

## Special Award Classes

### Hovawart Club of Great Britain Open Show 2016

#### Judge: Anne Stewart

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the club for inviting me to judge the special classes at the club show. I would also like to thank all those who supported my classes. I very much appreciated the opportunity of going over all of your lovely dogs. There may not have been as many as I have judged on the continent but the standard was much higher. You should all be very proud of your dogs. I had a very enjoyable day.

#### Novice Dog or Bitch

1<sup>st</sup>: 15. HAYAKLAUSE MARILYN (DE JONG, CARLA) 2-year-old blonde bitch. Good pigment in the blonde nice shading. Lovely head and expression correct scissor bite with full complement of teeth. Lovely medium dark eye. I would prefer a little more angulation on the shoulder, but a good front and good spring of rib going into a good length of loin and lovely angulation behind with correct length of tail. When viewed from front and behind her legs are parallel. A lovely free easy mover when viewed from any angle, the tail is carried a little gay and has more curl than I would like but I could easily forgive her for that. Placed 1<sup>st</sup> in this Class, a very impressive winner. I really liked this bitch.

2<sup>nd</sup>. 12. HALOUMI HENDRIX SEAHAWK (CHARAP, MR D) 10-month old Blonde male lovely head with lovely dark eye. Good shading in the coat. He is a neutered male. He is a bit all over the place at the moment which I think can be put down to his age. Good shoulder and spring of rib, nicely muscled. Good length of tail and good tail carriage. He is a little weak in the carpal joints at present. Handsome looking male though may go over done but I liked his width of head and body. He was very bouncy in his movement but what I did see he has a good drive with an over enthusiastic reach. But I was so taken with his overall look that I could forgive him this and put it down to youthful enthusiasm. Placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in this class, I was won over by his overall look and lovely outline.

3<sup>rd</sup>. 1. KANUKALOS ALLEGRO (ALLEN, K) B/G Dog 18 months. Lovely head and expression, correct scissor bite. Angulation a little upright in front and upper arm a little steep, good angulation behind, good spring of rib. Nice length of loin. Bite slightly pincer. Tail reaching just below hocks. He was not a bad mover, being such a young dog he was a bit on the bouncy side, throwing his feet up a little in front with not quite the extension in front that I would like to see but as he is just a young dog I feel this will improve with age. Good movement when viewed from behind. Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in this class, he is still a little less mature than the winners.

4<sup>th</sup> 8. QUINCEBOIS TIGERWOOD (BOISSEAU, NICK & HELEN) B/G Bitch 2 years old, strongly marked with a little bleeding of colour around the eyes and across the nose. Correct Bite. Eyes medium in colour and slightly on the light side if I am being picky. Coat is a little short obviously having just blown her coat. Good length of tail. Shoulder angulation slightly steep into a good spring of rib and nice length of loin. Moderate angulation behind legs parallel when viewed from behind but standing slightly wide when viewed from front. Her movement was a little bouncy and short striding I would have preferred and little more reach in front. Movement was a little wide in front when coming towards me. Placed 4<sup>th</sup> in this class, very nice Bitch but I found her a little short in the leg which pushed her down the placings.

## Post Graduate Dog or Bitch

1<sup>st</sup> 6. QUINCEBOIS TULIPWOOD BY PINES (BETTS, ELAINE & SHARPE) B/G Bitch 2-year-old. Good lip and eye pigmentation with correct markings and definition of colour. Lovely coat condition and a lovely deep black with a good shine but another coat on the blow. Again I would prefer a little more angulation in the shoulder but good hind angulation. Loved her length of neck and loin. Correct scissor bite again and lovely dark eye. lovely free and easy mover and showing well in the ring. Placed 1<sup>st</sup> in this class, it was close between one and two but for me this bitch just had the edge on the day

2<sup>nd</sup> 42. DRIFTINGSKY ALIZE (WHITE, LYNDA & WHITMORE, ELIZABETH) B/G Bitch 2 ½ Year old, good markings with correct pigmentation with a lovely dark eye and correct scissor bite. Lovely head and expression. I would prefer a little more lay back in the shoulder but I am being picky here. She has a lovely outline. I loved her good spring of rib and length of loin. Tail was also of correct length. Coat left a little open in areas after obviously a recent wash but of good condition and depth of colour. Another good mover with lovely reach and drive. But tending to curl the tail over a little too much on the move. Very nice bitch. Placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in this class, a close second to 1<sup>st</sup> place, it was a hard choice.

3<sup>rd</sup> . 45. ZWARTBOS VENTNOR (WOLFE, JAN) B/G bitch 5-year-old quite a strong head for a bitch but with a lovely head and expression. Correct scissor bite. Good ear carriage and medium shading in the eyes. Markings are not as clear as I would like but all present with tarnishing in the gold of legs as well. Tail is of correct length. Excellent spring of rib and good shoulder and lovely rear angulation. Legs parallel when viewed from behind. Very impressive on the move with lovely reach and drive, easily the best mover there. Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in this Class, I have to admit that her fabulous movement won her this place, a joy to watch.

