Finnish Lapphund Club of GB Championship Show 08/04/23

Special Award Classes

Judge Mr Ian Crowther

My thanks to the FLCof GB for the Eleventh hour invitation as a replacement judge and to my steward on the day.

A deeply interesting experience with a great deal of variation. Allowances made for developmental age differences and appreciation of a slow maturing breed, there were some compromises with regard to preferred breed type versus general construction & sound action.

SA Junior D/B (7)

- **1st. Birks .Pavoskas Galena.** Very pleasing make up, shape & flow to this 7M Brown B. Refined head. Smooth taper to muzzle with oval eyes enhancing typical 'Spitz' expression .Strong neck into pleasing front assembly. Moderation throughout body with pleasing width, depth & development to brisket for age. Muscular loin. Hindquarters unequivocally parallel. Short hocks. Easy ,sound consistent action
- **2nd. Proctor. Alkantara Talvi Hamara with Cathbri**. Another pleasing Brown B with 10M age advantage. Relaxed tail and tendency to lean back on the stack gives appearance of excess length .Upon examination found this not be the case . Liked her head with good ears. Scored in overall construction and excellent condition throughout . Came together on the move .Smooth easy action.
- **3rd. Critchlow&Rudd Pavoskas Hiili Helmi**. Black/Tan baby of the class .Promising . I liked the proportions of this one at this stage. Obviously still to develop . Expression a little spoilt by roundish eyes. OK on the move.

SA Post Grad D/B(6,1Abs)

Mixed Class

- **1st. Fox Sambreeze Pingviini**. 2Yr Black/Tan Male .Masculine with impressive abundant mane. Pleasing clean outline . Full muzzle but felt skull could have slightly more breadth to balance out. Good general make and construction moderate throughout. Best on the move & performance in this class with easy straight action.
- **2nd Aristides-Pickard Sambreeze Mikki Bear Cub.** Brown litter Brother to above. Not so reliable in proportions being slightly longer cast. and wiry to handle. Would prefer a stronger head at this stage .Basically sound throughout .Good on the move.
- **3rd Mowatt Tabanyaru Zini Kukki** . 2Yrs B. Generally pleasing, moderate construction & of good profile proportions. Felt she was a little narrow at present and could use a bit more development throughout. OK on the move.

SA Open D/B (8.1Abs)

Pleasing consistent class.

- **1st.** Critchlow & Francis-Christie Pavoskas Cancan. Thought her rather lovely Pleasing type ,shape and proportions to this B/T B and of great constructional flow fulfilling many noted breed points for me with enough substance & width , retaining a feminine refinement . Excellent condition. Great on the move every time.
- 2nd Rudd Infindigo Lintu Henkka. Mature Male rising 6Yrs. Just pipped to the top spot.
 Masculine charm and body throughout also of pleasing type with good breed points. In excellent condition. Occasional slack front pasterns on the stack. Great on the move most of the time.
 3rd. Bright. Glenchess Satakieli of Alkantara. Pleasing construction to this mature 5 Yr old B but carrying too much weight. Well prepared W/S coat.OK on the move.

Ian Crowther (Judge).