

Critique of Silken Windhounds at the August 5<sup>th</sup> ISWS specialty, held in Codrington ON by Judge Mary Childs

I wish to thank the exhibitors that brought their lovely silkens to the spec. That I just judged.

It was an honor to be asked to have this assignment.

1-#03 12-18 male.

Pleasant outline, , good ear set, dark eye, scissors bite. Little lefty in front but he was very happy to be with his owner in the ring and was having a good time.

1-#09 Canadian Bred male

Pleasant outline, pretty head, nice ear set and expressive eyes. Little unsure on the go around.

1- #11 American Bred

Nice bend of stifle, good ears, pretty head, nice outline. Little lefty in front on the go around.

Open males

1-#13; Very unsure of himself, Pretty head and ear set good, Beautiful dark eye. Did not fully extend in go around.

2-#15 Pretty outline, good reach in front but not as much push off in the rear, dark eye, good ear set.

Performance Champion male

#17 beautiful outline, dark eye, great ear set, dark eyes. Slight lift in pasterns, Good top line and held it during the go around. Good return of upper arm.

#17 was my winners dog and #15 was reserve winners dog.

Bitch classes;

Novice bitches

1 -#06; pleasant outline, pretty head, good tail carriage, little unsure in gaiting.

2 -#8 Pretty outline, little breaking at pasterns, pleasant expression and dark eyes.

Canadian Bred Bitches

1-#10 Pretty outline, good ear set, not as good push off from rear but good reach in front.

2-#14 not as much toppling, good tail carriage, pretty expression and nice ears.

3-#16 little bit nervous, not as much side gait, pretty expression and nice ears.

American bred bitches

1-#18 pretty expression, dark eyes, little lefty in front, good tail carriage, not as much push off in rear.

BBE bitches

1-#20- beautiful outline, badly out of coat but could see all of her without a doubt as to quality. Good reach and excellent drive from rear with full extension. Great tail carriage, dark eye, proper ears, very expressive when looking into face.

Open female;

1-#22; nice outline, pretty expression, good ear set. Adequate side gait but little hesitant in movement.

#20 was winners bitch and #22 was Reserve winners bitch.

Champion male; # 19 Bold mature male with nice side gait, pretty expression

Champion females;

#1-24- pretty expression, dark eyes, lots of coat, adequate reach and drive

#2- 26 - nice outline, dark eyes, nice ears, little lifty in front .

Stud dog and brood bitch only had one entry in each sex so #19 was first in stud dog and #24 was first in brood bitch.

Only one brace #10/20 was best brace in spec.

BOB went to #20

BOW went to #20

BOS went to 19

Best puppy went to #3

Best Canadian bred #10

Best American bred #18

Best BBE #20

And AOM went to #24

These entries were of very good type and soundness over all. I was proud to see how well the Canadian dogs are progressing and how well they are being maintained for type, expression and over all soundness. Very few gay tails and no big ears.

My caution would be for owners to check their dogs mouths as almost all have very bad tartar problems on side teeth and canines.

This can lead to infections that can become systemic and lead to lots of other health issues.

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