

# HOVAWART CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN.

SUNDAY THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER 2015.

## Open Show Breed Classes.

A special thank you must go to the Officer's and Committee of the Hovawart Club Of Great Britain for my kind invitation to judge their open show and to the exhibitors who brought along their dogs for my opinion. Without you there would be no show, so thank you. I first got a Hovawart in 1990 and didn't think 25 years later I would be standing in the ring judging our wonderful breed.

I understand the venue was a problem for the Scottish and Irish exhibitors with regards to distance, I thank you for letting me know that this was the case. I do hope the committee will find it acceptable to rotate the venue each alternative year between north and south to cover membership.

Onto the show venue itself, it was nicely situated and the weather was a beautiful autumn day but the breed judging was held indoors which was sad as we have a working breed and they move better outside, so I found it difficult to really get the dogs moving. I do believe this decision was outside the committees control, but something that needs to be kept in mind if booking this venue in the future. The top of the ring had no mats down and although I asked exhibitors not to go near it, show nerves kicked in which resulted in a few handlers and dogs slipping.

I had 21 Dogs and 28 Bitches which made a total entry of 49 with 3 absent which was an excellent entry, breed type varied. We have a breed which comes in three colours and we all need to remember this. I am proud to say that I have owned all three colours but today the breakdown was blonde 5, Black 2 and Black & Gold 39.

Some dogs paced and to those who are new to showing it is when both feet on the one side move forward together and it gives a dog a rolling motion to its body. Moving the dog at a quicker pace should help to rectify this. Temperament's were first class with only one puppy which was unsure of the flooring and was a bit over whelmed by this, however it did allow me to examine its mouth and go over it, so a little more positive training and it will be fine. Thank you to exhibitors for accepting my placings in a good sportsmanship manner and you should be proud of your dogs. Thanks to my stewards Gill and Abby for their help.

BIS went to a black bitch who came all the way from Holland, UNIQUE VON DE ROMERWEIDE and BOS was PINES ANUBIS with BP going to QUINCEBOIS TULIPWOOD BY PINES. The veteran classes were the strongest of the day.

### PUPPY Dog (7)

Lovely to see new owners showing for the first time however it was a difficult class to assess movement.

1. Campbell's Quincebois Ironwood, Approaching 1 year old, lovely well balanced medium boned B&G with correct markings of a medium gold colour. Catches your eye when on the stack with his correct head proportions and ears which he uses well and a well developed chest for his age. Has a level topline with a good quality jacket of good texture and his tail reaching below hock. Tight feet. Stood out in the class however I would have liked him to be more relaxed but in saying that he did everything his handler asked and didn't put a foot

wrong. He was shown on a tight lead and this prevented him from moving to his full potential as a looser lead would allow him to move more freely and this was the only reason he missed out on best puppy. One who I will follow with interest.

2. Ward's Quincebois Boxwood, litter brother to 1, another B&G of medium type with a lovely moulded head with tight lips and a beautiful friendly expression, lovely temperament and gave a pleasing picture when standing, has a level topline, however his front angles are a bit upright at present compared to his brother. His jacket is well marked and his tail reaches below the hock and has tight feet. Nicely presented in good condition and will look forward to seeing how he develops in the future.

3. Barron's Kanukalos Fortissimo, 7 month old raw baby B&G well marked with a jacket of good texture, has gold hairs underneath his black coat on his back but there still is plenty of time for that to settle. Very friendly temperament with a kind expression, head still developing and lips are a bit loose at present. Good picture standing with a level topline flowing into croup, the tail reaches the hock. Angulations are balanced with good bone and has tight feet and he moved well, another exciting puppy.

#### JUNIOR DOG (2)

1. Sharpe & Bett's Junior Jester at Pines, B&G approaching 18 months of nice breed type, medium boned with correct markings and when alert he has a lovely expression which is typical of the breed using his ears correctly and with a kind dark eye. His topline is level and coat of a pleasing texture, well presented and stands on good feet with well balanced angulations and tail of correct length, moved really well but needs to strengthen in rear, but has plenty of time on his side. Of sound character, pleased to award BEST JUNIOR. Nicely handled.

2. Prentice Dragoncrown Ash approaching 17 months, blonde male which I felt was in-between coats, of a lovely blonde colour with correct shading, kind expression with a medium eye and has correct ear placement, would prefer better pigment around eyes, has good length of neck which flows into his shoulders and has a level topline, would prefer better angulations but still gives a balanced picture and he is lighter in bone compared to 1. Tail reaches hock, moved well for his handler.

