' Xemxija Star Struck at Criscan Well constructed 9 yr. old red in peak condition. Very little to choose between the top two veterans. Similar remarks apply as to the winner. Moved soundly and enthusiastically but just lost her topline on the move which was the defining factor. 3 Earley's Raffhouse the Diva of Yelva Good to see all the veterans enjoying a day showing .

Minor Puppy Bitch (6)(1) The first two puppies were born on the same day but Fur Elise had developed more quickly than Witchcraft. 1 Worswick's Dolyharp Fur Elise Attractive, well covered puppy with feminine head and dark eye, good neck, shoulders and forechest and overall body conformation. Tight feet. Moved out well with her handler. Very promising. 2 Mitchell's Bronia Witchcraft Another promising young puppy with the same deep red coat as his sire BOB Wood's Wildstar Wrobinson. She is still well covered with puppy fat but so well constructed underneath. Lovely head and eye, well placed shoulders and firm topline. Correct angulation front and rear. As yet, didn't have the forechest development of my winner. Both moved out positively with their handlers for immature puppies. 3 Barnsdale & Hayward Barnsdale's Chriskims Fools Errand

Puppy Bitch (4) Another class of promising puppies which augers well for the breed. I shall follow their progress with interest. 1 Whitfield-Roberts' Dandydayo I am Mona . A 9 mth. old sound red puppy of good overall construction. Feminine head, dark eye, well placed shoulders and good front. Well covered body with good topline and underline. She moved out smoothly and with confidence keeping her outline. BP and RBPIS

2 Drady's Indiko Destined to be Cream Well constructed 9 mth.sh/cr puppy with a lot to offer but needs more time. Similar remarks apply as to the winner but although moved well she is a little

wide in front at present and I also placed her 2nd as I preferred the head of I am Mona. 3 Naden's Llowdowndog the Viciferous for Marielle

Junior Bitch (8) (1) Good class 1 Geeson's Abydachs Alohomora Loved this youngster with unusual head markings. Everything put together in a neat package and beautifully presented. Lovely proportioned body, nothing overdone. Good front assembly, shoulders and ribbing. Well angulated fore and aft. Moved out freely with her handler keeping a firm topline. Unfortunately, unsettled in the challenge. 2 Bell's Tolberg Cream Treat Another attractive young lady who moved out freely and positively keeping her topline and good outline. Feminine head and dark eye and well constructed body proportions. A lot to offer. Just preferred the front assembly of Alohomora. 3 Brooks' Lyndarlea Speckled Hen

Yearling Bitch (4) Difficult class – all different types 1 Metcalfe's Metadale Ariadne Feminine head and eye and good rear angulation. Would prefer a little more spring of rib but had a firm topline standing and on the move. Won this class on her more positive movement. She covered the ground well. 2 McCarthy's Nagshall Santa Amelia Feminine head, good neck and well ribbed with tight elbows. Overall good outline which she kept on the move but not so well angulated or positive in rear movement as Ariadne. 3 Worswick's Dolyharp Salut D'Amour

Post Grad Bitch (5) (1) 1 Rowell's Emmajesk Masquerade JW Attractive well boned cream with lovely feminine head and eye, good reach of neck, shoulder placement and ribbing. Well angulated and a firm topline standing and moving. 2 Weston & Johnson's Ecotyne Witchcraft B/T with a lot to offer. Pleasing head and front assembly and well covered and proportioned body. Moved out well retaining a firm topline but tended to collapse when stacked so didn't show herself off to the full. 3 Palin's T'Pol

Limit Bitch (9) (2) Quality class of lovely bitches. Close decisions. 1 Mitchell's Bronia First Impression Loved this red young lady. Great to go over as nothing was hidden as she had just sufficient coat which enabled me to see her pleasing outline standing and on the move. Attractive head and dark eye, good reach of neck flowing into well placed shoulders, well filled front and good topline and gentle sweeping underline. Correct front and rear angulation which she used to advantage when moving keeping her good outline. Good feet. Well handled. Will follow her progress. CC & RBOB. 2 Hall's Cliffmere Levity Another well handled and attractive sh/c with feminine head, good reach of neck, prominent forechest and correct shoulder placement and good feet. Lovely body proportions, good ribbing and front and rear angulation. She also drove round the ring keeping her outline. Although older, she looked immature compared with First Impression. Pressed hard for top honours. One to be proud of and I'm sure her time will come. 3 Brooks Lyndarlea Vienna

Open Bitch (9) (1) Another great class of quality bitches of the correct size. 1 Wood's Ch Wildstar Wynnona JW Well known and beautifully presented and handled bitch – as they all are from this kennel – with gleaming correct flat, deep red coat. Sister to Wrobinson the DCC & BOB winner. Lovely feminine head and eye, good reach of neck, ribbing and overall body conformation. Very elegant on the move with a haughty disposition. Moved out smoothly and freely with her handler. One to be proud of and a worthy champion. A close decision for the ticket but preferred the forechest and rear angulation of First Impression. RCC 2 Graham's Devoncream Lily Luna at Jadag A lot to like about this well constructed cr/brindle. Attractive head and eye with good pigment.

Good reach of neck and front construction, shoulders and ribbing. A very feminine, workmanlike package. Well angulated but slightly higher in hock than the winner but covered the ground well. Just preferred the overall elegance and general outline of Wynnona. 3 Bell's Tolberg Legally Blonde JW ShCM

Sp. Open B/T Bitch (3) 1 Norris' Criscan Khesia 2 Weston & Johnson's Ecotyne Firewitch 3 Jamieson's Dinkidax Magsybabe to Djeata The first two bitches have a lot to offer and were very similar in outline. Both had sound body conformation and good outlines standing and on the move. Good heads, forechests and rear angulation Khesia had a slightly better reach of neck which made her look more elegant. Both their toplines were firm standing and on the move and although they both moved soundly Khesia put more enthusiasm into her showing and movement which was the deciding factor in the placings.

Sp. Open Dapple Bitch (4) 1 Dradys Jumanda's Silver Sparkle at Indiko Although she was 7 years old she was in good condition and moved out soundly and positively. Feminine head and good length of neck and well placed shoulders. Soundly made mature bitch. Would have preferred lower hocks to complete the picture. 2 Brooks Lyndarlea Speckled Hen Another well boned exhibit with attractive head, good neck, forechest and overall good body proportions. Moved out well but I found the longer hair at the base of her legs and on her feet very distracting in her overall good image. 3 Sigee's Dinkidudlor Alicia Kalilu

Sp. Open Any Other Colour Bitch (4) 1 McCarthy's Nagshall Cristobel 2 Oxley's Dinkidax Cyenna Satin JW 3 Brooks' Lyndarlea Vienna A close decision between the first two red exhibits. Cristobel a lighter shade of red and Cyenna a stronger red. Both well made bitches but preferred the head and eye of the winner who although was a little fidgety when stacked had a more purposeful movement overall.

Champion Bitch (2) 1 Geeson's Ch Abydachs Absolutely Another b/t from this kennel put down to perfection with a gleaming coat. Really lovely to go over and so well handled. A worthy Champion who was just two days under 7 years. Amazing. She looked beautiful and pressed hard in the challenge but had to give way to the youngsters today. Thank you for bringing her out again for all to admire. Attractive well balanced bitch with good shoulders, forechest and front and rear angulation. Firm topline stacked and on the move. Moved out steadily and smoothly and with attitude. Well handled and presented. I hope we see her again. 2 Jamieson's Ch Djeata Spring Blossom .