

Weimaraner Club of NSW Easter Specialty 2016 Critiques

Message from Judge Mr Raymond Yurick (Canada)

“Gobsmacked” is one of my favorite Australian slang terms and the best way to describe how I felt after judging your specialty. I will take great pride in boasting that my very first appointment aboard was for this wonderful breed. From the very first class to the end of the day it was very evident that the Weimaraner breeders in Australia have a very clear vision of type and sound functional movement. It was an honor to be asked to judge your specialty and a privilege to examine and evaluate such a large well-supported entry. Thank you all for the tremendous experience and the most enjoyable day.

It is awesome to judge specialties without a breeder bias, where the sum of all parts plays a greater importance than the pieces; especially how the symmetry of a well-made balanced dog of type translates into function. Every assignment for me is a learning experience and this quality entry gave me so much to assess and evaluate.

Before coming over I immersed myself in your extended standard and did an online seminar with Danna Massey, who has judged your Australian National. She stated that judging Weimaraners in Australia is a wonderful experience and I could not agree more.

For me Form plus Function equals Type in a gun dog. So much of my final decision-making came down to purpose full, functional, working type movement (agile, powerful, athletic, smooth, ground covering). Always staying true to key characteristics and proportions that set this breed apart from others. They are a noble, medium/large, sinewy, very muscular, well angulated front and rear, silver/grey hunting dog. With a pleasing shape and distinctive outline. (12:11 proportion)

Upon returning home, I looked through pictures and listened to my recorded comments. Beyond the numerous wonderful evaluations, I only have 3 areas of concern when it came down to lower place getters and non-placers. Shorter and Straighter return of upper arms, low on leg (elbow to ground VS withers to elbow) and in several cases a lack of difference in type between dogs and bitches being easily distinguished. (bitchy dogs, doggy bitches) In a large quality entry as this was, it literally came down to fine points in the end of many of the large classes to separate my placements.”

Weimaraner Longhair

Baby Puppy Dog

1st. (1) Greywei Kiwi in a Stetson

handsome head, good neck, moderate angles front and rear, but balanced, well ribbed, correct length of body, proper tail set , great hocks , at this age a little loose coming and going but efficient side gait. Good puppy!!

Australian Bred Dog

Very hard class 2 very sinewy deserving dogs, first was Challenge and second was Reserve Challenge

1st (3) Ch Waldwiese Fox on the Run – DOG CHALLENGE/RUNNER UP BEST OF BREED

handsome with a masculine profile, long neck, deep chest, long rib, strong loin and crop, great tail and set, perfect 12:11 ratio matched with proper leg length, great pasterns and ideal hocks. Would like to see both front and rear a little more angulated, but his balance gave him outstanding side gait, great coat quality

2nd (2) Gr Ch Sharlani Fudgie Bear – RESERVE DOG CC

beautifully angulated front and rear, strong topline, great tail and set, deep chest, good length of rib, perfect amount of neck and arch, correct leg length , appeared to be more square than off square , head was feminine lacking depth and length of muzzle, balanced easy open side gait. Great coat quality

Head qualities and length of body vs height were the deciding factors for this class

Open Dog

1st (4) Ch Wynwhisper Wicked

nice shoulder layback, short straight upper arm, good depth of chest and length of rib, little to much tuck up, good tail set, overall this dog came across very feminine in size and proportions

Puppy Bitch

1st (5) Ch Greywei Love Actually

beautifully angulated front and rear, strong topline, great tail and set, deep chest, good length of rib, perfect amount of neck and arch, correct leg length , awesome 12:11 proportion , head is feminine, great length of muzzle, ear a little large ,balanced easy open side gait and great coat quality.

2nd (6) Blitzhunden Forest Breeze (Imp NZ)

nice shoulder layback, short straight upper arm, decent depth of chest and length of rib, little to much tuck up, crop falls away to tail set, straighter in stifle, overall this Bitch comes across very feminine in size and proportions.

