

South West Hound Association Open Show

Westpoint, Clyst St Mary, Exeter

5th August 2018

I last judged in March: the Beast from the East. Today, up in the eighties. It was perhaps a bit much for some of the dogs, what with the heat and two shows in one day. Also, but nobody's fault, the synchronisation between classes in the championship show and this open show did not always go well, and the judging order had to be adjusted. The ground was also a bit bumpy no doubt as a result of the prolonged drought. Overall, temperaments were good and most dogs were well presented though there were some dirty teeth, especially in the standards: why come to a show and not make sure your dog's teeth are clean? Some carried a bit too much weight, probably again due to the prolonged hot weather and lack of exercise. Many thanks to the committee for the kind invitation to judge and to my steward, Judy.

Order as per catalogue but not as judged.

Mini Long-haired Dachshunds

Special Yearling: (3 entries, 2 absentees) (1) Way's Sudasam Dream Image: 22 month old cream bitch, correct head apart from round eye, good topline, ribbing could be longer, feet could be tighter, went reasonably well on the bumpy ground but lacked rear drive. BB & RBoB

Postgraduate: (1,1)

Open: (1,0) Way's Sudasam Livin the Dream: Cream dog, profuse coat, good head and eye, level topline, again could do with more ribbing, feet tighter than his kennel mate, moved well but again lacked rear drive. BD & BoB

Mini Smooth-haired Dachshunds

Special Yearling: (6,1) (1) Rudkin's Keydax Layla for Dynastydax B&T, 10 month old bitch, correct head though slightly rounded eye, good top and underlines, correct shoulder angulation, rear angulation not exaggerated, tight feet but did like her tail, BB, BP & BoB (2) Helmann's Janacop Maggie May B&T, 14 month old bitch, good overall proportions, good head, tight feet, decent front, shoulder angulation not quite as good as winner, good top and underlines (3) Tryhorn's Moragden Flirty Girtie

Post Graduate: (2,1) (1) Attwell's Springfern Hermione B&T, 3 y.o. bitch, good head and eye, good shoulders, rather deep in chest, could do with a little more front and moved rather sedately, RBB.

Open: (4,1) (1) Ergis' Siouxline Jacob JW, red dog, 19 months, good head but roundish eye, level front, good top and underlines, tight feet, good return of stifle but rear drive lacking, otherwise moved well, BD (2) Stokes' Webbers Swansong, 5 y.o. bitch, good proportions, feet not so tight, a bit upright in front, reasonable ribbing, lacking in rear angulation, moved well (3) Dynastydax Periwinkle JW

Mini Wire-haired Dachshunds

Special Yearling: (7,5) Kirkwood-Emery's Helydon Laird Loki, 15 month old brindle dog, excellent temperament, good harsh coat, correct head and neck though eye round, maybe could do with a bit more front, slopes slightly towards the rear but good underline, good tight feet, moved out well, liked this dog a lot, BD & BoB (2) Mullen's Flirty Girty, 17 month old brindle bitch, good coat, feminine head, round eye, liked her tail, good level top and underlines, good feet and moved well

Post Graduate: (2,0) (1) Kirkwood-Emery's Helydon Magical Mika, 10 month old brindle bitch, harsh coat, good head, excellent temperament, could do with a tad more ribbing, moved out well, BB & BP (2) Mullen's Flirty Girty, as above

Open: (2,1) (1) Dance's Emem Gloria Sunshine JW, 21 month old brindle bitch, excellent temperament, good harsh coat, correct head and eye, good shoulders, good front and topline, decent rear angulation, but rather likes her tail too much and I have seen her move better, RBB

Long-Haired Dachshunds

Special Yearling: (1,0) (1) Rees's Abbeydax Kooliburra, 18 month old red dog, profuse coat, good size, pleasing head and eye, level topline and good underline, maybe needs a little more ribbing and feet could be tighter. Moved well, when he got going. RD.

Post Graduate: (2,0) (1) Eve's Sundayshill Hermione, 2 y.o. bitch, red coat, pleasing head and eye, good feet, correct shoulders, level topline but cut up a little underneath. (2) Negus' Dachslur Diamond Desire At Tarramist, B&T 3 y.o. bitch, rather heavy build, profuse coat, decent head and topline, could have been more energetic on the move.

Open: (3,0) (1) Negus' Tarramist Dom Perignon, 5 y.o. dog, shaded red, well muscled and in good condition, good shoulders and neck, tight feet, moved out well, BD & BoB (2) Eve's Sundayhill Anastasia, 5 y.o. shaded red bitch, sufficient coat, good front, tight feet, held a good topline on the move (3) Hirsts' Ranglewood Lantana At Kejana

Smooth-haired Dachshunds

Special Yearling: (1,0) (1) Jones' Adnerbs Rock A Billy Rebel, 7 month old red puppy, good head and reach of neck, plenty of ribbing, tight feet, good top and underlines, sufficient rear angulation, tail set rather high, moved well, BD & BP

Post Graduate: (1,1)

Open: (1,0) (1) Jones' Adnerbs Lexi Get Fizzical JW, Sh.CM, 3 y.o. dark red bitch, hard coat, feminine head and expression, fair length of neck, good tight feet, correct shoulders, level topline, plenty of ribbing, enough rear angulation, moved out well, BB & BoB.

Wire-haired Dachshunds

Special Yearling: (3,0) (1) Ellis' Tendrow One Moment in Time at Vixendax, 19 month old pale red bitch, good coat, pleasing feminine head and eye, a little upright in front, good topline and neck, could do with a little more ribbing, good rear angles, moved out well, a tad overweight (2) Jeffrey's Slaintemhath Fish's Fugazi, a real baby, just 6 months old, fair coat but should improve, feminine head and expression, topline soft but will no doubt level up and it was the end of a long day for her, good ribbing and underline, good rear angles, BP (3) Jeffrey's Slaintemhath Punch To Judy

Post Graduate: (5,0) (1) Parsons' Cloudside Picture Perfect At Shukriya, 2 y.o. brindle dog, for me a little on the large side, good coat, head, eye and neck, correct shoulder and upper arm, reasonable length of ribbing, moved well but a little close behind (2) Jeffrey's Kindace Ruby Tuesday At Slaintemhath, compact 3 y.o. bitch, good front, decent coat, feminine head, a little overweight (but mother of puppies in class above and so lacking some condition for obvious reasons), good ribbing and rear angles (3) Ellis' Vixendax Bohemian Rhapsody

Open: (2,0) (1) Boloria's Trick or Treat JW, smashing girl, brindle, 21 months, excellent harsh coat, great front, compact, excellent proportions, good shoulders and neck, feminine head, good top and underline, good rear angles,

her one fault being her fondness for her tail. Dog of the day for me. (2) Wills' Cicelane Magnus, 15 month old brindle dog, very much enjoyed his day but rather too heavy for me, a bit upright in shoulder, good coat but untidy, good ribbing, top and underlines, moved with enthusiasm.

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