

## Critiques. Club Show

The GSD (Alsatian) Club of the United Kingdom. Open Show 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019.  
Judge Ms. P. McKenzie-Hewitt.

What a pleasure it was to be asked to judge the GSD (Alsatian) Club of the United Kingdom Breed Open show. It was a huge privilege and one that I enjoyed immensely. The show organisers and committee excelled in their management and organisation of this show. A special thank you goes to my stewards. To the exhibitors also, a thank you, as without their entry I would not have been able to judge. All exhibitors were a credit to the club and their breed with good manners and well-presented dogs, who without exception displayed fantastic temperaments throughout. Well done to all.

**Veteran Dog. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. B & Miss J. Stephens. C.H Lochurr Super Trouper at Brightmedeaow sh CM** 7yrs old black and Gold male. Nice clean-cut head of good proportions and wedge shape. Scissor bite. Correct almond shaped dark eye with good expression. Nice medium sized ears that he carried well, good strong neck that flowed down on to correct shoulders. Well developed chest, and good length of rib. On the move he held a good firm top line and showed good reach and drive. He was my **RBD. A pleasure to judge.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs A. G. Shaw. Frontrunner Jet Setter for Astradine sh CM.** 7.5-year-old male Dark dog. A nice male in good condition and moved well. Showed good reach and drive. A dog of good proportions but I would have liked a little more of him.

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### **Puppy Dog. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Mr. R. Whiteside. Hamadry Sword.** 9-month-old male. Head Proportionate in size to body with correct distance between ears. Cheeks correct, wedge-shaped head correct scissor bite. Clean firm lips. Nice almond shaped eye of good colour with pleasing expression. Ears firm in texture and positioned correctly. Moderate front assembly with correct oval bone. Chest still needs to develop. Croup slightly sloping, I would prefer a little less angulation in the rear, but as he is a young dog this can change, as with all males they need time to grow and develop. Tail well covered and carried correctly. Feet round. On the move he showed soundness and strength of gait. Overall a nice young dog that needs time to mature. His temperament was good and of a pleasing disposition. **BPIS. BPD**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs G.S. Strange. Challengehaus Justify with Strco (US Imp)** 9mths old Black and gold male. Entire. A young dog that has improved greatly over that past few months, all credit to his owner. Of good size and bone with a lovely expression, dark almond shaped eye. Correct head proportions with good length of muzzle. Scissor bite and full dentition. Jaw strong with clean closing lips. Ears of correct firm texture and set correctly apart. Front assembly a little loose, again this is I feel that he needs time. Good length of leg with oval bone and correct feet. On the move his keenness was apparent. He had good reach and drive. I feel sure this young man will grow into a fine dog he just needs time. Temperament very pleasing.

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**Special Yearling Dog. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. A. J. & Mrs S. P. Forman. Suzdans Serverus Over the Blue.** 18mths old Black and Gold male. A young dog with quite a bouncy character, once

settled he showed himself well. General appearance was balanced and of good muscle tone. Head, clean and correct distance between the ears. Slightly domed forehead little or no trace of central furrow. Moderate stop with a well-defined wedge-shaped head. Almond shaped eye of good colour and medium size, good ear size and firm in texture. Correct scissor bite with a strong jaw. Strong neck of good length and well-muscled, moderate front assembly with good length of leg. Well set shoulder, nice and close laid to the body; however, I would have liked a little more angulation. Good topline which was held on the move, ribs well developed, nice sloping croup with good tail set. Moderate rear angulation. Tail well covered and carried well. On the move when settled this boy moved steadily and with drive. Again, a young male with lots of enthusiasm and character. A nice young dog and with time should do well.

