

For the attention of the Show Reports Team:

THE GSD (Alsatian) Club of the United Kingdom

BIS report from Geoff Duffield

It was my very great pleasure to be invited to judge the GSD (Alsatian) Club of the UK open show, my grateful thanks secretary John Trewick and his committee for this privilege, and to Neil Ibbotson and Mary Lovett for their very capable stewarding. The lunch was splendid, Shepherd's Pie followed by bread and butter pudding with custard. What more could one ask for?

The entry (42) on paper was very good but a high percentage of absentees proved a disappointment. However, I found very good quality in my principal winners, good temperament throughout, sportsmanship of a very high standard.

Dogs: V (1) 1 Wesley's Jansires Aces High, homebred 11-y-o in remarkable condition, no signs of coarseness, in very fit condition, good body covered in good textured coat, head appeals, clean, masculine, nice clear eye, intelligent expression, strong muzzle, very good shoulder and front, good depth of chest, strong in loin, good rear, strong hocks enabling good forward drive, well handled and presented, sound, sensible temperament. **BVIS. P (1)** 1 Holden's Strco Dark Knight, very promising seven and a half month lad bred from champion parents, has the potential to enjoy a remunerative career, pleasing head, good skull and ears for age, clean, balanced, kind eye and expression, good neck into decent shoulder, good front, forelegs and feet, good pasterns, correct depth of chest, nice attitude and temperament, sound, **BPIS. J (2a).** **SY (3,1a)** 1 Chalk's Chalksville Apollo, homebred 22 months, really lovely specimen, well trained, handled to advantage, excellent outline, sets himself up well, head really nicely developed, good ears, good skull and muzzle, balanced and clean, lovely well placed dark brown eye, intelligent expression, good neck into well laid shoulder, good front, straight forelegs, in good body covered in full coat of correct texture, strong in loin, excellent topline blending into gently sloping croup, very long tail, excellent stifle, thigh muscles very well developed, strong well let down hocks enabling strong forward propulsion, good reach, totally sound, sensible temperament; 2 Thompson's Dragonburg

Dark Knight, homebred l/c b/t of good overall conformation, at 19 months just coming out of that 'adolescent' age, good straight back, kind eye, sound, not as authoritative on move as 1. **PG** (6,2a) interesting class headed by 1 Strange's Strco Back To The Future, homebred, striking lad of obvious quality, loads of ring presence, born showdog, sets himself up so well, in impressive coat, at two and a quarter clearly coming into his own, lovely clean balanced head to handle, strong in muzzle, excellent ears and skull, lovely dark brown eye, alert intelligent expression, strong neck into good shoulder, beautiful outline all the way down to the tip of his lovely long tail, good shoulder and front, straight foreleg, good depth of chest, strong in pastern, excellent feet, in good body, strong in loin, very good turn of stifle and let down of hock, strong well developed thigh muscles, very impressive on move, full of strength, drive and animation, good front extension, very charismatic, sound, wonderful temperament; 2 Blackwell-Price's Folklaw Sea Falcon, homebred rising two, super outline, level back, in good coat covering well developed body, pleasing head, clean, good dark brown eye, intelligent expression, good straight forelegs, good rear construction, turn of stifle, strong straight hocks, good feet, lovely long tail, very sound, covers the ground well, nice temperament; 3 Prydderch's Droyale Leading Man. **L** (1,1a). **Sp L/c O** (2) 1 Thompson's Dragonburg Dark Knight; 2 Thompson's Our Lasting Impression of Dragonburg, neutered (certificated) sable, lovely temperament, kind eye and expression, would prefer better shoulder, full of beans and animated on move. **O** (6,3) rewarding class to judge. 1 Vorrias's Ch Surfstone Coolio for Windgunn, eyecatching quality dog coming up five years, fully developed, beautifully presented and handled, most beautiful outline from top of skull to tip of tail, one of the best toplines I've had the privilege to judge, charismatic dog who knows he's good, lovely clean balanced head to handle, excellent ears, good skull, strong muzzle, most beautiful dark brown eye emitting expression full of intelligence and alertness, strong neck into very good shoulder, good depth of chest and front, straight well boned forelegs, strong pasterns, excellent feet and hindquarters, turn of stifle and let down of hocks, excellent thigh muscles, so strong and thrustful on the move with good side and front extension, I found him quite stunning. Sound as a pound, very sensible temperament. **BD & BIS**; 2 Haine's Padawan Overnight Fame, homebred six year old in his prime, ring number 13 but nothing unlucky about this lad apart from meeting 1 who

he ran very close to the wire, another superb specimen who impressed so much with his outline, excellent handling, beautifully presented, clean balanced head, lovely dark brown eye, masculine intelligent expression, excellent hindquarters enabling impressive propulsion from rear, thigh muscles very well developed, good turn of stifle and let down of hock, very good feet, so sound, wonderful temperament. RBD & RBIS; 3 Strange's Strco Take A Chance On Me, homebred rising six, completed a trio of quality dogs, excellent outline, lovely head, eye and expression, another with good rear, long tail, good turn of stifle and let down of hock.

Bitches: **V** 1 (a). **P** (3,3a); **J** (1,a); **S L/c J** (2,1a) 1 Allsop's Strco Soul Sister at Thornevald, very feminine 11 month puppy, litter sister to BP, much the same remarks apply, this was her first show and she showed impeccably, considerately handled, balanced head, clean, lovely eye, inquisitive, feminine, alert expression, good neck and front, good depth of chest and spring of rib, in good body, well covered, good topline and rear construction, good bend of stifle, well developed thigh muscle, good hocks, moved soundly, lovely temperament, once she gets her act together, will have her say. BPB. **SY** (2,a). **PG** (3,2a) 1 Thompson's Myskies Something Special of Dragonburg, four year old, lovely feminine girl, looked good from all angles, lovely clean head to handle, balanced, sweet eye and expression, good outline, straight back, good rear, well developed thigh muscles, good strong hocks, moved very soundly, lovely temperament. **L** (6,3) 1 Forman's Suzdans Christmas Cracker, homebred four-year-old who won this class on movement. Excellent outline, clean balanced head, good eye, very feminine expression, very good overall conformation, good strong straight forelegs, strong pasterns, good depth of chest and spring of rib, strong in loin, good rear angulations, good turn of stifle and let down of hock, thighs well muscled, superb temperament, very well handled, sound, most impressive on the move. BB & BOS; 2 Chalk's Kashaela Ivy, just turned four, plenty of appeal, pleasing head, lovely dark brown eye, alert intelligent expression, good neck into very good shoulder, strong straight forelegs, good feet, level back, moved very well. RBB; 3 Thompson's Myskies Something Special of Dragonburg. **S L/c O** (2) 1 Holden's Strco Black Treacle, four and a half year old feminine girl, very good outline, pleasing head, excellent dark brown eye and watchful expression, in hardy condition, well boned, good depth of chest, level topline, good rear construction, good turn of

stifle and let down of hock, thigh muscles very well developed, good long tail, good drive from rear and sound on the move, very good temperament, lovely exhibit; 2 Thompson's Myskies Something Special of Dragonburg. ● (6,4) 1 Phillips' Lakesdrift Lucky Star, impressive workmanlike five-year-old, good outline, presented in good condition, clean head, balanced, good dark eye, alert intelligent expression, good neck, good depth of chest and spring of rib, good length of body, good rear construction, excellent tail, very good thigh muscles, strong hocks enabling good drive from rear, lovely temperament, well handled; 2 Thompson's Myskies Something Special of Dragonburg.

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