4<sup>th</sup>. 11. ISALYNN VAN ELDEREN'S HOF (CHALLONER, DG) Blonde bitch almost 2 years old. Pigment of the blonde coat a little darker than I would prefer. Her head is of good proportions but at present the ear carriage is a little low which makes them appear a little too big as the reach well beyond the corners of the dog's mouth. Medium shading in eye with good pigmentation on the nose and lips. I would prefer more angulation in front but lovely angulation behind. Loin is slightly shorter than I would like and she is a little weak there at present which is shown by the way she stands with her hind legs tucked under her. Tail is the correct length. Good movement when viewed for the side but rather close when going away and a slight swimming action when coming. Needs time to settle and show off the movement she can do. But I liked her very much. Placed 4<sup>th</sup> in this Class, I feel she need more time to mature, but still a very nice bitch.

VHC 10. QUINCEBOIS IRONWOOD (CAMPBELL, LUCY) 23month B/G Male. slight bleeding of colour around the eyes but has a lovely dark eye, with strong head and expression with correct scissor bite, good shoulder if perhaps not as well laid back as I would like and upper arm was slightly steep but good front and spring of rib. Coat on the blow at the moment but has the potential for a good coat with time and age. On the move he has a lovely drive from behind but not quite the reach I would prefer in front. a little out in front. Placed VHC in this Class, a very nice male and has lots of potential.

25. ZWARTBOS MOET (ROBINSON, JANICE & BROWN, DAVE) B/G Bitch 3-year-old. Lovely head and expression with a lovely dark eye. Correct scissor bite and all teeth present. Markings are a little dark and hard to see with only a few gold hairs for the eye spots and some black tarnishing on legs and toes. Good length of tail. With a coat that was a little wavy in construction which was leading to some open areas. But lovely shine on coat and good deep black colour. Tending

to stand wide behind and has too much slope in the pasterns. Moved with a free easy action but the slope in the pasterns was exaggerated on the move. Would benefit from being moved a little quicker round the ring to show off the free easy movement more. Sadly, unplaced in this Class, but up against some strong opposition.

### **Open Dog or Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup> 16. AIR FORCE BOHAEMIC (DE JONG, JACK) B/G Male 2 ½ Year old. Good strong male head planes of head are not parallel, but I could not help but forgive him this. He has a lovely dark eye and beautiful expression. Correct scissor bite and full complement of teeth. Good depth of colour in black but the gold of the legs is a little tending towards tan than I prefer. Coat is of good length and construction. He has good angulation front and back with good front and spring of rib but I would prefer a little more of a layback in the shoulder. When viewed standing he tends to toe out with his right front and perfectly parallel from behind. An impressive mover with fabulous reach and drive and overall impression is of a very eye catching male. Placed 1<sup>st</sup> in this class, an impressive boy which filled the eye but it was still a close win.

2<sup>nd</sup> 14. ZWARTBOS CARISBROOKE (CONDRON, JULIE) Black Male 5 Years Old. Good strong male head with lovely dark eye and lovely dark pigment on the nose and lips. Correct Scissor bite with full complement of teeth. Lovely length of neck into a moderate shoulder again I would prefer a little more of a lay back. Good front and spring of rib. Well angulated behind and good parallel lines in legs when viewed front and back. Correct length of tail. A little over exuberant in movement but when he finally settles I saw the lovely reach and drive I was waiting to see. Placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in this class, it was a very close second, a little more time to settle and it could all change.

3<sup>rd</sup> 40. DRIFTINGSKY MIST (WHITE, LYNDA & WHITMORE, ELIZABETH) B/G bitch 7 years old. Well marked with a few white hairs on the chest. Good depth of colour in the black of the coat with some rustiness from sun exposure. Good shoulder angulation but upper arm a little steep, good spring of rib and hind angulation. Lovely strength of pasterns and nice moderate slope, impressive for her age. Tail of correct length. Lovely even mover with easy ground covering stride. Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in this very strong class.

4<sup>th</sup> 18. ZWARTBOS ARRETON (GUTJAHR, MRS E & MR) Blonde bitch 5 years old. Coat well shaded without being too dark. Good parallel lines when viewed from front and back. Good head and expression but a little too narrow at back of skull and tapering a little too much on the muzzle for me. Nice dark eye. Tail is only just reaching the Hocks so is slightly short, this seems to be caused by the croup being slightly short. Good shoulder and hind end angulation but not the spring of rib I would like. Moved very well when viewed from the side but moving slightly close behind. Placed 4<sup>th</sup> in this class with some very strong opposition.

VHC. 43. DRIFTINGSKY ARCUS (WILLIAMS, B & A) Blonde Male 2yrs 8 months. Good head and expression with medium eye and slight loss of pigment on the nose. Coat good tone with good shading and length although slightly open on top no doubt due to a recent wash. Moderate shoulder but a little upright in the upper arm. Good spring of rib and hind angulation with correct length of tail. Another good mover with good drive but perhaps not the reach of the two dogs ahead of him. Placed VHC in this class.

17. DRIFTINGSKY DUSK (GUTJAHR, MRS E & MR T) B/G Male 7years old. Lovely dark eye with good head with a slightly short neck. Shoulder a little upright. Lacking in face markings with just a little along the lips and on the bib with faint chest markings. Good hind angulation but tail a little

short only just reaching the hock. Good parallel legs when viewed from front and back. I would prefer more bone on him to give him a more masculine appearance. A fair mover with good drive from behind but just not the reach I am looking for in front. But a real gentleman. Sadly, unplaced in this class but no shame on him.