

2013 Breed Classes and Entries: Breed Judge — Michael Kunze

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Best Black and Gold Coat	8. Pines Monet (Campbell, Lucy)
Best Black Coat	11. Zwartbos Carisbrooke (Condron, Julie)
Best Blonde Coat	26. Glenbower Jans Cuban (Murphy, Michael)
Best Puppy, RBP, PD, PB	no entries, not awarded

Critique by Michael Kunze

Class 1 - Puppy Dog No entries

Class 2 - Junior Dog. 1 entry

- 1st 25. CASTLEMARY DRUID (Murphy, Michael)
1 year old black and gold male of medium type. Typical head with complete scissor bite. Dark brown eyes. Ears are set high. Testicles OK. Correct back. Angulation in the forequarters is a little bit steep and in the hindquarters correct. In the movement, in the forequarters a little bit pedalling, in hindquarters correct. Correct fluent movement in the circle. Deep black coat with smooth texture and medium length. Beautiful correct gold marks. Absolutely correct tail. Male has a friendly and secure personality and a good temperament. Excellent.

Class 3 – Yearling Dog No entries

Class 4 – Novice Dog 2 entries

- 1st 15. QUINCEBOIS SALLERON (Connor, Neil & Tanja)
2 and a half year old black and gold male of heavy type. Typical head with complete scissor bite. Middle brown eyes. Correct ears. Correct back. Castrated male. Correct angulations in the fore- and hindquarters. In the movement in the forequarters with loose elbows, in the hindquarters a little bit narrow. Very beautiful movement in the circle. Deep black coat of correct length and texture. Complete golden marks with tendency to over-marking in the hindquarters. Rims around eyes. Tail is correct in anatomy and carried a little bit high during movement. He has a friendly and secure personality with a very good temperament. Excellent.
- 2nd 41. HIGHTIMBERS TUPPENCE (Woodger, Kathy)
2 years and 9 months old black and gold male of medium type. Typical head with correct scissor bite, middle brown eyes and correct ears. The back is correct. Angulation in the fore- and hindquarters is correct. In the movement in the forequarters correct, in the hindquarters a little bit narrow. Fluent and harmonic movement in the circle. Deep black coat of correct length and texture. Complete gold marks with tendency of over-marking in the legs. The tail is correct in anatomy and length and is extremely curled up in the movement. The male has a friendly and secure personality and a good temperament. Very good.

Class 5 – Post Graduate Dog 1 entry

- 1st 1. HIGHTIMBERS SIXPENCE (Barnett, Mrs J & Mr C)
2 years and 9 months old black and gold male of heavy type. Typical head with complete scissor bite, middle brown eyes and correct ears. Testicles ok. Angulation in the forequarters is correct, in the hindquarters a little bit steep. In the movement in the forequarters with loose elbows, in the hindquarters narrow. In the circle he shows a fluent and beautiful movement. Black coat of correct length and texture; at the moment some areas are brown like the tail and the chest. Complete light blonde marks with tendency of over-marking in the legs. The tail is correct in anatomy but a little bit short and is rolled in during the movement. The male has a friendly and secure personality and a quiet temperament. Very good.

Class 6 – Limit Dog 2 entries

- 1st 24. PINES HAPI (Mackay, John & Thayer, Susi)
5 and a half year old black and gold male of heavy type. Heavy head with complete scissor bite. Middle brown eyes. The ears are set on high. Correct back. Testicles ok. Angulation in fore- and hindquarters is correct. In the movement, in the forequarters with loose elbows and narrow in the hindquarters. Fluent movement with a good drive in the circle. Dark black coat which is smooth at the moment. Complete medium blonde marks. Marks at the chest and the throat are washed out. The tail is completely correct. Very friendly and secure personality with an active temperament. Excellent.
- 2nd 11. ZWARTBOS CARISBROOKE (Condron, Julie)
2 years 2 months old black male of heavy type. Heavy head with complete scissor bite. Dark brown eyes and absolutely correct ears. Testicles ok. Angulation in the hindquarters is correct, in the forequarters the pastern is too much angled. The movement in the forequarters is with loose elbows and little bit pedalling, in the hindquarters a little bit narrow. Fluent movement in the circle. Deep black coat of absolute correct length and texture. The tail is correct in anatomy and length and is a little bit rolled in during the movement. Friendly and secure personality, very good temperament. Excellent.