#### YEARLING DOG (5)

Nice class.

1. De Jong Air Force Bohaemic, 20 months old B&G dog who is knocking on the door for top awards. My notes say a close decision for best dog, masculine head with correct proportions of width and length of skull and muzzle with correct ear set and lovely dark eye which gives you that lovely expression we look for in our breed, a picture of strength with excellent front and rear angulations, good deep chest with spring of rib and strong well boned legs, strong loin with a perfect jacket which just sits on top giving that finished picture and then powerful movement with the desired reach and drive, won this class with ease, just lost out to the winner of veteran who was the mature finished article. Of beautiful character and pleased to award RBD & BY. Thank you for bringing him over from Holland to let me judge him.

2. Williams Driftingsky Arcus, 19 month old Blonde which my notes say love this dog. Quality boy for breed type with a handsome masculine head without being overdone, correct tapering of muzzle, tight lips and head proportions with a dark eye and associated dark pigment we look for in blondes giving a kind, alert expression. Another who has good bone and angulations with a quality blonde jacket with correct shading and his tail bushy and reaching below hock. However he needs to strengthen in rear movement. A quality dog with good character another who I will follow his show career, exciting.

3. Miles Driftingsky Fresco, litter brother to Arcus, and of a heavier type B&G who is slightly over marked with medium gold colour, kind medium eye with a good expression, lips slightly loose with a complete scissor bite. Good bone and balanced angulations, pleasing to watch on the move once settled, clean jacket which is slightly open over the croup, very friendly character and presented well.

#### NOVICE DOG (0)

POST GRADUATE DOG (1) Woodger's Hightimbers Tuppence 4 year old B&G, of medium bone, correctly marked with deep gold markings and of a beautiful character. Has a dark eye, correct bite and head measurements, a lovely expression however I found the head to be a bit finer in type, needing some filling below eye to give some substance. Ear set is a bit low. Balanced with his angulations with straight legs and a good jacket, tail reaching hock. Moved well round the ring, did everything that was asked of him. Standing alone in the class but deserved his red card.

#### LIMIT DOG (0)

OPEN DOG (1a),

VETERAN DOG (4) One of the best classes of the day.

1. Pearce & Dangerfield's Pines Anubis 7 year old B&G, this dog caught my eye on entering the ring and for the new owners who were showing for the first time this is the handler and dog you want to copy, what a team they are. This dog just stood in the correct position as he couldn't stand any other way as he is made correctly, and with a long lead giving the distance between handler and dog this gave a most handsome outline which is what I was looking for today. Mature and masculine without being overdone with a balanced head with correct planes and ratios, using ears to give that illusion that the skull is broader than it is and dark eyes giving that kind alert yet watchful expression that we all love in the breed. His well developed neck flowed into correctly angulated shoulders with good upper arm with a strong level topline into a beautiful croup and excellent rear quarters with tail set and length, strong in thigh with well angulated stifle and a black jacket which just completed the picture and when moving he didn't disappoint, was a force to be reckoned with. His gold markings could be clearer and it was this small detail that was the deciding factor when it came down to BIS as the bitch he was up against was of the same structure. I would love to own this dog and thank you for allowing me the experience to go over such an excellent example of the breed. The best of temperaments. BD,RBIS,BOS

2. MacKay & Thayer's Pines Hapi, B&G litter brother to Anubis, yet a stronger type. Head strong in appearance with balanced ratios, correct ears and a medium eye giving a kind expression. Gives a lovely picture of balance with good front and rear angulations and a strong level topline, well off for bone and has tight feet, was pleasing on the move and used his tail correctly. Presented and handled well with a jacket of good structure however I would like the gold markings on chest and throat to be cleaner. Has lovely laid back temperament.

3. Shones Minches Jet of Zwartbos, 10 years B&G who was the oldest in this class and gave a brilliant performance and who works like clockwork with his handler. He did everything he was asked and gives a typical profile of the breed. Lovely shape with a masculine head which is not overdone, has a medium brown eye with a friendly expression however his ears are not carried as well as the others in this class. Has a strong level topline and balanced angulation, well developed chest with strong legs and good bone however his feet are a bit

flat and his tail a tad short. His jacket is of good quality and texture and is well marked with medium gold colouration. Has a sound temperament.