Junior Bitch

1st (7) Grausturm Hit the Jackpot – RESERVE BITCH CHALLENGE/JUNIOR IN SHOW
smooth clean lines, feminine with substance, well angulated front and rear, lovely neck, depth of chest , long rib cage, perfect underline, short hocks, great tail and set, lovely head and expression, great on her legs, powerful and balanced, I really liked this bitch!!

Intermediate Bitch

1st (8) Grausturm Elegant Lady
very similar in style to Junior Bitch, smooth clean lines, feminine with substance, balanced front and rear angulation, lovely neck, depth of chest , long rib cage, perfect underline, short hocks, great tail and set, lovely head and expression, very good on her legs, powerful and balanced , a little to long in body, Nice bitch!!

Australian Bred Bitch

1st (9) Ch Feldjaeger Unforgettable (LH) RA
moderate balanced angulation front and rear, good depth chest and length of rib, nice tail set , lacking in head quality and overall outline

Open Bitch

1st (10) Ch Carnmellis Brooklyn at Greywei (Imp NZ) – BEST OF BREED
beautifully angulated front and rear, strong topline, great tail and set, deep chest, good length of rib, perfect amount of neck and arch, a little low on leg for perfect 12:11 proportion, great forechest development. Beautiful head detailing, very feminine, great length of muzzle, ear a little large and low set, balanced easy side gait and great coat quality. Slightly over weight, Very Nice Bitch!!

Challenge Bitch #10

Reserve Challenge bitch #7

These 2 bitches are strong in different areas, ultimately I went with maturity and Front construction in the end. But the Junior Bitch just got stronger moving as the day progressed.

Best of Breed #10 Runner Up BOB #3

Weimaraner

Baby Puppy Dog

1st. (13) Ashlaren Drinks R on us Gus – BABY PUPPY IN SHOW/CHAMPION PUPPY IN SHOW

2nd. (12) Bromhund Egotistical

3rd. (14) Lukedom Mischief N Mayhem (AI)

This class was exceptional, 3 quality puppies from head to tail, an outstanding way to start this variety, their ability to use their legs was the only deciding factor in the end, how excited these 3 breeders must be !!!

smooth clean lines, sinewy already at this age, bang on proportions with substance, well angulated front and rear, lovely neck and arch, depth of chest and development of forechest, long rib cage, perfect underline, perfect back, loin and crop, strong hocks, great tails and sets, lovely head details and expression, great on their legs, powerful and balanced, I really loved these babies

Dog #13 has amazing foot timing for his age, the other two will catch up with a little longer legs

Minor Puppy Dog

1st (15) Ghostwind Oskar De La Renta

Handsome upstanding dog with a sinewy outline, balanced angulation front and rear, easy and effortless on his legs, decent tail set, a little heavy in the head

Puppy Dog

1st (17) Ashlaren We Will Rock You

Handsome upstanding dog, wonderful forechest development, deep, long rib cage, a little long in body beyond the 12;11 proportion, perfect length of leg balanced angulation front and rear, strong level topline, great crop and tail set, wonderful head in profile and expression, a bit of a wild child in the stack and on the move, will be exciting when he grows into his potential.

Intermediate Dog

1st (22) Grauhund Rock a Fella

Sinewy masculine outline, correct head proportion and expression, lovely length of neck with arch, strong topline, well laid back shoulder, shorter straighter upper arm, deep chest, long ribcage, good forechest development, a little short in loin, nice crop and tail set, balanced rear angles, overall side gait efficient and powerful.