Class 7 – Open Dog 4 entries

- 1st 29. BERKENBOS CHINOOK (Stockton, G)
7 year old black male of heavy type. Typical head with complete scissor bite, medium brown eyes and correct ears. Testicles ok. Correct angulation in fore- and hindquarters with tendency of too much angulation in the hindquarters. Correct movement in fore- and hindquarters and also in the circle. Deep black coat of correct length and texture, a little white spot. The tail is completely correct. Friendly and secure personality with a very good temperament. Excellent.
- 2nd 26 GLENBOWER JANS CUBAN (Murphy, Michael)
6 year old blonde male of heavy type. Heavy head with a complete scissor bite. Medium brown eyes. Correct ears. Testicles ok. Correct back. Angulation in fore- and hindquarters is correct. Movement in the forequarters with loose elbows. In the hindquarters narrow. In the circle he shows a very fluent and balanced movement. Smooth middle blond coat of correct length. Correct pigmentation, snow nose. The tail is correct in anatomy but a little bit short and is correct during movement. The male has a very friendly and secure personality with a quiet temperament. Excellent.
- 3rd 37. FASSKOLEYS MATHAN (Tyerman, Mark)
Six year old black and gold male of medium type, typical head with complete scissor bite, dark brown eyes. The ears are set on high and a little bit off-standing. Testicles ok. Angulation in the fore- and hindquarters is correct. In the movement in the forequarters with loose elbows, in the hindquarters narrow. Very fluent and balanced movement in the circle. Black coat of excellent length but the texture is not optimal at the moment. Complete middle blond marks with tendency of over-marking in the legs. The tail is correct in anatomy but a little bit short and also correct during movement. Male has a very friendly personality but he is a little bit easily impressed (meaning: nervous/not entirely secure) in the ring. Very good.
- 4th 8. PINES MONET (Campbell, Lucy)
Six and a half year old black and gold male of heavy type. Heavy head, complete scissor bite, medium brown eyes and correct ears. Testicles ok. The back is a little bit sagging. Angulation in forequarters is correct, the hindquarters are steep angulated. In the movement in the forequarters with loose elbows and little bit paddling, in the hindquarters narrow. Fluent movement in the circle. Deep black coat of correct length and texture, complete medium blonde marks with tendency of over-marking in the legs. The marks on the muzzle are a little bit washed out. The tail has a correct anatomy but is a little bit short and is also correct during movement. The male has a friendly and secure personality with a quiet temperament. Very good.

Class 8 – Special Veteran Dog 1 entry

- 1st 21. MINCHES CHIEF RIEVER (Inches, Min)
7 and a half year old blonde male of heavy type, heavy head with complete scissor bite. Medium brown eyes and correct ears. Testicles ok. Angulation in fore- and hindquarters is correct. The movement in the forequarters with little bit loose elbows, the hindquarters correct. Fluent movement in the circle. Smooth medium blond coat of correct length. Medium pigmentation and snow nose. The tail is absolutely correct. Friendly and secure personality with a quiet temperament. Excellent.

Class 9 – Special Vintage Dog No entries

Class 10 – Good Citizen Dog 3 entries

- 1st 1. HIGHTIMBERS SIXPENCE (Barnett, Mrs J & Mr C)
Already seen
- 2nd 8. PINES MONET (Campbell, Lucy)
Already seen
- 3rd 17. DRIFTINGSKY DUSK (Gutjahr, Ellen & Thomas)
Four and half year old black and gold male of medium type. Typical head with complete scissor bite, medium brown eyes, ears set on high. Angulation in fore- and hindquarters is correct. In movement, forequarters with loose elbows, in the hindquarters very narrow, fluent movement in the circle. Deep black coat of correct length and texture, complete medium blond marks. Marks of muzzle, throat and chest are washed out. The tail is correct in anatomy and length and is carried sideways during movement. The male has a friendly personality but is a little bit impressed (meaning: nervous/not entirely secure) in the ring. Very good.

Class 11 – Puppy Bitch No entries

Class 12– Junior Bitch 1 entry

- 1st 2. PINES TROTT (Betts, Elaine & Sharpe, John)
13 month old, black and gold bitch of medium type, complete scissor bite, medium brown eyes, high set on ears. Correct back. Back quarters a little straight in angulation. Movement in fore-quarters with loose elbows, in the hind-quarters cow hocked. The black coat is at the moment not optimal, some brown areas at back and neck, length at the moment short. Complete medium blonde marks, washed out at throat and muzzle. Tail correct. The bitch is friendly but a little fearful. Very good.

