

South West Hound Club Open Show – 09/08/2015

Deerhounds; Judge Alex Paisey

I would to thank the South West Hound committee for my appointment; being asked to do a breed at a group specific open show is a real honour for me. I would also like to thank my Steward, Brian Pocock for all his help too. Running an open show alongside a Championship show meant I had an excellent entry of Deerhounds, with real quality throughout. Thank you so much to all those who entered under me, it was an absolute pleasure to judge all these dogs.

Puppy Dog or Bitch (4,1)

1 and BPIB Finnett & Heathcotes' Hyndsight Because the Night – 11 month old bitch. A very promising puppy with a shapely outline. Pleasing head and gentle expression. Good length of neck leading onto well laid shoulders. In proportion with her length, her movement was a joy to watch, with plenty of rear drive complimenting a good reach. Also fantastic to hear this bitch went on to win Best Puppy in Show, many more top awards to come I feel.

2 – Adams' Stranwith Nia for Zandahar TAF – At just 6 months old this puppy didn't put a foot wrong and was a pleasure to judge. Lovely feminine head with neat ears, excellent shoulders and straight front. Her reach in profile really impressed me, neat feet and of good substance throughout also. Could have easily won the class if it was not for first place.

3 – Wragg's Neroche Juno

Junior Dog or Bitch (2,0)

1 – Finnett & Heathcotes' Hyndsight Desperado – 11 month old male. Very striking for a dog of this age. Litter brother to puppy winner. A solid dog throughout with plenty of substance, masculine head, excellent neck length and good shoulders. Good depth of chest for his age and in proportion throughout with nice length leading to a well angulated rear. Very difficult to separate from his sister. Another one with a promising future.

2 – Grimshaws' Greyflax Domino to Jamalison – Strong dog of good length. Lovely harsh coat. Masculine head and a pleasing dark eye. Good length of neck, straight front and in proportion throughout. Well sprung ribs and well-muscled loin leading to a nicely set rear which aided an excellent drive in profile. Plenty of time for growth in this dog.

Post Graduate Dog or Bitch (3,3)

Absent

Open Dog (5,2)

1 & BOB - Finnett & Heathcotes' Hyndsight Run To You – A dog of excellent qualities throughout with a lovely outline, I could not fault him today. Drew my eye with his movement, covering the ground with ease. Masculine head and nice neck length leading to well laid shoulders. Good bone throughout. Lovely deep chest and in proportion. A well angulated rear with plenty of muscle. Also pleased to learn this boy took Group Three at the show.

2 – Wraggs' Fritzens Drum to Neroche (Imp) – A finer type to first but still of correct structure and proportion. A neat dog with plenty of muscle through aiding good movement. Pleasing head, and neck length. Straight front and of good body length. Strong loin and well set rear.

3 – Janson's Gadhar Torr Rigs O'Bailey to Nixophel

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Open Bitch (8,3)

1 – Baileys' Greyflax Summer Breeze – 2yrs – A lovely bitch who has matured well considering her still relatively young age. A very typy bitch who ticks a lot of boxes. Lovely outline, striking head and strong neck leading to a well laid set of shoulders, straight, front. Nicely knuckled feet, Good depth of chest and loin length. Well angulated rear, profile movement was a joy to watch, with excellent reach and drive.

2 – Grimshaw's Lodhainn Bennbeheula To Jamalison – 2yrs – A bitch of very similar type to first and in proportion. Gentle feminine expression with dark features. Nice neck and straight front. Pleasing overall shape with muscle, giving plenty of drive.

3 – Finnett & Heathcote's Hyndsight A Girl Like You

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