

Hovawart Club of GB

Open Show 3 October 2021

Special Award Class's

A very enjoyable time spent with a dedicated band of enthusiasts. I would like to thank the officers and committee for their very kind invitation to judge these three class's. Over the years I have called in when in the area to watch some of the judging, little knowing that one day I would be centre stage. To all who gave me an entry – thank you. I was privileged to have 10 exhibits in the Open Class, a truly wonderful sight – much photographed and videoed by the ringside. Finally for the present of a super engraved vase already in good use with chrysanthemums.

Novice D/B

Obviously no idea until after judging but 5 lovely, full of quality, litter mates of just 18 months. One B/T bitch, two B/T boys, one Blonde bitch and 1 Blonde boy.

1 Dellar and Dellar-Werner's - Hightimbers Ticket To Rock - Good sized blonde male of pleasing type. Medium neck into a good front shoulder and strong topline. Tight round compact feet. Well balanced profile with slightly more length to height. Moderate rear angulation. Well boned without being course. Would not want any more weight. Balanced head with muzzle equal to skull. Moderate stop and strength of muzzle to nose. Alert almond eyes. Moved really well, sound with good reach and rear drive

2 McClure's - Hightimbers Ticket To Dream At Kanukalos - B/T bitch. With a slightly tighter fitting coat has a very balanced clean outline. Body wise not so mature as her brother but a good constructed framework is all there. Clean well carried neck and topline. Feet could be tighter but preferred her slightly more angulation in rear. Good body weight – could feel ribs! Lovely head, feminine with correct ear and eye. She too moved really well always, keeping a clean balanced carriage. Just needs another year or so to really finish

3 Woodger's - Hightimbers Ticket To Moon – B/T male. Pleasing size, shape and bone. He is so very well made all through. Standing he matched the first two. However another who could do with less weight which also gave his body a slight roll on the move. Though he is sound always. He too has a well proportioned head, moderate stop and kind, lively eye. Defined B/T colours, coat was well presented and in super condition.

4 Travis's - Hightimbers Ticket To Stars With Annvad

5 Christopherson's - Hightimbers Ticket To Evita

Post Grad D/B

1 Hemsworth's - Hightimbers Travel Tickets – Now 3yrs all Black bitch and same parents as the previous class. Feminine with good size, shape and build. Still to finish but heading in the right direction. Good feet. Pleasing height to length, clean topline, good neck and carriage, medium angulation in rear. Limbs strong and parallel. No excess weight, plenty of muscle tone. Eyes slightly round, could be darker. Moderate stop with good lengths muzzle to skull. Sound, balanced action. Good fitting coat, black was black and gleaming with condition.

2 Shone's – Zwartbos Moondance – Bitch of 5yrs – Standing has a clean well balanced profile though for a female would like a little less of her all through. More finished in coat and body than one, all black and also gleaming with condition. Matched one for type and shape, just slightly wider across her front which also showed when coming towards. Sound going away and a well balanced strong side action. Has a proportioned head, preferred her eye colour, moderate stop

3 Boisseau's – Quincebois Tigerwood – Bitch just shy 7yrs – Matched many of the attributes of the other two. Very alert and standing has good height to length, clean topline into well angulated rear quarters. Slightly shorter in neck. Would like a bit less weight and stronger feet. Not quite the

spring of step as the other two, but sound. Has good lengths muzzle to skull, but would like more strength through muzzle to nose. Moderate stop. Super condition, well marked B/T coat.

Open D/B

It's a dog show and I had to place 1-5 but truly any of those present here today could have won – thank you again for making this class memorable for so many reasons

1 Gutjahr's - Zwartbos Arreton – Quality blonde bitch of 10yrs. Stood out, free standing, clean balanced profile and so well constructed. Such ring presence, alert and showing whenever I looked at her. Good body weight and muscle tone. With good height to length, good feet, parallel limbs. Pleasing neck into well laid shoulders, strong topline into slight slope to croup. Has good lengths muzzle to skull, would like slightly more strength of muzzle to nose. Lovely kind eye, well set and shaped ears. Moved really well, no hint as to her age, sound and co-ordinated with plenty of reach and drive.

2 McClure's - Kanukalos Burletta – the next three were all litter mates. B/T and I liked for size, shape and type. Now 6yrs and has matured into a class act. Good bone, substance, weight and muscle and retaining a female quality. Strong topline with pleasing rib, chest and moderate tuck up. Sufficiently well coated but fitting as to allow a clean profile. Head is very well made all through. Slightly better balance of muzzle, moderate stop with good lengths muzzle to skull. Eyes slightly lighter and round. Sound, free action covering plenty of ground

3 Allen's - Kanukalos Allegro – Quality good sized B/T male. Standing was a nightmare, just did not project himself and handler really needs to work harder to encourage him. Hands on is very well made and proportioned. Would like less weight but construction is there. Feet need a good tidy up, elsewhere he has a very good coat with lovely presentation and condition. His head is just right, with good ear and eye. Really came alive on the move, impressive lively strong gait, sound and very well co-ordinated.

4 Foakes - Kanukalos Rhapsody

5 Gutjahr's - Zwartbos Brown Eyed Girl (litter sister to Moondance)

Marion Hodgson
Judge