Class 13 - Yearling Bitch 1 entry

- 1st 33. ANNVAD LADY FARICA (Travis, Ann)
2 years black bitch of medium type. Typical head. Pincer bite, medium brown eyes, correct ears. Correct back. Angulation front and hind quarters correct. Movement in fore-quarters with loose elbows, in the hind quarters narrow. Fluent and balanced movement in the circle. Big black coat of excellent length and texture. Tail correct in anatomy and length and is carried sideways during the movement. Bitch has a friendly and secure personality with active temperament. Very good.

Class 14 – Novice Bitch 2 entries

- 1st 16. ZWARTBOS ARRETON (Gutjahr, Ellen & Thomas)
2 year blonde bitch, medium to heavy type. Typical head with scissor bite, P4 below on left and right side lost. Medium brown eyes. High set on ears, right ear is a little off standing. Correct back, correct angulation in hind and fore quarters. Movement in front quarter with loose elbows and paddling, hind quarters a bit narrow. Very fluent and balanced movement in circle. Middle blonde coat of medium length. Excellent pigmentation, snow nose (excellent). Tail is correct in all parts, very friendly and secure personality with an active temperament. Very good.
- 2nd 6. ZWARTBOS SANDOWN (Blackwell, Mrs L)
3 years old black & gold bitch of medium type. Typical head with scissor bite, P2 on right lower side lost. Medium brown eyes. Set on high, but correct ears. Back is correct, angulation in fore and hind-quarters also correct. In movement in fore and hind-quarters closed in back. Fluent movement in the circle. Deep black coat of short length. Complete golden marks with tendency to being over-marked in the legs. Tail is completely correct. Friendly and secure personality. Very good.

Class 15 – Post Graduate Bitch 1 entry

- 1st 39. DRIFTINGSKY MIST (White, Lynda & Whitmore, Elizabeth)
4 year old black & gold bitch of medium type. Typical head with complete scissor bite. Medium brown eyes. Set on high but correct ears. Correct back. Angulation in front and hind quarter correct. Movement in front quarter with loose elbows, in hind quarters narrow. Very fluent and balanced movement in the circle. Deep black coat of correct length and texture. Complete and correct gold blonde marks. Tail is correct. Friendly and secure personality with active temperament. Excellent.

Class 16 - Limit Bitch 3 entries, 1 absent

- 1st 22. FASSKOLEYS SILKIE (Inches, Min)
3 year black & gold bitch of heavy type. Typical head with complete scissor bite. Medium brown eyes. Set on high ears, with a bit off-standing on both sides. Correct back, angulation of fore and hind quarters is correct. Movement in fore quarter with loose elbows, in the hind quarter a little narrow. Deep black coat of medium length. Complete gold blonde marks which are over-marked in legs. Tail is correct. Friendly and secure personality with active temperament. Very good.
- 2nd 28. PINES MEDITATION (Scully, Mrs S & Ms C)
6 ½ year black & gold bitch of heavy type. Carries a bit too much weight. Heavy head with complete scissor bite. Dark brown eyes. Set on high ears, right ear is a little bit off-standing. Back is correct. Correct angulation in fore and hind quarters. Movement in fore-quarters correct, in the hind quarter narrow. Very fluent and balanced movement in the circle. Deep black coat of correct length and texture. Complete gold blonde marks with tendency to be over-marked in the legs. Tail is tensed in the tip of the tail but is carried correctly during movement. Bitch has friendly and secure personality. Very good.

