

## Critiques by Judge - Harold 'Red' Tatro III (USA)

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I was truly honored to be asked to come to Australia and evaluate your Whippets. There is no greater honor to a breeder-judge than to be able to examine and judge the dogs of our peers. I want to thank all the exhibitors who entered and brought their wonderful Whippets to me to see. Thank you to President Ian Rasmussen and the committee who worked hard and put on a truly spectacular specialty show. My hosts while in Australia and the trip to Lone Pine Koala sanctuary made this a most memorable trip that I will never forget and friendships that are cherished. I would also be remiss if I didn't thank my spectacular ring crew - my Show Manager/Steward Trevor Sully and my Writer Mrs. Lynn Nielsen. Trevor thanks for always keeping me up on the classes and for running such a terrific ring!

As a few general comments on the entry I have to say I was very pleased with the nice front fill and excellent depth of chest the entry had. Also the consistency in size that the Australian Whippets have and proper curves is certainly a pleasure to see. I also noticed that you have some of the same issues we are working with in the US. I did have a few dogs that were too straight in pastern and had inflexible pasterns. I also noticed that while we do want more toenail on a Whippet, a lot of exhibits had not had their nails trimmed or ground for quite some time. You have more dogs with a hare foot than we do where the tendency to a middle ground between hare and cat foot is seen in the US. So I did see a few dogs who were somewhat splayed and flat in foot – even a hare foot should have nice strong arched toes. It is imperative in a running hound to have good sound feet and proper bend of pastern. So be aware when you are choosing mates for the next generations.

Overall the entry was of excellent quality. Any of the class winners could easily compete in the US. The two Australian bred classes had such depth of quality and I did not have enough ribbons to award. I was also impressed with the depth in the Open classes and of course the Intermediates were of exceptional quality as well. Seeing all these quality Whippets simply adds to my opinion that the Whippet breed is in great shape with tremendous depth anywhere in the world.

My deepest gratitude to everyone.

Harold "Red" Tatro III

My class critiques:

### **Baby Puppy Dog Class** (2 Entry/1 Absent)

1st Place - Alarves Wham Bam Thank U Maam - Nice Fawn and white boy that has very good bone and substance, nice depth of chest and underline, efficient mover and carries a nice topline on the go. Pleasant head and eye. He would be my Opposite Best Baby Puppy in Show.

### **Minor Puppy Dog Class** (3 Entry/0 Absent)

1st place – Ricoshade The Potters Tiger - Red brindle and white boy that was nicely balanced, good bone and size. He had nice curves on top and underneath and carries those when he moves. Very nice strong second thigh with well let down hicks. Lovely head, eye and ear. He would go on to be my Best Minor Puppy in Show.

2nd place – Beauroi Proud as Punch - Fawn and white boy that was nice and smooth throughout. A bit longer cast in loin as well as rear. Carried lovely curves on the move and stack. Beautiful head and eye with nice strong underjaw. He was a bit weaker on the down and back than the class winner.

3rd place – Shalique Touch of Satin - Blue brindle and white boy that was a bit shorter in loin than the two pups in front of him. He had good depth of chest and front fill but was tad rougher over the withers. Going away he was weaker in the rear and had a hock that wasn't as stable as I would like in a running dog.

### **Puppy Dog Class** (4 Entry/1 Absent)

1st place – Shawthing Legend In My Time - A fawn and white boy with a very pretty head, eye and ear. Good strong underjaw. Nice elegant neck that flowed into a smooth body with excellent proportions, good front fill, deep chest and lovely underline that was complimentary to his proper topline. I really liked the broad second thigh that gave him a strong rear. He moved with the nice low effortless reach and powerful rear that I find very pleasing. He would go on to be my Reserve Challenge Dog and Best Puppy in Show for the day.

2nd place – Ssasp Park Silver Sabre - A lightly brindled fawn and white boy with a very nice head, strong jaw and lovely eye. He had a nice deep chest but was slightly lacing in front fill compared to the class winner. He carried a good topline and underline on the move. Good strong rear when viewed going away and on the profile.

3rd place – Beauroi Im Rockin My Stripes - Red brindle and white boy with a lovely eye and ear but slightly weaker in underjaw. He was straighter in shoulder than the two in front and had less depth of chest and underline to follow. He has a longer second thigh that lends itself to being weaker in drive and less efficient in a running hound.

