SOUTHERN ALSATIAN TRAINING SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW BITCH'S SUNDAY 1st MAY. 2016.

This really was an event to remember, for me as the judge and the exhibitors, we had it all superb weather from dawn to dusk. Outstanding rings, massive with a well layed circuit, coupled of course with an absolutely fantastic steward. Only a moderate entry, but I must say full of quality exhibits. With all the problems knocking at the breeds door I just cannot see the reason why. All exhibits today were not only sound both in presentation but on the move as well, not disappointed. Some of the owners I feel were a little disappointed that I didn't move the dogs as they normally expect at club shows, as a all rounder I'm looking for soundness not endurance. I find up and down at walk and quick enough for me, on the circuit nearly all gave me what I'm looking for after a couple of rounds. On today's performance I found the breed in good hands, with some outstanding youngsters coming through. Fit for purpose really was the name of the game. For me a brilliant day.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH

1 Austen "DEROAUSTS AMITOLA"

8 month and so confident for one so young, B/G and, very promising. Very feminine in head, tight lips, strong active ears. Had a neck of good length into well defined withers. Both top, and under lines good. Excellent shoulders with upper arm well placed. Chest needs to settle, but very roomy. Good rear assembly , quite muscular for one so young. Strong hocks. Very sound, and just starting to show the reach and drive expected of her. One to watch.

2 Apps & Tucker "FELSENTAL EASY"

7 months and needs to firm up in all area's. Ultra feminine, dark eye and quite alert. Both top and under line good. Very even proportion through out. Shoulder good but upper arm slightly short. Under lines good. Very good rear assembly which really does need to firm up. Not as sound coming and going but I'm sure will improve, side gait looked a lot better with a good forward reach and moderate drive.

PUPPY BITCH

1 Gray "SACHSE ATHENA"

10 month old B/G. Very feminine in head. Would prefer a dark eye, this apart a very likable youngster. Soft expression and very alert and on her toes. She has enough reach of neck to give her that touch of elegance, high wither and very firm top line of good length, which was quite muscled for her age. Well angled croup of good length. Well made fore hand with the correct angles, another with elbows well tucked in. Chest proportion good. Neat tuck to loin. Well made rear, with moderately wide thigh, strong for one so young. Hocks had strength and provided a driving force on side gait, sound coming and going. Well handled. Time will tell with her, look forward to seeing her in the future. BPB.

2 Lawrence "DEROAUSTS ALESHANEE"

B/G 8 month old, who ticked most of the boxes. Loved her expression, so alert and full of confidence. Both top and under lines good. Very good profile. Good length of fore leg, good length of shoulder with the correct angle. Roomy chest proportions. She had hind angles which were far from settled, they really do need to firm up. Good side gait, ok coming loose away.

SPECIAL LONG COAT PUPPY BITCH

1 Stephens "ARDENGBURG PIPPI"

11 month B/G, one who really does need to settle, she does show promise, but at the moment just isn't collected, quite smart head piece, alert and willing, ear set good, a

reasonable length of neck. Will defined wither, top line of good length and firm. Fore hand and rear assembly OK. Produced a good reach on side gait, but firmness away needs attention, OK coming.

2 Lawrence "DEROAUSTS ALESHANEE" As Puppy Dog.

JUNIOR BITCH

1 Green "GREENVELDI BLITZEN"

15 month old B/G. Very pleasing and so settled in presentation, loved her head and expression, looked so mature. Dark eye, ears, good neck also of good length and running into a very firm level top line. Stray fore hand, angles so well put together, good depth of chest with a moderate tuck to loin. Had strength in her rear assembly which produced a well balanced, side gait and a firmness coming and going, I found her so settled, and balanced on the move, and so responsive to her handler, nice one. Well done.

2 Brimacombe & Kessel "KESENBURG DIVA"

At 15 month and on a par with the winner, so little to choose between them. Soft expression, top and underlines very good, quite firm and so settled in presentation. Good fore hand, as one, so strong in rear assembly, will I'm sure change places in the future.

3 Vine "DEYKANUBLUE BLAZE SKYE"

NOVICE BITCH

1 Jackson "PARKRISE HONEY"

At 19 month not very mature as one would expect at this age, but full of promise, super out line, feminine, with an ideal soft expression. I really did like her top line level and firm, and quite muscular. Angle and length of croup good. Fore hand good which produced very good forward reach on the move. Hind angles also good, moderately wide thigh. Moved out so well, did not scrabble on side gait. Plenty of drive, sound coming and going.

2 Spelman "ASTANA QUALLI"

2 year old, quite mature for her age, excellent profile, firm top line, good fore and aft angle, didn't reach as well as the winner, but did not really disappoint. Steady in presentation. Has a lot to offer.

YEARLING BITCH

1 Hensley & Swift "ZUBERG GRETA"

21 month. A bit of a surprise to see this one settle into the class. She really did tick all the boxes, so well presented, calm and collected. Gorgeous head peace so feminine, and so soft in expression. Dark eye of good shape, well placed ears. Excellent reach of neck. High wither into firm level top line. So well constructed both in fore hand and rear. Straight fore legs of good length, tidy feet. Under line good. Hock reasonably short and straight, moved so well coming and going. Really, Really sound. Did so well in side gait, reach, and drive, so had it all. Eye catching in the challenge no hesitation in awarding her the RCC. Delightful.