2nd (19) Ch Lukedom Surpryze Party (AI)

masculine and sinewy, well angulated front and rear, making him a big mover, but he was a little too long and low for the 12:11 proportion and heavy headed, but carried a strong topline and excellent tail set

3rd (20) Ch Carnmellis Kiss the Girls at Greywei (Imp NZ)

a very masculine moderate dog in all respects, his balance made him easy on his legs

Australian Bred Dog

1st (29) Sup Ch Ashbolt Ark Royal RN TD ET – RES DOG CC/ AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW

well made, seamless construction, perfect balance and harmony of all parts, an exceptional dog from his masculine well detailed head, down into his picture perfect sinewy frame. Awesome noble carriage with an effortless gait, so sound coming and going

2nd (28) Ch Cocomoselle Aperitif

Sinewy masculine outline, correct head proportion and expression, lovely length of neck with arch, strong topline, well laid back shoulder, shorter straighter upper arm, deep chest, long ribcage, good forechest development, a little longer in loin, nice crop and tail set, more rear angles, overall side gait open, efficient and powerful. Very handsome upstanding dog

3rd (24) Ch Griseus Jovitas Numero Uno

masculine qualities, deep chest, good forechest development, long ribcage, beautiful headed, low on leg , with too much rear angle

Open Dog

Very strong class, with a lot of depth for the numbers, a joy to evaluate

1st (34) Can Ch/Sup Ch Breica's Greydove Walk this Way (Imp Can) – BEST OF BREED/OPEN IN SHOW/BEST IN SHOW

Outstanding athletic dog, well made, seamless construction, perfect balance and harmony of all parts, an exceptional dog from his long clean well detailed head , down into his picture perfect sinewy frame. Characteristic noble carriage with an effortless, powerful, ground covering gait, so sound coming and going,

2nd (30) Sup Ch Silkwind Turn me Loose to Bromhund (Imp USA)

exactly the same outstanding qualities as the first place dog, he was just a little lower on leg and straighter in front angle, so awesome seeing these two dogs together , just beautiful

3rd (32) Gr Ch Grauhund Just Dzina Jeans (AI) ET TSX (Imp NZ)

masculine, balanced more moderate angle front and rear, good leg length, strong head characteristics, pleasing outline , could be smoother over the shoulder and slightly longer in loin, a quality dog.

My Challenge Dog line up was outstanding and in the end I chose 2 dogs with picture perfect outlines, the deciding factor between the 2 came down to powerful ground covering gait .

Challenge #34

Reserve Challenge #29

Baby Puppy Bitch

1st (38) Bromhund Free Fall

2nd (41) Ashlaren Make Mine Champagne

3rd (37) Bromhund Electra

4th (40) Ashlaren Jumayah of Oz

5th (39) Bromhund Elegant Lady

This class was excellent 5 quality puppies from head to tail; their ability to use their legs was the only deciding factor in the end.

Smooth clean lines, Feminine, bang on proportions with substance, well angulated front and rear, lovely neck and arch, depth of chest and development of forechest , long rib cage, perfect underline, perfect back, loin and crop, strong hocks, great tails and sets, lovely head details and expression,
Bitch #38 has an amazing outline for her age

Minor Puppy Bitch

1st (47) Ghostwind Kate Spade (AI) – MINOR PUPPY IN SHOW

Lovely upstanding bitch with a feminine outline, balanced angulation front and rear, easy and effortless on her legs, excellent tail set, beautiful in the head

2nd (46) Bromhund Centre Fold

exactly the same strong qualities as the first place bitch, was just slightly less in the side gait department, but a true quality bitch

3rd (45) Griswold Time Keeper (AI)

a little more bitch than the first 2, but lovely balance and proportion and good mover

Puppy Bitch – PUPPY IN SHOW

1st (48) Ghostwind I Put a Spell on You – PUPPY IN SHOW

lovely upstanding bitch , wonderful forechest development, deep , long rib cage, awesome 12;11 proportion, perfect length of leg balanced angulation front and rear, strong level topline , great crop and tail set, Masculine head in profile and expression, powerful on her legs

Junior Bitch

1st (54) Besko Colls Many Spirits (AI)