### **Junior Dog Class** (5 Entry/0 Absent)

1st place – Isilwane Look Whos Talking - A fawn brindle and white boy. Pleasing head and eye, Good depth of chest but a bit longer cast and was a bit rough at the withers. Good bend of stifle and very sound moving on the down and back. He moved around the ring with the nice effortless movement I so desire. He would be my Opposite Best Junior in Show.

2nd place – Aslan Swede William In A Tux - A Black boy with white trim. Nice head with a bit smaller eye – but black can also be little deceiving. Very nice front fill and depth of chest with a lovely underline. Good strong rear and lost out to the first place dog due to slightly less reach in front due to a slightly shorter upper arm.

3rd place – Aslan Swede Child O Mine - A black masked brindle boy. A good head and eye but was weaker in underjaw than the two in front of him. Beautiful front fill and depth of chest moving into the proper underline. He was slightly shorter in loin and could use a bit more bend of stifle.

### **Intermediate Dog Class** (6 Entry/2 Absent)

1st place – Ch Beauroi Blame It Onth Reign - Fawn brindle with white trim dog. He has a stunningly gorgeous headpiece with beautiful chiseling, nice eye, lovely ears and very strong underjaw. He had an excellent arched neck that flowed into the withers smooth pleasing topline and underline. His deep chest and underline just accentuated the lovely curves this dog possessed. The strong second thigh and low hocks just finished off the package. He would go on to easily be Challenge Dog winner and Best Intermediate in Show on the day.

2nd place – Warley Talk Dirty To Me - Fawn brindle boy. He had a nicely chiseled head with good underjaw. Nicely arched neck but was a bit rough over the withers into his topline. He has a nice deep chest and lovely underline. He had very good movement going around.

3rd place – Rosiel Royal Magician - A Red and white boy. He had a pleasant head piece but was a little shorter in muzzle compared to his back skull. A nice arched neck that flowed smoothly into his wither and nice top line. He had excellent front fill and depth of chest. A nice strong second thigh. In proportion, he was a little short on leg in comparison to his length of body.

### **Australian Bred Dog Class** (10 Entry/1 Absent)

1st place – Aslan Swede Patience Rewarded (AI) - A Black dog with white. Very pleasant head and eye. He had a nice arched neck and flowed smoothly into his withers and nice topline. Excellent front fill, depth of chest and underline. He moved with good reach and drive and not a lot of effort while carrying a proper topline and underline. Nicely sound on the down and back as well. He would be my Opposite Best Australian Bred in Show.

2nd place – Ch Karnabay Jimmy Choo - A solid blue fawn dog. He has a beautiful head and eye with nice strong underjaw. Lovely arched neck. A nice masculine dog with excellent front fill, depth of chest and underline. Very strong powerful rear. A very sound mover on the down and back and going around. He was beat out on the day as he tends to lose his topline on the go around.

3rd place – Aslan A Day At The Races - A brindle and white dog. He has a nice head and eye. Strong neck into his withers. Nice depth of chest but could use a bit more front fill and was therefore a bit weaker in front movement coming at you. Nice strong second thigh and powerful rear that gave him a lovely movement on the profile.

4th place – Isilwane My Happiness - A fawn brindle and white dog. He was very much in the “American” style dog we see in the US. A beautiful headpiece with lovely eyes, ears and strong jaw. Very nice neck that flowed into his withers smoothly and nice topline. He had good front fill, depth of chest and proper underline. A good strong rear but he lost out on weaker movement on the down and back.

5th place – Ch Sheberghan Like My Dad - A blue brindle and white dog. He was a bit weaker in head with lower set ears. Nice neck into withers with a good topline. Good front fill and chest with a nice underline. He was a bit longer in second thigh than I prefer but had nice movement on the profile carrying the proper topline.

### **Open Dog Class** (8 Entry/2 Absent)

1st place – Au/Nz Ch Ronndal Night Fever At Benbridge (Imp Nz) - A fawn and white dog. Good head with lovely eye and ear could use a bit stronger jaw. Nicely masculine with an elegant neck flowing smoothly into his withers. Excellent front fill, depth of chest and underline. Good strong rear. He was wonderfully sound on the down and back and carried a proper topline on the profile. He would be my Opposite Best Open in Show.

