

CRITIQUE – Dr Michele Ivaldi

Thank you so much for the invitation, it was a great pleasure to judge your Gordons and I really enjoyed the sunny day at Castle Hill. My thanks also to Christine Rethers for the perfect organization and arrangements – she is extremely capable!

My general impression of Australian Gordons is good and all the exhibits displayed excellent temperaments being friendly to people and other dogs. This is something that unfortunately we do not often see anymore in European & UK rings and close to our benches & crates. Although my Best in Show was a Veteran, I saw good dogs in the Puppy and Junior classes which indicates that breeding plans are successful. I extend sincere thanks to all the Australian exhibitors who brought their top dogs for my appraisal.

BABY PUPPY DOG

1. CLANSET HOT SHOT

Nice head set on good neck, excellent bone, moves with plenty of drive, needs to strengthen in front, but still has plenty of time. Will be interested to see him again when he matures.

2. DEVERON DARKWING DUCK

Pretty little boy who is lacking the maturity of the winner at the moment so still has some developing to do in head, bone & body. Moved well with good drive

JUNIOR DOG

1. AUST CH TRISETER EBONIE ZEUS

Strong head and well boned, good topline, strong hindquarters, excellent coat and colour, good forechest. Moved well coming and going. **Res. Dog Challenge.**

2. TAHTAN SCOTCH ONTH ROCKS

Another very nice junior, although slightly lighter in frame than 1st. He has a good neck & shoulder but still needs time to break in head & develop more drive from behind. Colour could be better.

INTERMEDIATE DOG

1. AUST CH DRUMDAROCH BEAMERS RUN (AI)

Strong and classic boy, nice head with deep skull, well laid shoulders, deep in brisket with well sprung ribs, good bone and correct markings, strides out well retaining his balanced outline on the move. **Dog Challenge**

2. AUST CH TRISETER EBONIE YUKON (AI)

Another promising youngster who presently lacks the maturity of the winner and still needs time to develop in body & chest to reach his full potential. I would like a stronger head with more parallel lines.

AUSTRALIAN BRED

1. AUST CH TRISETER EBONIE YARRA (AI)

Well-boned dog who possesses a nice head and expression and good colour. Although he could have slightly more bend of stifle, he moved soundly.

2. AUST CH SPANRIEVER DREAM CATCHER

Good coat and colour, needs more front angulation to balance out his strong quarters and still has some developing to do in rib. Was moving a little close behind on the day.

OPEN DOG

1. AUST CH WARCHANT BARNABY

Nice headed dog with good neck and shoulder placement; well-angulated front and rear with correct top line. A little proud of his tail on the move.

2. AUST CH LOCHTAY MONTEREY JACK

Very nice dog that was presented in good coat and condition. Standing, his outline was very balanced. I felt that the winner scored with a more defined stop and better developed chest. Moved well.

VETERAN DOG

1. AUST CH TAHTAN OLIVER TWIST

Very fit old boy, excellent angulations, well ribbed up. I would prefer more substance and a better colour. Used his good body properties to advantage, driving really well round the ring.

BABY PUPPY BITCH

Three delightful babies who could easily change places on another day and with more development.

1. DEVERON DARK SKIES

Pretty little girl with one of the best head and expression seen here. Very lean neck. Good top line, moves well.

2. CLANSET HOT SENSATION

Stronger than 1st with particularly strong hindquarters. I felt that at this tender stage of their development the winner was fractionally better in shoulder and length of loin.

3. CLANSET HOT PINK

Nice head, expression and colour, slightly long in loin at present, needs more confidence in the ring but I'm sure this will come with patience & training.

JUNIOR BITCH

1. AUST CH TRISETER EBONIE ZENA

Nice head, lean neck on good shoulders, well angulated in front and rear. Needs to strengthen her top line in movement.

2. AUST CH CHARNNAH HOT GOSSIP

Not as mature as 1st, nice head, strong hindquarters, a little loose in front on the move.

INTERMEDIATE BITCH

1. AUST CH AMITYROHAN MORRIGAN

Strong and well shaped in body, nice head with dark eyes, good shoulders, moved parallel but as she is a little straight in upper arm she does not extend as well in front as some.

2. TAHTAN LADY OTHE NIGHT

Well presented bitch who is finer all through than 1st and not as compact, good colour, her tail carriage could be better.

AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH

1. AUST CH TAHTAN DIAMOND N PEARLS

The best mover in the class, nice head and neck, good top line; I would like a better tan.

2. AUST CH DRUMDARROCH ACES HIGH (AI)

Lovely for balance & outline when standing. Nice head and expression, good colour. Well angulated front and rear, nice wide croup.

3. AUST CH TRISETER EBONIE TUIJA

Nice head, good colour, a touch narrow for my liking and let herself down on the move today.

OPEN BITCH

1. AUST GR CH ROKEENA ELIZA BENNET FDCh JD

Solid and well built bitch with nice outline standing and retained on the move, good neck and shoulders, good angulations front and rear, well boned, perfectly presented. I just preferred the head of the BIS winner. **Res. Bitch Challenge and R.BIS**

2. AUST CH BRODRUGGAN GUINEVERE

Presented a lovely picture standing, with a long neck although I would have preferred a smoother flow into shoulders and a slightly more compact body. Moves well front and rear but tended to load on the front.

3. AUST CH DRUMDARROCH HOLLYS DREAM

Has good shoulders and is well boned, long croup, yet again was very nice standing. A little more length of leg would give a more balanced outline and I was disappointed with her front action when moved.

VETERAN BITCH

1. AUST GR CH TAHTAN VANITY FAIR

Dulcis in fundo! Beautiful head and soft expression, good neck leading into well angulated shoulders, strong top line, long and wide croup, good tail set and carriage, well boned. Moves better and more soundly than many younger exhibits. **Bitch Challenge and BIS.**

2. AUST CH TAHTAN CENTREFOLD

She is very similar to 1st but has a little less of everything especially in head and shoulder. Moves freely but going a little close behind today.