2 Belfield "KASSIEGER ANTONIA"

2 year old B/G, well up to the mark in all area's. Bright, keen expression, OK in presentation. Excellent profile ,which included top line of good length which was level and firm, shoulders good. Elbows well under withers, good underline, very muscular rear assembly. Sound coming and going, did scrabble a bit on side gait, but on settling had the reach and follow through I was looking for. Nice one.

3 Robinson's "CORJON COOKIE"

POST GRAD BITCH

1 Brimacombe & Kessel "KESENBURG CASHA"

2 year old B/G, this one was in the frame from start to finish, including the end of day challenge, she's really the type that I admire, and today coupled with outstanding presentation gave me food for thought. Classic feminine head and expression. Eyes and ears good, firm neck of good length into high well define wither. One of the best firm level top lines on the day. All angles good. Handler held her in check to produce an eye catching side gait, so sound coming and going. Gave her a long second look in the challenge.

2 Pucknell Palmer "NELLINKA I HAVE A DREAM "

19 month, long coat, very dark B/G, very short coupled and full of the joys of spring, needs to settle but a very acceptable exhibit. Smart head, keen expression and well placed ears. Neck could have more length, withers high, top line very firm, all angles good. Super side gait, ok coming, a little close away.

3 Spelman "ASTANA QUALLI"

LIMIT BITCH

1 Apps & Tucker "FELSENTAL HUSSY"

B/T, 2 half year old and winning one of the best classes of the day. The first three were a delight to go over. Hussy is an outstanding quality girl, really good for type and so well collected. Well proportioned head piece, strong expression, top line of good length, firm, held level at all times. Croup of good length. Correct in fore hand, nice long bones, roomy chest. Had moderate tuck at loin. Excellent on the move her well made rear producing an excellent side gait. Sound coming and going. Another in the frame at the end of the day.

2 Lakin "PINEBROOK FINESSE"

2 half year old very mature for her age B/G. Pushed hard in the class and gave a really good performance. So well handled. Excellent profile. Smart confident expression. Top and underlines very good, found she was very fit and used her well made fore and aft construction to excel on the move. Super and sound, what a delight to go over.

3 Fowler "SLATEHOUSE NATALIA"

OPEN BITCH

1 Christopher "SLATEHOUSE ANGELINA AT FOXHUE"

3 half year old, mature girl on form and handled to perfection, one I've admired for sometime as always in excellent condition, she has strength, is of excellent breed type. So feminine in head and expression, eyes and ears good. Profile second to none. High wither into a firm top line of good length. Such a good fore hand, straight legs, tidy feet. Under line good. Chest proportions would give her the stamina to go all days. Strong in the rear, short hocks, which produced steady sound movement. So well handled. She will always please. Well done.

2 Jackson's "CH VENEZE GABRIELLA"

5 year old B/G an old favourite, so mature, in coat, and very well presented. Strong confident expression, good ear set. Excellent reach of neck into level firm top line. Very good fore hand, underline very good. Has a very powerful rear assembly, which gave her a smooth far reaching side gait. Sound coming and going. All three in this line up were a delight to go over, and would I'm sure change places in the future.

3 Brimacombe & Macdonald "CH CONBHAIREAN GABRIELLA"

SPECIAL LONG COAT OPEN BITCH

1 Pucknell & Palmer "NELLINKA I HAVE A DREAM" As Post/Grad.

2 Fowler "PARKRISE HIGH"

17 month B/G, needs to settle but presented to best effect. So feminine in head and expression, she stands correctly, and has a smart profile, fore hand and rear very good. Needs to settle on the move but quite sound.

VETERAN BITCH

1 Belfield "CH KASSIEGER RENATA"

Mature girl about 8 years old, an outstanding exhibit, so full of confidence, and in immaculate condition. Good for size, with even proportions, strong in head without being course. Keen expression, darkest of eyes. Ears well set and active. I found she had a good length of neck with just the right amount of arch to give her that elegant looks. High well defined wither, top line firm with reasonable length to croup. Good tail set. Correct front assembly, shoulder and upper arm just couldn't be any better. Very roomy chest proportions. Moderate tuck at loin. Strong rear assembly, with a wide very muscular thigh. Good vertical hock which gave her the power needed to produce an outstanding side gait, this I felt put her not only at the top of my list, but the deciding factor for the referee to place her B in S. Superb.

2 Nicholson "NORWULF ZONDA"

B/G nine year old, not yet ready to be put out to pasture. Well pigmented, and showing a very soft expression. Well placed ears, neck of good length, wither high, firm back and good angle to croup. Excellent in front with elbows well tucked in. Very flexible pasterns and good feet. Strong well angled hind quarter did well on the move, so sound in all directions.

JUDGE Celia Vines.