2nd place – Ch Elmaro Hard Act To Follow - A red dilute and white dog. He has a gorgeous headpiece with very nice chiseling, eye, ears and strong underjaw. Very nice neck that flowed smoothly into his withers. Excellent front fill, depth of chest and underline. A very strong second thigh with nice bend of stifle and low hocks. He was very sound on the down and back but lost out due to the tendency to go flat on the profile around the ring.

3rd place – Ch Isilwane On The Prowl - A predominately white dog with black brindle markings. He has a beautiful headpiece with strong underjaw. A nice long neck that flowed smoothly into his withers. Good fill in front and deep chest. He has a lovely topline with an unfortunate brindle marking that gives the illusion of a dip in his topline. A nice strong moving dog but was not as good in front when coming at you as he paddles just a bit at his pasterns.

### **Veteran Dog Class** (2 Entry/0 Absent)

1st place – Ch Isilwane Jolly Roger - A Fawn and white dog. He has a lovely headpiece with good eye, ears and underjaw. Nice elegant neck that flows into his withers with a very nice topline. Nice deep chest and underline. He was wonderfully sound and moved with a strong effortless gait. A tribute to his breeding being 11.5 and in such excellent condition. He would go on to be my Best Veteran in Show.

2nd place - Sup Ch Aslan That's Amore - A blue brindle and white dog. He has a gorgeous headpiece with lovely chiseling, eye, ears and strong jaw. Excellent elegant neck that flowed into his withers. He had excellent front fill, depth of chest and underline. A very strong rear and also terrifically sound in movement on the down and back as well as profile. He got nudged out because he goes slightly higher in the rear on the profile than the first place dog but both were excellent quality whippets.

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### **Baby Puppy Bitch Class** (7 Entry/2 Absent)

1st place – Ridgesetter Dark N Delightful - A solid black brindle girl. She has a very nice head and eye. Nice long neck that flowed into her withers very smoothly. Good front fill, deep chest that carried into an excellent underline. Good strong second thigh that gave her a powerful rear. She moved around the ring with ease and power – when she wasn't being a bit of a handful for her handler. She was one of my favorites on the day! She would go on to be my Best Baby Puppy in Show.

2nd place – Piaffe Ain't Misbehaving - A solid blue brindle girl. Her head was less pleasing than the winner and could use a bit more chiseling. She had a nice long neck and smooth transition into withers carried into a nice topline. Excellent fill in front with nice underline. A nice strong rear with moderate angulation. She carried her lovely curves when she moved nicely around.

3rd place – Ridgesetter Summer Loving - A solid red dilute bitch with white trim. She had a pleasing head and ear but could use a bit stronger underjaw. She has very good bone and bone and substance. A nice arching neck but was a little rougher in transition at the withers than the two in front. She was very sound in movement both on the down and back as well as around. She has more rear angulation that gave her the tendency to lose her topline on the profile movement.

### **Minor Puppy Bitch Class** (5 Entry/0 Absent)

1st place – Beuroi Dazzled in Diamonds - A solid red brindle girl with a little white trim. Very pretty head, eye and ear. Nice long neck that flowed into her withers smoothly with nice topline. Good fill in front and deep chest. She moved effortlessly around the ring and carried her lovely curves the whole time. She was a serious consideration in the Challenge class. She would be my Opposite Best Minor Puppy in Show.

2nd place – Ricoshade Ms Charlottes Tiger - A red brindle and white girl. Nice head and ear but could use a bit more underjaw. Nice long neck and smooth transition into withers. She had very nice bone and substance. Deep chest and lovely underline. Strong second thigh with nice moderate rear angulation. She carried her nice curves on the move but was a bit weaker on the down and back than the winner.

3rd place – Grau Hart T Hart - A white girl with some black trim. She has a very nice headpiece. Good long neck with smooth transition into the withers. Very good front fill and deep chest. She had a nice strong moderate rear. She is a bit longer in loin and didn't carry her topline as well on the move as the two in front.

### **Puppy Bitch Class** (4 Entry/0 Absent)

1st place – Shawthing Like Th First Tyme - A blue brindle and white girl. She had a very nice head, ear. Elegant neck that flowed into her withers continuing smoothly to a lovely topline. She has excellent front fill and very deep curvy underline. She had very nice bend of pastern in front. She has a nice moderate rear and moved effortlessly around the ring carrying her wonderful curves the entire time. She was another contender in the Challenge class. She would be my Opposite Best Puppy in Show.