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**Post Grad Dog. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. C. Holden. Strco Dark Night, 2yrs old Black and Gold male.** Of good size and well-muscled. Pleasing outline. Correct almond shaped eye and of good colour. Head and muzzle proportions although a little long were balanced. Scissor bite. Jaw strong. Ears of medium size and set well. Well-muscled neck of good length, back firm and strong. correct tail carriage. Nice long ribs with a deep chest and good firm belly. Straight front legs with good oval bone. Feet of correct round shape with arched toes. On the move displayed a good reach, when going away a little close behind. Pleasing temperament.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. R. Whiteside. Hamadryas Juno son of Junior** 2.5-year-old black and gold male. Not quite as balanced as one. Pleasing expression with nice almond shaped eye although I would have preferred a slightly darker eye colour. Head of good proportions with moderate stop. Strong muzzle with firm clean lips and good pigmentation. High set ears of medium size, firm in texture and used well. Well-muscled neck leading down to nicely laid shoulder. Back firm with slightly sloping croup. Correct tail carriage and coverage. On the move showed reach and drive although a little restricted.

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**Limit Dog 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. N.R. & Mrs M Chalk. Mr. E. Vorrias. Chalksville Apollo.** 3.5 years male. A dog of good substance and size. Very much a male. Nice balanced head with good proportions, clean with a slight dome of forehead. Cheeks gently curved, muzzle strong, correct rectangular scissor bite. Ears set well and of correct texture and shape. Nice expression with almond shaped eye of dark brown. Neck strong and well-muscled and of good length. Well defined shoulders and set close to the body. Good length of leg and of balanced proportion. Nice depth of chest with good length of rib. Topline was held and well-muscled. Rear assembly; strong hocks with moderate angulation. On the move; nice reach and drive with good extension in front. Excellent temperament.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs A. G. Shaw. Astradine Knight Prince** 3years. Entire. A slightly smaller dog than one, Head of nice proportions with moderate stop, almond shaped eye and of good colour. Correct scissor bite with strong muzzle. Ears of moderate proportions and of good texture set high. Nice length of neck and muscled. Well laid shoulder, good depth of chest and well sprung ribs. Nice firm belly with slight tuck up. On the move this dog was well balanced and displayed soundness and strength. Excellent temperament

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### **Special Yearling Long Coat.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mr N. & Mrs J. Thompson. Dragonburg Dark Night.** 3.5 years dark male. A medium sized dog with a very pleasing temperament. Well covered by long outercoat with a thick undercoat, good thick feathering on the hindlegs. Tail well covered. Scissor bite, lips tight, ears well covered and of good texture. Well let down chest and well sprung ribs, A little short in upper arm, good oval bone. Firm top line, shoulders set close to body. Rear angulation moderate with strong hocks. Nicely rounded feet with arched toes. Moved with enthusiasm and covered the ground well.

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### **Open Dog**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mrs J. Prydderch. Droyale Mister Moo** 2 years old male, Entire. General appearance balanced and well-muscled. Presented in excellent condition. Head, Clean and nicely balanced; good broadness between ears with slight dome of forehead with no central furrow. Cheeks correct and gently curved. Nicely tapered skull with moderate stop. wedge-shaped strong muzzle. lips clean and firm. Correct eye, almond shape and of nice dark brown colour. Ears Medium, firm in texture and carried well. Jaws strong with complete scissor bite. Neck long and well-muscled and Let down on to shoulders held close to the body. Well tucked elbows with good length of leg, bone oval. Feet round. Good depth of chest, well-formed ribs with good length, slightly tucked up belly. Back was well muscled and held his top line when on the move. Hindquarters were well muscled with good strong hocks, nice straight rear pasterns. When asked to move this dog displayed strength and balance, reaching and driving without overlap. I will watch this young male with interest.

### **BD. BIS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Miss C. Nolcini. Broadmaynes Eclipse to Nolmacdon JW sh CM EX.** A substantial male of nice construction and type, well-defined head with moderate stop. Ears, of correct shape, firm in texture. Almond shaped dark eye with pleasing lively expression. Muzzle strong, with clean lips closing tightly, complete scissor bite. Neck long and muscled. Good overall body shape held top line when on the move showing balance and strength. The boy pushed hard for 1<sup>st</sup> place.