Lovely upstanding bitch with a feminine outline, balanced angulation front and rear, easy and effortless on her legs, decent tail set, beautiful in the head, great expression

2nd (49) Ch Bromhund Xtremely Luscious (AI)

a little more bitch than the first, more moderate in angulation, heavier in the head, excellent on her legs

3rd (52) Ashlaren Contact my Agent

many lovely parts, head, neck, front, but not as smooth or balanced as the other 2 bitches

4th (53) Weissenberg High-Jinks at Weishaus (AI) (Imp NZ)

a heart breaker, best bitch in the class, but did absolutely everything wrong so I could not reward her higher, very sad

Intermediate Bitch

1st (57) Ch Grauhund Rock Your Socks – BITCH CC/INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW/RUNNER UP BEST IN SHOW

So beautiful , feminine outline, lovely correct head proportion and expression, lovely length of neck with arch, strong topline, well laid back shoulder, and return of upper arm, deep chest, long ribcage, good forechest development, a perfect loin, nice crop and tail set, balanced rear angles, overall side gait is outstanding and powerful. A little more leg would make her perfection

2ND (64) Ch Lukedom Lets Go Party (AI)

more masculine and sinewy, well angulated front and rear, making her a big mover, but she was a little too long and low for the 12:11 proportion and heavy headed, but carried a strong topline and excellent tail set

3rd (56) Ch Ghostwind Naughty but Nice

again very masculine bitch, moderate angles in all respects, her balance made her easy on his legs

Australian Bred Bitch

1st (70) Ch Ashlaren Rock Lily

well made front, seamless construction, perfect balance front and rear, an exceptional feminine detailed head , sinewy frame. Awesome noble carriage with great effortless gait, so sound coming and going. Could use a little more length to loin and less tuck up

2nd (71) Ch Greydove Surfin Malibu

smaller package, feminine outline, masculine head proportion and expression, lovely length of neck with arch, strong topline, well laid back shoulder, shorter straighter upper arm, deep chest, long ribcage, good forechest development, nice crop and tail set, more rear angles, overall side gait open, efficient and powerful.

3rd (68) Ch Greywei Stand Out

strong feminine qualities, deep chest, good forechest development, long ribcage, beautiful headed, front to rear angles off balance and could use more substance, easy on her legs

Open Bitch

Very strong class

1st (75) Ch Ashlaren Marks Zaleta – RES BITCH CC

outstanding athletic bitch, well-made, seamless construction, perfect balance and harmony of all parts, an exceptional long clean well detailed head, her picture perfect sinewy but feminine frame. Characteristic noble carriage with an effortless, powerful, ground covering gait, so sound coming and going,

2nd (72) Ch Bromhund Luscious Luster

exactly the same outstanding qualities as the first place bitch, she was just a little straighter in front angle, so awesome seeing these two together , just beautiful

3rd (73) Ch Ghostwind You are a Star

strong feminine qualities in a smaller package , deep chest, good forechest development, long ribcage, beautiful headed, front to rear angles off balance a bit and could use more length of leg and stronger rear and hocks, easy enough on her legs

My Bitch Challenge line up again was outstanding, it took a little more effort on my part to get down to 2 bitches, but was worth every second watching these 2 athletic, noble, beauties, power around the ring together.

Challenge #57

Reserve Challenge #75

BOB #34 and Runner Up BOB #57

I could watch this dog and bitch go around the ring together all day, outstanding type translated into function, I still get goose bumps thinking about it

The remainder of the run offs to the end of the day came down to correct proportions and powerful ground covering side gait.

What a wonderful experience it was to evaluate such an outstanding entry in both varieties. Thank you to my tremendous ring steward for making my first Australian appointment seem like I lived there. Thank you to all the exhibitors for sharing your passion and dogs with me. Thank you to the Wei Club of NSW and Show Committee for the invitation and warm welcome!! You were a wonderful first impression of Australian quality dogs.