#### SPECIAL VETERAN DOG (1)

1. Spencer's Dutch CH Pines Saxophone at Hightimbers 11 year old B&G elderly gentleman who still has that presence of quality. Loved his head, masculine without being overdone a kind expression with a medium eye and still gives that balanced profile when standing and keeps his level topline. Has a good jacket with correctly coloured gold markings, he moved well for his age. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to go over your CH dog. Best Vintage.

#### GOOD CITIZENS DOG (1)

1. Foakes Pines Jonathancreek, 6 year old B&G who is of a stronger mold and carries a heavier coat. Head ratios correct however is another who carries his ears out which affects his expression. Good length of neck into front angulation which is a bit upright however this gives a balanced picture when on the stack, has a level topline and the rear angulation could have a better turn of stifle, would like him to have a longer tail. He is well off for bone and has a well developed chest with straight legs however his pasterns are more upright. He has lovely gold marking of correct colour on his legs would prefer his markings on head and chest to be cleaner. A dog with very sound temperament.

#### PUPPY BITCH (7)

1. Betts & Sharpe's Quincebois Tulipwood by Pines, approaching 1 year old and masterly handled, B&G medium boned girl with a lovely sweet feminine head with nice proportions at present, with a lovely kind eye, nice length to neck and gives a most pleasing picture on the stack. Has a level topline into good rear quarters with correct bend of stifle and a tail with good length. Has straight legs with tight feet, her forehead is a tad upright at present, chest still developing but has plenty of time and was shown on a loose lead where she was able to move freely and was lovely to watch. To finish she had correct gold markings which was evenly coloured, in the challenge for best puppy, she caught up with the dog, moving with purpose and stood out in the class. Will have a bright future and pleased to award BP.
2. McLure's Kanukalos Burletta, B&G approaching 7 months, raw baby which my notes say Beautiful. The sweetest of heads with a lovely dark eye and a kind expression, has plenty of substance with good bone and gives a picture of balance when standing with a pleasing bend of stifle and a long tail reaching below hock. Her topline is level and gently flows into her croup. Has a coat of good texture with correctly coloured gold markings against a jet black jacket which stands out. Her chest has good depth for one so young. Has a tendency to turn one foot out at present and has lovely round tight feet, on the move she is loose but one would expect that, but she gave a great performance when moving. She was beaten today by a more mature bitch, it was a close decision. An exciting find and one will have a bright future.
3. Boisseau's Quincebois Tigerwood, B&G, litter sister to Tulipwood who was first in this class, gives a lovely picture when standing, she is still to finish her head and at present it is finer in muzzle and is over-marked with gold appearing below eyes, carries ears correctly and gives a kind expression with intelligent dark eyes. Her front is a tad upright at present, has a level topline with good rear angulation, straight legs and tight feet. Front pasterns a bit loose. Chest still developing and she moved well for her handler and has that bond which is special. Her jacket was straight with pleasing texture. Tail carriage correct and of good length. Another who will have a promising career.

#### JUNIOR BITCH (1)

1. Challoner's Isalynn Van Elderen's Hof. Blonde, approaching 1 year and needs time to come together. Finer in head with a kind expression, stood well and had a special bond with her handler who knew how to show her. Has balanced angulation and a level topline but gave a compact picture when stacked. Has a heavy coat which is dark blonde, would prefer more lighter shading. She looks heavier in body than what she is with her dense jacket and is carrying a little bit extra weight. Has straight legs and tight feet and tail reaches hock. Front movement was good however rear was close and at times would pace. Would like to see her again in a couple of years. Of very friendly character.

#### YEARLING BITCH (3)

All litter sisters.

1. Scully's Driftingsky Cloud, 19 month old blonde who was well presented. Beautiful picture on the stack, of medium type with a sweet feminine head, lovely ratios, with a kind dark eye, and very good pigmentation, used her ears correctly and well set. Nice length of neck into angulations which give a balanced picture. Has straight legs and tight feet and preferred her topline. Tail reaches below hock. She moved well once settled and was lovely to watch, would prefer her jacket to have more lighter shading and it is of a shorter structure, has a steady temperament. Another who has a bright future.

2. White & Whitmore's Driftingsky Alize B&G who has an attractive head with a kind eye, and correct ear placement with that expression which is typical of the breed. Good length to neck however her topline is not as good as her sister's with her rear quarters being higher, just at that stage of development at present. Her jacket is slightly open over the croup and feet are a bit flat. Has lovely middle gold marking which are correct. Carries her tail a bit proud. Was rather naughty for her handler on the move which made it difficult to access. Another girl who just needs time to come together.

