

HUNGARIAN WIREHAired VIZSLA

I am honoured to have been asked by the KC to judge my breed at Crufts. Thank you to my efficient stewards who kept me in order. Thank you, exhibitors, for your hardiness - the dreadful weather did not deter many of you from making the journey through the snow for a 9am start and there were few absentees. For some the snowfall was heavy and it was safer to stay at home. I fully appreciated your entries. Whatever my decisions on the day you take the best dog home. The standard overall was very pleasing and there was quality in depth in some classes giving me plenty of choice. It made for some difficult decisions and in the bigger classes there weren't enough places. I think the carpet did affect movement in some. Overall I felt bitches were stronger than the dogs on the day. I was splitting hairs with the bitch CC and RCC winners. I was very pleased with my final line up and particularly with my dog BOB who looked stunning in the group ring and his movement was even better than in the breed class.

VD (2,1) 1 Howard's Zöldmáli U R Special. 11 years old. Attractive head with furnishings and typical Wire expression, deep body all through. Good front and feet. He was a little too heavy on the day but moved steadily if without enthusiasm.

PD (4) The first two placed dogs were completely different in type, coat and colour. One almost twelve months had the benefit of age and maturity over the other at eight months. Both moved well. So not the easiest of decisions but just preferred the younger dog's shoulder placement and front angulation. 1 Stephens's Farnfield Pickpocket for Brightmeadow. A very promising 8 month old minor puppy. Good bone, legs and feet. Well furnished head and clean neck. Body proportions are correct length to height ratio. Plenty of wire coat, needs to deepen in brisket but time is on his side. Good shoulder and upper arm placement. Moved positively. 2 Spillane' Belatarr Kodiak. Strongly made masculine dog almost 12 months. Very mature for age, harsh russet coat. Attractive head and eye, body deep all through. Good bone, tight feet, moved well. 3 Morton & Cameron's Ewtor Fly Me to The Moon

JD (4) 1 Beardshall's Karndor Tamas. Presented a balanced picture and was the best mover in this class. Attractive head and expression, clean neck into shoulders and good angulation fore and aft. Level topline which he kept on the move. Harsh wire coat. Son of best veteran bitch. 2 Harris ' Fitzrovia Take A Chance. Similar in type to 1 but less mature. Harsh coat, correct head proportions, good front, legs and feet. 3 Wearing's Zoldmali Daru at Genlusa (Imp Serb)

PGD (3) 1 Harris's Fitzrovia Gideons Way. Sound, balanced young dog with everything to like. Medium size, balanced and not overdone in any way. Attractive furnished head and eye with typical Wire expression. Slightly arched clean neck into well placed shoulders. Correct height length ratio. Harsh russet coat. Positive front movement and driving from behind. Looking forward to seeing him when fully mature. RCC 2 Halton's Zoldmali Hunter Galushka (Imp Hun) (az1) Medium size dog, good wire coat, legs. Attractive head with furnishings and a dark eye. Tight feet. A little unsettled. 3 Ferbrache's Zoldmali Olympos

LD (3,1) 1 Davidson's Throstlenest Helios. Well angulated medium sized dog with good angulation fore and aft. Decent wire coat. Liked his head and eye. Carried his tail a little high. Moved well to take this class. 2 Howard's Zöldmáli Latin Lover. Taller and heavier than 1 with a darker russet wire coat. Attractive head, clean neck and good depth to body. He was rather unsettled.

OD (6,1) 1 Lumasia's Redrafi Mrembo Nacho. Workmanlike dog in hard condition. Excellent harsh wire russet coat. He has bone, substance and balance. Super head and expression with correct furnishings. Shoulder and upper arm correct, tight feet, well ribbed back, strong loin, straight topline to gently sloping croup. Driving hind movement, excelled in profile particularly on the move. It was a pleasure to see his powerful, driving movement in the group ring. CC and Best of Breed. I later learnt that this win made him up 2 Spillane's Belatarr Jupiter. Longer cast than 1. Sound, balanced dog, expertly handled, harsh wire russet coat, attractive head and expression. Correct front and hind angulation. Tight feet. Sound on the move. 3 Summerfield's Miadsc Cast A Spell

Field Trial Dog (2) 1 Dicker's Zoltarous Lupin. He was unsettled standing. Medium sized, lighter boned male - I'd like more substance but he's in proportion for his size. He has an attractive head and wire coat. Moved OK. 2 Briley's Zoldmali Irka-Firka at Canalgame (Imp Srb) Unsettled. Harsh wire coat, straight front legs. Rather straight in shoulder and upper arm. Shallow brisket and generally lacking body for age. He toed in on the move.

Special Working Gundog Dog (2,1) 1 Marion's Multi Ch Pari Gagnant Du Domaine Saint Hubert - A well-constructed balanced dog who was VHC in open where he was unsettled on the move. Much better in this class and he moved well, driving from strong hindquarters. Very attractive head with typical Wire expression. Correct proportions height to length. Harsh wire coat, solid bone, good feet. Well handled.