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### **Veteran Bitch**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mr. & Mrs J. Stephens. CH. Lochurr Moonlight Serenade at Brightmeadow Sh CM.** 7.5-year-old bitch of good sound construction and type with balance and grace. This girl did not look her age, in great condition. Lovely clean head and of correct proportions. Slight dome of forehead showing no central furrow. Moderate stop, good strong muzzle correct for a female. Correct firm clean lips. Medium-sized, almond-shaped. Medium-sized, ears firm in

texture and set high. Correct complete scissor bite. Neck strong and of good length with plenty of muscle. Shoulders correctly laid flat to body. Overall body shape good and balanced, top line firm and held on the move. Nicely sloping croup. Moved well with drive and strength. **BB. RBIS. BVIS.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> S. & J Power. M & G A Charlton. Mikadne Celtic Princess** 8 years. Bitch of good size with pleasing temperament. Good head shape. Correct colour and almond shaped eye. Scissor bite. Ears held high and of good texture, nice alert expression. Chest deep, well-laid shoulders. Good length of leg and oval bone. Firm top line. A little heavy in body however still showed enthusiasm when asked to move.

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**Puppy Bitch,** (As the details of this dog did not appear in the catalogue, I must apologise for not mentioning the owners name.)

**1<sup>st</sup> Echosaurs Shimmer N Gold (number 50 BPB)** 7 months old. A young girl well presented, and with a nice shape for her age. Head in proportion to body. Moderate stop with ears of good size. Nice clean tight lips. Correct almond shaped eyes and of good colour. complete scissor bite, good length of neck, a little loose in front which will develop in time, held a good top line. pleasing rear angulation and when asked to move she did so with a positive attitude covering the ground well. Would have preferred a little more substance. BPB

**2<sup>nd</sup> D. Motram. Hamadras junco to Mybeards.** 9-month-old Black and Gold girl. Loved the substance and balance of this girl but preferred the movement of one. However, these two could swap places at any time. A good over all shape with good proportions. Head good in shape with a moderate stop, a pleasing eye of correct shape and colour. Ears held erect which enhanced her alert expression. Good length of neck. Chest obviously needing to mature as does one, at this age. Nice rear angulation with good drive. Moved well but was not as clean in stride as one on the day.

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**Junior Bitch,** (A quality class, it was a pity that one of these girls had to be second.)

**1<sup>st</sup> Mr. & Mrs J. Stephens Brightmeadow Rags to Riches** 14-month-old sable bitch. Of lovely quality and type. Nice Clean head with proportionate distance between the ears. Slight dome of forehead, softly rounded cheeks, lips clean and firm. Correct proportions for female with nice tapering to wedge-shaped muzzle. Almond shaped eye of good colour, medium sized ears that were carried erect. Correct scissor bite. Good length of neck. Shoulder laid flat to body. Good straight forearms with good oval bone. Good depth of chest in such a young girl. Pleasing overall balanced body shape. Nice rear angulation without being overdone. Hocks strong. Correct feet. Tail well covered and of correct length to hock. When asked to move she showed determination and drive. Her stride showed good strength and coverage. Moved well.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. N.R. & Mrs M. Chalk. Mrs E. Vorrias. Chalksville Anastasia** 12-month-old black and gold quality bitch one day out of puppy. (very hard to split these girls). Nice overall

balanced and presentation. Baring the same qualities as one but was just out moved on the day. lovely quality and type. Nice Clean head with proportionate distance between the ears. Slight dome of forehead, softly rounded cheeks, lips clean and firm. Correct proportions for female with nice tapering to wedge-shaped muzzle. Almond shaped eye of good colour, medium sized ears that were carried erect. Correct scissor bite. Good length of neck. Shoulder laid flat to body. Good straight forearms with good oval bone. Good depth of chest in such a young girl. Pleasing overall balanced body shape. Nice rear angulation without being overdone. Hocks strong. Correct feet. Tail well covered and of correct length to hock. Moved well.

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### **Special**

#### **Yearling Bitch**

**Number 50 Echosands Shimmer N Gold. (see puppy)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. N.& Mrs J. Thompson. Munroegen Sweet Serenity of Dragonburg.** A well-presented young bitch, lovely temperament, Balanced head. Moderate stop with ears of good size. Good eye shape and colour. complete scissor bite, good length of neck. Slightly lacking in front coordination and drive from the rear. Moderate overall body shape with good length. Tail carried well.