3. Hemsworth's Driftingsky Tousle B&G who has left her jacket at home which has affected her placement today, I am sure places could change on another day. Of medium type and another with a good expression, with a sweet feminine head, and a good picture on standing with good well balanced angulations, a level topline going into correct croup and a tail of correct length standing on straight legs and tight feet. Moved well and is of a lovely friendly character. Another who will have an exciting future.

#### NOVICE BITCH (3)

1. Adams & Raynor Zwartbos Tattinger, 2 year old B&G of medium type who is very attractive on the stack with a gleaming black coat and markings which are of an even gold in colour although a tad over marked on the face with some gold hairs below eyes but this does not distract from the quality this bitch is. Has a level topline with good body ratios and her tail reaches the hock. Another who has tight feet with well arched toes and good pasterns. Attractive expression with a kind dark eye however ears are slightly low set. Front angulation is slightly more upright than I would like but gives a picture of balance. Has a very friendly character and on the move had a tendency to pace but when she broke out of this, movement was very good. Has a good future ahead of her and will do well.

2. McLure's Hightimbers Penny 4 years, 9 months old blonde of medium type and very appealing to the eye with her attractive blonde jacket with correct shading and texture finished with the desired dark pigment that a blonde should have. The sweetest of heads which is balanced with that melting expression and dark eye. Her topline could be stronger as it is a bit soft at present however she looks great considering she had pups 6 months ago, so well done to her owners for getting her into this wonderful condition, moved well, her angulations are balanced and stands on straight legs with good feet, front pasterns slightly

more angulated would prefer them to be tighter. Really liked this girl. Presented beautifully. Just preferred Tattingers overall balance, but it was a close call.

3. Wardle's Zwartbos Bollinger litter sister to Tattinger, B&G who had an appealing head with a dark eye and carried her ears well giving a kind expression, very friendly character and just loved her fun outlook to life. Lacking the gold markings and her angulations are steeper both front and back, chest developing well, was very bouncy on the move. Her coat was of a good texture and structure and was in lovely condition. Certainly a good citizen.

#### POST GRADUATE BITCH (0)

#### LIMIT BITCH (3,1a)

1. Shone's Zwartbos Chale, 4 years Black bitch of medium type and full of quality, very attractive head with a kind medium eye, nice proportions to skull and muzzle but does carry her ears a bit low. Good front and rear angulations which gives a lovely balanced picture on the stack and a level topline with correct tail carriage which also reaches the hock when standing, on the move she did not disappoint and was lovely to watch. Coat of good structure and texture with good furnishings and has a small white spot on chest which is within the standard, good straight legs, this girl is happy and has a special rapport with her handler. Pleased to award first place.

2. Robinson & Brown's Zwartbos Moet 2 year old B&G who is currently out of coat but has a lovely head, kind expression with a dark eye, the most steady of girls and so well handled. Gives a picture of balance with good bone, level topline into pleasing rear angulations, with a lovely long tail reaching below hock, would prefer better, clearer gold markings and stronger front pasterns, was lovely to watch on the move. Chest is still developing with front angles matching rear giving balance and required body ratios. Well presented.

#### OPEN BITCH (4,1a)

1. White & Whitmore's Driftingsky Mist 6 year old B&G, what a beautiful girl with such a harmonious head, correct planes, lovely medium eye with correct ears giving a lovely expression, well developed body with good chest and rib, correct ratios and good layback of shoulder with rear angulations to match. Has straight legs on tight feet with her tail reaching hock. To top this wearing a correct jacket of good structure and markings of an even medium gold colour. Lovely to watch on the move and was in the running for the top bitch award however when on the stack she would lose her topline which unfortunately spoils the overall picture. A quality bitch from this kennel. Thank you for bringing her along today.

2. Betts & Sharpe Pines Acorn CDEX,UDEX, 6 year old B&G of a heavier type with a lovely expression, head a bit strong with a high forehead and has a kind medium eye with correct ears. Lovely length of neck which flows into a level topline and has the correct length of tail reaching below hock and carries tail correctly on the move. Balanced angulations when standing and on the move has good forward reach and drive, would prefer front pasterns to be tighter and is a tad close behind. Her jacket is of a shorter type with correct markings of good medium gold colour, a close decision just preferred the head on 1, very much a super girl.