Class 17 - Open Bitch 3 entries

- 1st 7. PINES ANKHET AT QUINCEBOIS (Boisseau, Helen & Nick)
5 ½ years old black & gold bitch of medium type. Typical head with scissor bite. Medium brown eyes. Correct ears. Correct back. Angulation in fore and hind quarters correct. Movement in fore quarter with slightly loose elbows, in the hind quarter a little bit narrow. Excellent and fluent and balanced movement in the circle. Deep black coat of correct length and texture, complete gold blond marks, washed out at throat and chest. Tail is completely correct. Very friend and secure personality and active temperament. Excellent.
- 2nd 10. PINES CHANEL (Christopherson, Mrs J)
6 years black & gold bitch of heavy type. Typical head with complete scissor bite. Medium brown eyes, correct ears. Correct back. Correct angulation in fore and hind quarters. In movement in the fore-quarters with slightly loose elbows, hind quarters correct. Very fluent and balance movement in the circle. Deep black coat of an excellent length and texture. Complete and correct golden blond marks. Tail has correct anatomy and length and is a little curled during movement. Friendly and secure personality with an active temperament. Excellent.
- 3rd 3. PINES ACORN (Betts, Elaine & Sharpe, John)
4 years black & gold bitch of heavy type. Heavy head with complete scissor bite. Medium brown eyes. Correct ears. Correct back. In the fore quarter the pastern is too much angulated, hind quarters at correct angulation. In the movement fore quarters with loose elbows, hind quarters narrow. Fluent movement in the circle. Deep black coat of correct length, complete and correct medium blonde marks. Tail also completely correct. Friendly and secure temperament. Excellent.

Class 18 – Special Veteran Bitch 3 entries

- 1st 4. PINES PENNY WHISTLE (Betts, Elaine & Sharpe, John)
9 year old black & gold bitch of heavy type. Typical head with complete scissor bite. Medium brown eyes. Set on high but correct ears. Correct back. Fore quarters with correct angulation, in the hind quarters too much angulation. Movement in fore-quarters with loose elbows, in hind quarters a bit narrow. Fluent movement in circle. Tail completely correct. Deep black coat, excellent length & texture. Complete medium blonde marks with tendency of being over-marked in hind quarters. Friendly and secure temperament. Excellent.
- 2nd 38. TYEHELVA SUPER SUMMER OF DRIFTINGSKY (White, Lynda & Whitmore, Elizabeth)
7 year old black & gold bitch of medium type. Typical head with complete scissor bite. Medium brown eyes & correct ears. Correct angulation in the fore and hind quarter. Movement in fore-quarters with loose elbows with paddling, narrow in hind quarters. Fluent movement in circle. Deep black coat with correct length and texture. Complete medium blonde marks with tendency of being over-marked in hind quarters. Tail correct. Quiet temperament. Excellent.
- 3rd 20. MINCHES KEES KILLARNEY (Inches, Min)
10 year old black & gold bitch of heavy type. Typical head with complete scissor bite. Medium brown eyes. Set on high but correct ears. Correct back. Angulation in fore-quarters and hind quarters correct. Movement in fore-quarters with paddling, in hind-quarters a bit narrow. Fluent movement in circle. Tail correct in anatomy, but a little short. Coat of correct length & texture. Grey undercoat in hind quarters and her back. Complete light blonde marks. Friendly and secure temperament. Very good.

Class 19 – Special Vintage Bitch 2 entries, 1 absent

- 1st 5. KYNYAF TIY OF PINES (Betts, Elaine & Sharpe, John)
11 ½ years old black & gold bitch of heavy type. Heavy head with scissor bite. Medium brown eyes. Correct ears. Correct back. Fore-quarter pastern too much angulation, hind quarter correct angulation. Movement in fore-quarters with loose elbows, in hind quarters a bit narrow. Excellent fluent movement in circle. Deep black coat of excellent length. Complete medium blonde marks with tendency of being over-marked in face (rims). Very friendly and secure personality and active temperament. Excellent.

Class 20 – Good Citizen Bitch 1 entry

- 1st 28. PINES MEDITATION (Scully, Mrs S & Ms C)
Already seen

Class 21 – Brace 1 entry

- 1st 38. WHITMORE & WHITE EA & LJ

Class 22 – Progeny No entries

Class 23 – Breeder No entries

Class 24 – Special Hovawart Best Coat Colour Black & Gold Dog 4 entries

- 1st 8. PINES MONET (Campbell, Lucy)
2nd 37. FASSKOLEYS MATHAN (Tyerman, Mark)
3rd 41. HIGHTIMBERS TUPPENCE (Woodger, Kathy)
4th 25. CASTLEMARY DRUID (Murphy, Michael)

Class 25 - Special Hovawart Best Coat Colour Black & Gold Bitch 5 entries, 1 withdrawn