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Dog (4) 1 Harris'Fitzrovia Gideons Way 2 Summerfield's Miadsc Cast A Spell. Third in open. He has a harsh russet coat and good bone and substance. Appealing head and expression, clean neck. Slightly steep in upper arm and a little short in body but well angulated behind. 3 Harris' Fitzrovia Take A Chance

VB (5) 1 Beardshall's Zoldmali Kefir at Lanokk JW ShCM. Seven year old feminine bitch with a good harsh wire coat. Standing on tight feet, straight front legs, good shoulder and upper arm, tidy elbows, correct body proportions. Attractive head and expression. Moved positively with drive. Best veteran 2 Newman's Lanokk Violeska A bigger bitch with plenty of bone and substance. Fit with good wire coat. A stronger head than 1 with plenty of furnishings. Correct body ratio. Well ribbed. Good feet, moved well. 3 Le Mesurier's Brynffrwd Angel Gabrielle

PB (4,1) 1 Loynd's Enryb Tickled Pink. Attractive balanced bitch just right for age. Medium sized with a strong body. Liked her head and expression with a clean neck into good shoulder and upper arm placement, typical of this kennel. Deep brisket and strong over the loin. Harsh russet wire coat, moderate hind angulation and moved well. Best Puppy 2 Lewis' Enryb Lily The Pink . Litter sister to 1 and similar remarks. Another quality bitch from this kennel with a longer wire coat. A bigger bitch all through than her sister but wasn't as settled and didn't move as well. 3 Turton & Holman's Farnfield Fur and Feather for Gingerwire

JB (6,2) 1 Cooper's - Hazean Donetsk to Deifstock (IKC) Very promising prospect. She's medium sized, feminine and sound, with a pretty head and expression with a clean neck into correct front angulation. Stands on good legs with neat feet. Liked her length of body with a strong loin and brisket to elbow. Presents a balanced outline and moved positively. 2 Loynd Enryb Tickled Pink 3 Gibbons & Beardshall's Karndor Ada

PGB (12,2) A bigger class with a range of types. 1 Mir's Redrafi Little Governor I've not seen this bitch before but she filled my eye. Sympathetically handled by her 13 year old junior handler. Excels in breed type, is honest with nothing overdone, not flashy but a sound, balanced bitch. Good wire coat. Most appealing head with correct furnishings and a melting expression, strong neck into well placed shoulder and upper arm angulation. Correct height to length ratio and depth of brisket. She

has strong bone, tight feet, deep ribbing and strong loin. Moved steadily and positively maintaining her topline and driving from moderately angulated hind quarters. Bitch CC. 2 Johnston's Lovely Luna for Rosettaberry. Similar type to 1, quality bitch who moved really well. Good legs, feet and angulation fore and aft, correct coat, attractive well furnished head. 3 Roff's Thoradale Rule The World

LB (9,1) A mixed class in type and in general movement was not the best but pleased with my winners. 1 Byrne's Aldoovolgyi-Drotos Csermely at Enryb (Imp Hun) Strongly made workmanlike bitch with dense bone. Heavily coated with plenty of head furnishings. Deep body, good shoulder and upper arm. Strong legs and tight feet. Moved steadily and accurately keeping topline, straight and true if a little wide in front coming towards me. Very well handled. 2 Lumasia's Redrafi Anga Angavu. Another good moving bitch, driving well from behind. Russet wire coat. Appealing head although a little lacking in facial furnishings. Clean neck into well placed shoulders. Strong body, tight feet. 3 Newton's Jaktays Vida

OB (5,1) 1 Cooper's Deifstock Desert Rose. Unlucky to meet the PG winner on such good form and I was splitting hairs when it came to the top awards. Well up to size she's a sound balanced bitch. Russet with a shorter, tight wire coat. Attractive head, slightly arched neck into well placed shoulders. Deep brisket, plenty of bone and good feet. She's well muscled and fit. Moved positively with drive. Topline rising slightly at mid-rib to croup. Bitch RCC 2 Sipos & Woods' Ir Sh Ch Dolgos - Nimrod Hibernia of Nagyzabasi Jun Ch Hun. Another very good bitch. Medium sized, balanced with a harsh wire coat. Attractive head and eye, clean neck, correct body proportions, brisket to elbow, correct hind angulation which she used to drive around the ring. Preferred the winner's front assembly. 3 Riley's Fassfields Like A Baroness

Field Trial Bitch (4,1) I think all three bitches would prefer to be out working as all unsettled in the showing. 1 King 's Madagascar Madge via Valkaiser. Stood well once she settled but gave her handler a hard time on the move. Smaller bitch, correct proportions, attractive head and expression, tight wire coat, good front and feet. She moved best in the class once settled. 2 Dicker ' Zoldmali Hope of Zoltarous. Good head, coat, body and bone. Stands on tight feet, good shoulder and upper arm, strong neck. 3 Briley's Vanda Zoldmali Canalgame's

Special Working Gundog Bitch (2) 1 King's Madagascar Madge via Valkaiser 2 Moore & Oldham's Queen Winter Wonderland. A well made bitch but very unsettled. I liked her size, body proportions, legs and feet but she didn't want to be gone over and didn't move as well as her construction said she could. I believe this was her first time in the showing.

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bitch (3,1) 1 Cooper's Hazean Donetsk to Deifstock (IKC) 2 Garden's Leiborschy Theano. Unplaced in large post graduate class. Lovely head, well furnished with a kind expression. Good wire coat, good front, shoulders and forechest. Deep enough in brisket, moderate behind and moved well.

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