3. Adams & Raynor's Zwartbos Tattinger.

#### VETERAN BITCH (6)

This class stood out for quality.

1. De Jong's Unique Von De Romerweide, celebrating her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday today and she did it in

style, black of super quality, smaller in size but still within the standard and has everything in the correct place. Beautiful expression with lovely head planes and ratios with a medium eye and correctly carried ears with correct tapering of muzzle which gives that typical breed characteristic we look for. Has a good length of neck into well laid back shoulders with correct upper arm giving a super forehand, good depth to brisket, straight legs into tight feet and a strong body with the desired spring of rib with a level topline, into correct croup. Rear angulation was powerful with correct bend of stifle, good hocks and to finish had correct tail set and length. Covered the ground which one would expect with her super confirmation with the desired reach and drive the standard dictates, could move all day and to top it off had a quality black shining coal jacket. Certainly fit for purpose and she and my best dog were both excellent examples of the breed, a very close decision. Thank you for the opportunity to go over an excellent example of the breed. BB,BV,BIS

2. Boisseau's Pines Ankhet at Quincebois, 7 year old B&G who gave a lovely performance and was well handled. Beautiful feminine face with correct head proportions giving a lovely expression, correct bite. Carries her ears a bit low and her right ear is slightly off standing. Correct length of neck into well constructed front with a deep chest and straight legs and tight feet, good body proportions, topline good but not as strong as Unique's and goes into a gently sloping croup and her tail reaches hock. Rear quarters are beautifully angulated and strong and she is finished with a gleaming black jacket with nice middle gold markings which could be cleaner under throat and on her chest. I liked this bitch a lot and it was a close decision as she is another quality girl, just preferred Unique's overall balance and ear carriage. Interestingly this girl is litter sister to Anubis who got best dog. A well deserved RBB.

3. Shones, Ursine V.D. Romerweide of Zwartbos B&G who is litter sister to first place, yet is of a larger cast than Unique but still has lots of quality. Medium boned with lovely head ratios, kind medium eye, lovely expression, ears a bit low set. Beautiful balanced picture when standing with good angulations, good lay back of shoulder, straight topline and well angulated rear, straight legs, good tight feet with correct croup and tail reaching hock. Was wearing a quality jacket with medium gold markings. Moved beautifully around the ring and was at one with her handler, a special partnership, I was spoilt for choice in this class and another who's quality matched those standing ahead of her, a close decision between all of these girls.

#### SPECIAL VETERAN BITCH (2)1

1. Betts & Sharpe Pines Penny Whistle CDEX, 11 year old B&G of medium type who presented a lovely outline on the stack, well balanced with a kind expression, nice head with a good jacket and medium gold markings, movement was age related, a delightful elderly lady who was enjoying her day out.

2. Bolton's Hofwarth Devonsent B&G of 12 years, such a sweet elderly lady, finer in head than 1, but still has a beautiful expression with a kind dark eye. Gives a balanced picture, with her angulations being a tad upright, wearing a black jacket of good condition with lighter gold markings. Movement was aged related, It was a pleasure to go over these elderly ladies, a credit to their owners.

#### GCDSB(1)

1. White & Whitmore's Tyehelva Super Summer of Driftingsky 10 year old B&G who stood alone in this class but deserved her placing, another lovely girl who has quality stamped across her. Of good breed type, lovely sweet head, medium eye, good proportions and ears carried correctly. Her forehand matches her rear quarters, with pleasing angulations, has

depth to her brisket and spring of rib, strong loin and level topline which she also held on the move. Her croup is gently sloping and the tail just reaches the hock, would prefer it to be a bit longer but this doesn't distract from the beautiful lines when standing in profile. Quality jacket of good solid coal black colour with medium gold marking which are even and in the correct place. Stood on straight legs with tight feet. Moved well and a credit for her age. Nicely presented.

#### BRACE (3)

1. White & Whitmore's Tyhelva Super Summer of Driftingsky.
2. Boisseau's Pines Ankhet at Quincebois.
3. Shone's Ursine V.D. Romerweide of Zwartbos.

#### PROGENY (4)

1. Spencers Pines Saxophone at Hightimbers
2. White & Whitmore's Driftingsky Mist
3. Shone's Ursine V.D. Romerweide of Zwartbos.

#### BREEDER (1)

1. Mrs V Shone.

Craig Hosie