- 1st 28. PINES MEDITATION (Scully, Mrs S & Ms C)
2nd 22. FASSKOLEYS SILKIE (Inches, Min)
3rd 10. PINES CHANEL (Christopherson, Mrs J)
4th 6. ZWARTBOS SANDOWN (Blackwell, Mrs L)

Class 26 - Special Hovawart Best Coat Colour Black Dog 1 entry

- 1st 11. ZWARTBOS CARISBROOKE (Condron, Julie)

Class 27 - Special Hovawart Best Coat Colour Black Bitch 1 entry

- 1st 33. ANNVAD LADY FARICA (Travis, Ann)

Class 28 - Special Hovawart Best Coat Colour Blonde Dog 2 entries

- 1st 26. GLENBOWER JANS CUBAN (Murphy, Michael)
2nd 21. MINCHES CHIEF RIEVER (Inches, Min)

Class 29 Special Hovawart Best Coat Colour Blonde Bitch 2 entries, 1 absent

- 1st 16. ZWARTBOS ARRETON (Gutjahr, Ellen & Thomas)

2013 Special Award Classes and Entries: Judge - Craig Hosie

Critique by Craig Hosie

SPECIAL AWARDS – Thank you to the Hovawart club of Great Britain for inviting me to judge the first special award classes scheduled at this show and to the exhibitors for supporting me. Your dogs were a credit and temperaments first class.

Class 30– Novice Dog or Bitch 4 entries, 1 absent

- 1st 6. ZWARTBOS SANDOWN (Blackwell, Mrs L)
Blackwell's Zwartbos Sandown, B/G 2 year old bitch whom her handler gets the most out of her as they work as a team which attracts your attention. Lovely head with correct measurements and carrying ears well with a medium brown eye, giving that expression of intelligence and kindness that one looks for in the breed. In profile a pleasing picture of balance with good front and rear angulation, level topline which was also held on the move and once settled moved nicely. Tail just reaching the hock and felt would like a little bit more width to chest. Completes the picture with correct B/G markings of nice colour. Nicely presented.
- 2nd 25. CASTLEMARY DRUID (Murphy, Michael)
Murphy's Castlemary Druid, B/G dog with a very attractive and balanced masculine head on his young shoulders with correct ear carriage and a dark brown eye, giving that wonderful hovawart expression and with nice deep gold markings all in the correct place. Coming together well considering he is just over 12 months old wearing a nice jacket, willing to please his handler. Tail reaches the hock and when standing in profile gives a pleasing picture, felt slightly upright in front angulation at the moment and would like a tad more bone overall. One who will have a bright future and will follow his progress with interest. Wonderful laid back temperament, nothing fazed him.
- 3rd 17. DRIFTINGSKY DUSK (Gutjahr, Ellen & Thomas)
Gutjahr's Driftingsky Dusk, B/G 4 year old male who was another who gave a pleasing picture when standing, balanced throughout with nice angles and a pleasing front, with a mature jacket of correct texture. Nice expression with a medium eye. Kind dog who was attentive to handler however he does lack some of his gold markings. Presented in lovely condition, a credit to his owner.

Class 31 - Post Graduate Dog or Bitch 4 entries

- 1st 11. ZWARTBOS CARISBROOKE (Condron, Julie)
Condron's Zwartbos Carisbrooke 2 year old black male, another dog whose handler knows how to get the best from him and who demands your attention in the ring. Feels as if he has it all to go to the top having that extra little spark that takes you there. Attractive masculine head without being overdone, correct measurements with nicely carried ears and dark eye just finishes the head off perfectly, sitting on a good length of neck into good shoulders with a level topline into a well angulated rear. Picture of balance and strength with excellent bone and deep shinning black jacket of good quality with nice length to tail. Felt his chest was well developed with straight legs into good feet. Has so many qualities considering he is a young dog and not fully matured.
- 2nd 39. DRIFTINGSKY MIST (White, Lynda & Whitmore, Elizabeth)
White & Whitmore's Driftingsky Mist, 4 year old B/G bitch who I have judged before. Feminine with correct head planes giving that sweet yet alert balanced expression that one expects to see from the girls. Medium brown eye with correct ear placement, nice length to neck into correct shoulders and a level topline completing the picture. Felt her jacket was short today, has a full set of B/G markings of good colour and nice length of tail. On the move was lovely to watch once settled, however moves close behind. A lovely bitch with many good qualities.
- 3rd 1. HIGHTIMBERS SIXPENCE (Barnett, Mrs J & Mr C)
Barnett's Hightimbers Sixpence, two and a half year old B/G male with all his markings in the correct place with varying degrees of gold, some being a bit light for me. Standing nice with an alert expression, felt his flews were a little bit loose. Jacket of good texture, nicely presented giving a balanced picture, beautiful laid back temperament and was willing to please his handler. He enjoyed himself and once settled moved nicely. Credit to his owner.
- 4th 33. ANNVAD LADY FARICA (Travis, Ann)