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#### **Post Grd Bitch.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ms A. Gibson. Echosands Kiss N'tell Jw. Sh. CM.** 2 years old Black and Gold.

Pleasing expression, dark eye, ears of moderate size, would have liked a firmer texture. Moderate distance between ears. Head balanced; muzzle strong. Scissor bite. Good firm lips and pigmentation. Cheeks soft . Neck of moderate length would have liked a little more strength. Shoulders set a little upright although held close to body. Chest moderate, good length of rib, tail carried correctly. Rear angulation moderate. She covered the ground well. Pleasing temperament.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs J. & Miss S. Power. Litter sister to 1 Echosands Valentines Wish.** Litter sister to 1. Of similar type and construction. Lovely gentle expression. On a different day these two girls could easily change places. Nice head, balanced. Strong muzzle with correct scissor bite. Moderate in neck and chest. Firm belly with moderate rear angulation. Was just out moved by 1.

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#### **Limit Bitch**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Mrs. J. Stephens. Brighmeadow kiss and Tell. Black and gold 2 year old bitch.**

Of lovely quality and type. Clean head with correct distance between the ears. Slight dome of forehead, with no central furrow. softly rounded cheeks, lips clean and firm. Correct proportions for female with nice tapering to wedge-shaped muzzle. Correct shaped eye and of good colour. Medium sized ears that were carried erect and of good texture. Scissor bite, Good length of neck. Shoulder laid flat to body. Good straight forearms with correct oval bone. Nice depth of chest with good length of rib. Pleasing overall balanced body shape. Nice rear angulation without being overdone. Hocks strong. Good feet. Tail well covered and of correct length to hock. Move with drive and determination.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. J. Prydderch. Droyale Charlie Girl (litter sister to best dog) this girl is a lovely type and was in great condition** General appearance of good type and construction. balanced and well-muscled. Head Clean. slight dome of forehead with no central furrow. Cheeks correct and gently curved. Nicely tapered skull with moderate stop. wedge-shaped. lips clean and firm. pleasing eye of correct shape and colour. Ears of Medium size and firm in texture. Complete scissor bite. Neck long and let down on to well laid shoulders. Nice length of leg, bone oval. Feet round. Good depth of chest, well-formed ribs with good length. Hindquarters well-muscled with good strong hocks, moved with reach and driving without overlap. These two girls certainly challenged each other for first place, Two very pleasing bitches.

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#### **Special Long Coat Open Bitch**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mr. N. Mrs J. Thompson. Myskies something special of Dragonburg.** 6-year-old bitch. Well covered by long outercoat with a thick undercoat, good thick feathering on the hindlegs. Tail well covered. Pleasing temperament and enthusiastic. moved with determination. Ears of good size, nice dark eye giving a pleasing expression. Scissor bite, Balanced head shape, lips tight with good pigmentation. A little long in body, good depth of chest, with well sprung ribs. Tail carried correctly both on the move and standing.

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#### **-----Open Bitch.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mr N. R. & Mrs M. Chalk. Mr E. Vorrias. Kashaella Ivy. 6 year old bitch, lovely type and construction and nicely balanced. Strong but feminine female.** This girl was in great condition. Lovely clean head and of correct proportions. Slight dome of forehead with no central furrow. Good stop, nice strong muzzle and correct for a female. Nice firm clean lips with good pigmentation. Medium-sized, almond-shaped dark eye . Medium-sized ears firm in texture and set high. Correct complete scissor bite. Neck strong and of good length with plenty of muscle without losing her femininity. Shoulders correctly laid flat to body. Overall body shape good and balanced, top line firm and held on the move. Nicely sloping croup. Moved well with drive and strength. **RBB**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mr R. Whiteside. Chalksville Global Girl At Hamadryas. 5 year old.** A well-presented bitch of good type. Pleasing head and of good proportions. Good stop, nice strong muzzle. Good firm lips with good pigmentation. Almond-shaped dark eye. Medium-sized ears, firm in texture. Correct complete scissor bite. Neck strong and of good length and well-muscled. Shoulders correctly laid flat to body. Overall body shape good, balanced top line firm and held on the move. Nicely sloping croup. Moved well with drive and strength.