2nd place – Pressage Isabella - A water-marked fawn and white girl. She had a lovely headpiece. Nice long neck but wasn't as smooth over the withers. She has nice deep chest and curvy underline. She has a bit more

rear angulation and it will take time for her to develop and have better control on the down and back.

3rd place – Phoenway Mystique - A fawn brindle and white girl. She has a pleasant head and ear. Nice long neck and smooth transition into withers. Excellent front fill and deep chest. She is a bit longer cast and could use a bit more leg to be more balanced in proportion. As a result she doesn't hold her topline as well on the move but was very sound on the down and back.

#### **Junior Bitch Class** (2 Entry/0 Absent)

1st place – Ridgesetter Follow The Dream - A solid blue fawn girl. She has a very nice head, eye and ear with very strong underjaw. Good neck into withers. Nice fill in front with a deep curvy underline. She has the nice moderate rear I prefer. She was very sound on the down and back and carried her lovely curves on the profile. She would go on to be my Best Junior in Show.

2nd place – Bonnymead Autumn Cloud - A solid blue fawn brindle girl. She has a nice head and eye but her ear set was a bit low. Nice strong neck but a little rougher over the shoulders. Nice fill in front and deep curvy underline. She has a bit more rear angulation than the winner and had the tendency to lose her topline on the profile.

#### **Intermediate Bitch Class** (9 Entry/2 Absent)

1st place – Ch Shalique Ive Got You Babe - A blue brindle and white girl. Very nice head with a strong underjaw. A nice neck with smooth transition at the withers and good topline. She has very good front fill and a deep curvy underline. She has a bit more rear angulation than I prefer but was strong and sound in her rear. She moved around the ring with great ease and carried her nice topline the entire time. She would be my Opposite Best Intermediate in Show.

2nd place – Isilwane Raspberry Beret - A fawn and white girl. She has an exquisite headpiece with lovely eye, ear and strong underjaw. Nice long neck and smooth flow into withers. Good fill in front with deep chest and nice curvy underline. Good strong moderate rear. She was very sound in the down and back and lost out to the winner because she carried a bit less topline on the profile.

3rd place - Ch Shawthing All That Jazz - A blue brindle girl with a little bit of white trim. She has a beautiful headpiece with nice eye, ears and good strong underjaw. Lovely long neck that flowed smoothly into her withers and continued into a smooth topline. She has excellent front fill and was deep and curvy. A nice strong moderate rear that I really like. She moved beautifully around in profile but was a bit weaker in front when coming at you.

4th place – Ch Shalique Noble Kitty - A solid blue fawn girl. She had a nice head but was a tad shorter in muzzle compared to back skull and could use more underjaw. She had a nice neck but was not as smooth in transition at the withers. A very deep chest and curvy underline. Very strong moderate rear with nice low hocks. She moved nicely on the profile but was a bit wider in front when coming at you.

#### **Australian Bred Bitch Class** (12 Entry/4 Absent)

1st place – Ch Shawthing Thatza Sparkla - A blue fawn and white girl. She has a very nice head with good eye, ear and strong underjaw. A lovely long neck that just flowed ever so smoothly into her withers and continued into a smooth curvy topline. She has excellent fill in front with a deep chest and nice curvy underline. Nice bend of pastern and strong rear with low hock. She floated effortlessly around the ring with great strength and soundness and never lost her curves. She was my Challenge Bitch winner, Best Australian Bred in Show and also my Best In show winner. This is a bitch I think could win anywhere in the world and an excellent example of what I want in a feminine Whippet.

2nd place – Bundoon Jamaica Girl - A fawn and white girl. She has a nice head, eye and ear. She could use a bit more length of neck but has a smooth flow into withers and curvy topline. Good fill in front and deep chest. Nice moderate rear and good low hocks. She moved nicely around in profile but lost out to the winner because she was a bit wider in front coming at you.

3rd place – Ch Beauroi This Diamond Sparkles - A reddish fawn brindle and white bitch. She has a very good head with nice eye, ears and strong underjaw. A very nice long neck that flowed smoothly into her withers. Good front fill and deep chest. Nice broad second thigh with a bit more rear angulation. She moved very nicely on the profile but was not as strong on the down and back as the two in front of her.