Class 32– Open Dog or Bitch 10 entries, 4 absent

- 1st 7. PINES ANKHET AT QUINCEBOIS (Boisseau, Helen & Nick)
Boisseau's Pines Ankheth at Quincebois, five and a half year old mature B/G bitch who gave her handler everything he could ask for. In beautiful condition with correct markings of equal colouration, alert, kind expression with overall balance and correct body proportions. Lovely angulations front and rear with a good bend of stifle, level topline which was held on the move and in standing. Felt she could do the job she was bred to do, catching my eye as she entered the ring. Lovely to go over with a sound steady temperament that you would expect from the breed. Many congratulations on going BIS.

- 2nd 26. GLENBOWER JANS CUBAN (Murphy, Michael)
Murphy's Glenbower Jan's Cuban, 6 year old blonde male who is a credit to his breeder and owner. Handsome masculine head without being over-done, medium eye giving that look of intelligence, kindness. Scissor bite. When standing and on the move he didn't disappoint, giving his all for his handler, in correct coat of a good texture with excellent blonde shading and underneath his angulations matched his movement with good reach however he was a bit close behind in rear and felt his tail a little short. There is something about a male hovawart in his prime that has a demanding appearance in the ring and with a temperament to match that you find difficult to pass. Was a close decision but unlucky to have met such a nice bitch in the class.
- 3rd 3. PINES ACORN (Betts, Elaine & Sharpe, John)
Sharpe & Betts Pines Acorn CDEX, 4 year old B/G bitch who is another that stands out in the ring and has that partnership with her handler that is obviously special. A nicely marked heavier type bitch with well-developed gold markings which appear to be a bit lighter on the legs. When standing and on the move keeps her topline and has a lovely long tail. She is slightly longer in cast and moves very well with good reach although a bit close behind. Lovely kind medium eye with a beautiful expression, in lovely condition with a clean shorter jacket with excellent temperament, another quality bitch from this kennel.
- 4th 38. TYEHELVA SUPER SUMMER OF DRIFTINGSKY (White, Lynda & Whitmore, Elizabeth)
VHC 8. PINES MONET (Campbell, Lucy)

2013 Obedience Classes and Entries:

Obedience Judge – Maggie Spencer

It was great to see so many of you having a go, I hope it wasn't too scary for you. And you will try again, lots of these dogs could go on in obedience, you have put in great ground work. Keep it up it will be so worth it. Enjoy them on the way to having fun!

Class 33 – Pre-Beginners 7 entries

1st 15. Quincebois Salleron (Tanya Connor)

Congratulations on winning this class, you worked really hard on keeping him together, his recall was clear, apart from him looking at Janet to see what she was doing, he has lovely attention. Keep up his training and he is really good.

2nd 27. Quincebois Cher (Marcia Oakley)

Wow! What an improvement since I saw her last, well done you. Just very minor bits today, a tight lead was costly. But on another day you could have won this class.

3rd 1. Hightimbers Sixpence (Jenny Barnett)

Again wow! He has really come on, I was really pleased he was in the line-up, after all your hard work you so deserve it. Keep up that training and you will get him there.

4th_ 8. Pines Monet (Lucy Campbell)

Great to see him working, just work on that attention and he will get there. Well done

VHC 16. Zwartbos Arreton (Ellen Gutjahr)

Just a bit a tight lead today lost you a higher place, but I really liked your handling today. She needs to be a bit closer so she doesn't wander off you.

6th Pines Horus (Neil Connor). Good on you for keeping going, and getting him back into his work. Such a shame about his stay. Maybe next time he will be able to sit up. Bless.

Class 34 – Beginners 10 entries

Once again it was great to see these dogs commit to their work, and once again it is the ground work that is put in first. The improvement in these dogs since I last saw them is fab. This beginners class is a strong class so be pleased with your places.

