

Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla Association Championship Show 2013

Many thanks to the committee of the HWVA for inviting me to judge these Special Award classes and to the exhibitors for allowing me to go over your lovely dogs. My decisions were based on the working requirements of the breed.

Special Award Junior Dog (2)

1st Turton's The Brigadier of Blamtrinever. A huge age difference between these 2 boys made this a difficult decision. The winner was a 7 month old baby; as expected, a lot of developing to do, but I felt the basic construction was there. Lovely head of good proportions, good wire furnishings, lacks depth of chest as yet, but good bone and moved like a dream – great stride and purpose for such a baby.

2nd Spillane & Salisbury's Belatarr Charlie Parker. 18 months old. Nothing wrong with this boy, just too much of him for my preference. Built on strong lines, well angulated, enough coat. Movement was OK, but not as good a length of stride as the winner.

Special Award Post Graduate Dog (5, 2 absent)

1st McLeish's Cwsscwn Cadiz. 3 yrs old. Lighter in colour and profuse in coat, but wire texture was OK. Correct head with good furnishings, compact in build with good angulation, level topline and correct tail set. He was the best mover in the class.

2nd Harris' Golden Gatsby. A nice dog with a lovely head and expression, but I found him to be rather short in back, not quite the correct proportions for this breed.

3rd Dodds' Cufnells Forester.

Special Award Open Dog (3)

1st Allison's Monkstrod Hornet. Really liked this 4 yr old dog, to me he was the absolute outline and build that the breed standard describes. Compact, medium sized, lovely head and expression, good angulation, height to length proportion correct, good texture of coat. Shown in fit condition, his muscle tone was excellent and he moved really well, covering the ground with a strong rear driving action.

2nd Hibbert's Cwsscwn Perchanze to Dream at Mindszenty. Noble headed dog, lighter in colour, very sparse undercoat. Not the muscle tone or movement of the winner and rather too much of him for me.

3rd Parry's Leiborschy Wilfek.

Stevie Allerton (Judge)