4th place – Bonnymead lanthe - A solid blue brindle girl. She has a very nice head with the eye I prefer and good strong underjaw. A good long neck that was smooth at the withers. Very good fill in front with nice bend of pastern, deep chest and very curvy underline. She has the strong moderate rear I prefer. She was very sound on the down and back and a bit flatter in topline on the profile than the bitches at the front of the line.

5th place – Ch Pressage Dharma - A solid dark brindle with white trim. A very nice head with good strong underjaw. Nice powerful neck but was straighter in shoulder than the others. Good fill in front and deep chest. A nice strong rear with not too much angulation. She was a bit wider in front coming at you and also a little flatter in topline on the move.

#### **Open Bitch Class** (8 Entry/0 Absent)

1st place – Ch Ridgesetter Dontrainonmyparade - A solid blue brindle girl. She has a beautiful headpiece with a lovely eye, ears and good strong underjaw. A nice strong neck that transitions very smoothly into her withers and nice topline. Excellent fill in front with a deep chest and curvy underline. Very nice bend of pastern. A nice broad second thigh and powerful moderate rear. She has a bit more body than some of the other girls but still possessed the feminine side I like. She moved very powerfully and effortlessly and was dead sound on the down and back. She was my Reserve Challenge bitch, Best Open in Show and eventual Runner-Up Best in Show. This bitch could easily win in the US and elsewhere and is the type I like to have as a brood bitch. I learned at the social after the show that she has been bred and I look forward to seeing her puppies.

2nd place – Ch Aslan No Regrets - A blue fawn and white girl. Very nice head, eye and ear but not as strong in underjaw as the winner. She has a lovely neck with a nice transition into her withers. Excellent front fill with a very deep chest and lovely tuck up. Good strong rear with nice let down hocks. A sound mover on the down and back with effortless movement on the profile. She had just a bit less topline on the move and this moved her to second place.

3rd place – Sup Ch Shawthing One Dayata Time - A blue brindle and white girl. She has a lovely head, eye and ear with good underjaw. She has a nice long neck that flows smoothly into her withers and graceful topline. Nice depth of chest and curvy underline. A nice moderate rear that moved with good power. She was straighter in pastern than the others and not as clean coming at you.

4th place – Ch Jordeaux Summer Blaze - A solid blue fawn girl. She has a very pleasing headpiece but could use a bit more underjaw. She has a nice long powerful neck that flows very smoothly into her withers and nice topline. Very nice fill in front with a lovely deep chest. She has the moderate rear I prefer and carried herself very well moving around the ring.

#### **Veteran Bitch Class** (1 Entry/0 Absent)

1st place – Sup Ch Ridgesetter Etain - A solid blue brindle bitch. She has a gorgeous headpiece with lovely eye and nice strong underjaw. A beautiful long neck that transitions very smoothly into her withers and nice topline. Excellent front fill and deep chest. Wonderful bend of pastern and nice low hocks. While she was bit

softer in muscles tone she moved glided around the ring with the graceful movement of an excellent Whippet. She would be my Opposite Best Veteran in Show.

**Neuter Dog Class** (1 Entry/0 Absent)

1st place – Neuter Ch Wildhare Simply Scherzando SC (Imp USA) - A fawn and white male. He has a lovely head, eye and ear with nice strong underjaw. He has a nice long neck that has a smooth transition into withers. A bit straighter in shoulder but has a good bend of pastern. He is sound on the down and back. I would like a bit more bend of stifle in rear but he moved very well in profile. He would be my Best Neutered in Show.

**Neuter Bitch Class** (2 Entry/0 Absent)

1st place – Kerrypark The Diva CCD RN ADM ADO JDX JDO GD SPDX SDX - A blue brindle and white bitch. She has a pleasant head but could use a bit more underjaw. Nice strong neck that flows into her withers. Good fill in front and deep chest. She was a bit longer cast in body and loin. Nice moderate rear. She moved with ease on the profile. She would be my Opposite Best Neutered in Show.

2nd place – Ch Lysnagah Spring Starlet - A blue fawn brindle and white bitch. She has a nice head with good under jaw, a clean neck into withers and smooth topline. She has a good deep chest and front fill. A bit longer in second thigh. She was not as efficient on the profile movement and that might be due to her “love of biscuits”!