1st 17. Driftingsky Dusk (E. Gutjahr)

Congratulations on winning this strong class, your recall and retrieve we're spot on today. Work on your starts a bit so he knows what he is doing. A lovely round well done.

2nd 23. Hightimbers Penny (Caron McLure)

I felt she is just not sure what you wanted, if you work on that attention you will win this class. Well done and keep up the training. Looking forward to see her around the shows.

3RD 28. Pines Meditation (Claire Scully)

I really like her work, she is a honest girl, just needs an owner who can stand still and not be a moving target!! Well done on this place.

4TH 27. Quincebois Cher (Marcia Oakley)

Again tight lead today, she just needs to be tidier, and she could do really well in this class. You have done so well with her - keep it up.

VHC 1. Hightimbers Sixpence (Jenny Barnett)

A few wides, and a tight lead, but you kept him with you which is a great achievement well done.

1st 15. Quincebois Salleron (Tanya Connor)

Your retrieve was the costly exercise in this class, clean this up and on another day you would be higher up. Keep up the good work and good luck with him.

Class 35 – Novice 5 entries

This class is for the more experienced handlers and sometimes dogs, so I do understand that we don't get so many people entering it. Everything is slightly harder and it can be scary if you are new to obedience.

1st 38. Tyhelva Super Summer of Driftingsky (Liz Whitmore)

Well Liz, you have certainly worked hard on her, she really put it together today, and pulled out all the stops. Amazing to see her, I always knew she had it in her. Congratulations on this win.

2nd 3. Pines Acorn (E. Betts)

It is always worse when your friend is judging you, the nerves kick in. So her starts were not that great but once she realised what she was there for she was good, Elaine and you should have more faith in her ability. She did everything with a few mistakes but so did everyone else's dog. Well done.

3rd 41. Hightimbers Tuppence (Kathy Woodger)

Very well done on getting this place in novice, just him being a boy today with him taking time to sniff where the others have been. His recall and retrieve were great. Good luck with him.

4th 39. Driftingsky Mist (Liz Whitmore)

First time I have ever watched her really work a round, she just doesn't know that it is important to start with you! A work in progress I feel Liz.

VHC 23. Hightimbers Penny (Caron McLure)

She just didn't want to stay too close in this round, but once you had got her attention the girl did good. This is all inexperience stuff and it will come. Good luck with her and see you round the shows.

Thanks to the committee for asking me to Judge the obedience, I loved every minute, in fact it brought a big lump to my throat to see so many having a go. Thank you all the competitors for entering under me. These dogs love to do stuff for us, and love to know they got it right for us, and we are pleased with them. They don't ask much do they. Nerves always play such a part of it when we go in that ring, you have to learn to breathe!! I saw some lovely handling today, kind and thoughtful, well done everyone.

See you all around showing off what your beautiful dogs can really do.

Maggie Spencer (Hightimbers)

2013 Good Citizens Tests – Assessors: Jeanette Prior and Maureen Taylor

Bronze:	Pines Trott	passed
	Pines Wiggins	passed
	Zwartbos Sandown	passed
Silver:	Pines Wiggins	passed
Gold:	Driftingsky Mist	passed
	Hightimbers Sixpence	passed
	Hightimbers Tuppence	passed
	Zwartbos Arreton	passed

GOOD CITIZEN TESTS. We both look forward to our annual day with the Hovawarts. We enjoyed meeting friends and candidates for the Good Citizen Tests and thank you for your hospitality.

We tested three Bronze candidates, one Silver and four Gold. All the dogs and their owners passed the tests and we can assure you we do not pass if the dogs are not of a good standard at all the exercises so very well done to all of you.

We look forward to meeting the Bronze and Silver dogs again when they come back to do the next level. All the dogs tested were entered into the show classes as well and some of them into the Obedience competition. Obviously they have brains and beauty - taken for granted in a hovawart! On this busy day all the Silver and Gold contestants have to give up most of their lunch break to trek down to the road to do the Roadwork section of the tests and then back up to the hall to do a group stay test which shows their dedication to training their dogs. Special congratulations go to Mark with Pines Wiggins who did the Bronze test in the morning and then came back in the afternoon and passed the Silver. We would love to hear how Milo's mountain rescue training is progressing and do hope he succeeds in becoming a search dog.

Thank you for a lovely day. Maureen and Janette