

Golden Retriever Club of Western Australia Championship Show 6th November 2021.

Judge: Miss Caroline Murphy (SA)

Taleyah Golden Retrievers

I must start by saying thank you so much to the club for inviting me to judge I feel very honored. Thank you to the hard-working committee for their hospitality and for making my visit such a fun and memorable experience. Thank you so much to my wonderful steward who kept everything flowing so smoothly. The atmosphere and the sportsmanship were wonderful. This was my first judging appointment in Australia and to be invited to judge a specialty show by my peers is truly humbling, I enjoyed every moment. There were some wonderful examples of our beautiful breed and I think the overall quality is a credit to the breeders and exhibitors who entered. My Critiques:

DOGS

BABY PUPPY DOG: A lovely class of very happy babies.

1st Chaleur Don't Stop Me Now – A happy 5mth old cream boy with a beautiful dark eye and soft expression. Good length of neck and well laid shoulders with lovely angles front and rear. Straight front legs with lovely bone and cat like feet. Compact boy with substance, great strong topline and tailset. Moved out with drive, a happy confident boy.

2nd Skeelie Too Hot to Handle – A light gold boy 5mths old with a lovely head, good pigment and lovely dark eye with a soft pleasing expression. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulders. Lovely angulation fore and aft, straight front legs with good bone. Short coupled. A happy boy who moved around the ring with purpose.

3rd Ralun This Iz It – A cream boy 5mths sweet head with lovely dark pigment. Good reach of neck and well laid shoulders. Good angulation front and rear. Strong topline, moved out with drive. Slightly larger, longer boy than 1 and 2.

MINOR PUPPY DOG

1st Conarhu Andante Andante – A light gold 8mth boy beautifully presented. Masculine head with a soft kindly expression. Lovely dark eye. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulders. Lovely angulation fore and aft. Strong topline and tailset. Short coupled. Moved out well with drive, happy and confident.

2nd Ilemaurice the Lucky Charm – A gold boy 6mths a lovely head with good pigment and a dark eye. Good neck into shoulder, slightly lacking in upper arm and forechest. Happy on the move and moved with drive, would have liked a stronger topline.

JUNIOR DOG

1st Aneiraby Laugh it up Fuzzball – A gold 14mth boy with a lovely masculine head, dark eye and pigment with a soft gentle expression. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulders, good front angulation with good forechest. Straight front, level topline and tailset carried on the move. Well sprung ribs and deep chest. Short coupled. Beautiful coat. A lovely balanced boy.

INTERMEDIATE DOG

1st Ilemaurice East meets West – A gold 20mths boy a lovely boy in beautiful condition and coat. Quite spirited to start but did settle. Good size, balance and substance. Lovely masculine head with a dark eye and gentle expression. Strong neck into well laid-back shoulders. Good fore angulation with excellent upper arm and prominent forechest. Good bend of stifle and width of 2nd thigh. Strong level topline and tailset. Moved with reach and drive but the picture was spoiled with his tail carriage.

2nd Aneiraby Almighty Shield – A gold 2yr old boy in good condition. He lacked the maturity of the first dog. Beautiful masculine head with the softest of expression and lovely dark eye. Strong neck into well laid shoulders, straight front and good bone. Strong topline and tailset, moved out well with reach and drive. Happy confident boy.

3rd Wysiwyg If U Got It Haunt It – A gold 2yr old boy presented in lovely condition. Good length of neck into well placed shoulders would like more upper arm. Straight front with enough bone. Moved out well with reach and drive, level topline and correct tailset but tended to carry his tail high which spoiled the picture.

LIMIT DOG

1st Waterly Standing Ovation – A cream 6yr old dog, strong head well chiselled, would have preferred a darker eye but despite this still had a gentle expression. Well balanced, short coupled mature boy. Good angles fore and aft. Strong topline and tailset. Moved with drive, happy and confident.

2nd Thornywait Raphael – A cream 2yr old boy a larger dog with a beautiful masculine head, dark eye and pigment. Presented and handled beautifully. Super substance, strong neck into well laid-back shoulders, good length of shoulder blade and equal upper arm, good forechest. Deep chested, good spring of rib and short coupled. Good rear angulation and well-muscled which allowed him to move out with reach and drive. He is a large dog and I feel just needs the time to mature into himself to complete the full picture.

3rd Goldbrior Bjorn Again at Clairedoree – A cream 2.5yr boy lovely masculine head with a dark eye and soft expression. Strong neck into good angulation fore and aft but would like more forechest to complete the front quarters. Straight front legs. Strong topline and tailset and moved well and with confidence.

STATE BRED DOG

1st Conarhu Meant to be Bwana – WOW a gold 5yr old boy who caught my eye the moment he entered the ring. He had showmanship...ring presence... matched by his construction, temperament and personality which shone through. He has a beautiful masculine head with a dark eye, dark pigment, good depth of muzzle and the most appealing soft expression. Good length of neck into well laid-back shoulders, good length of shoulder blade and equal upper arm and good forechest. Deep chested, well sprung ribs, good length of body, short coupled.

Good height length ratio. Lovely balance. Good rear angulation, well-muscled, good width of 2nd thigh and bend of stifle. He used all his assets to move around the ring, his topline was level and his tailset correct and carried perfectly on the move. Presented in strong hard condition, beautiful coat and handled beautifully. A beautiful dog all round and a joy to watch. DCC and BIS.

2nd Aneiraby Yule Be Stellar – A gold 7yr old boy another quality boy. Lovely masculine head with dark eye and appealing expression. Good strong neck in well laid shoulders. Good front assembly, excellent bone, longer than 1 but well ribbed with a good bend of stifle. Moved with drive, strong topline and tailset. Tended to carry his tail slightly high on the move.

3rd Clairedoree Great Scott – A cream 6yr old boy masculine head with a dark eye and soft expression. Good neck into shoulder. I would like more upper arm to balance the front assembly. A finer boy than 1 and 2 but moved out well with a strong topline. A happy confident boy.

AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG

1st Fantango Can't Buy Me Love – A cream 4yr old boy another quality boy presented in beautiful condition. A beautiful masculine head with lovely dark eye and pigment and a kindly expression. Excellent substance, good front assembly, close elbows, straight front. Deep chested, well sprung ribs, short coupled. Good rear angulation and moves out with style with excellent reach and drive and a strong level topline. RUDCC and Aus Bred in Show.

2nd Ilemaurice Son of a Samurai – A gold 3.5yr old boy of quality. A lovely masculine head with dark eye and soft expression. Would like a bit more neck but excellent front assembly, deep chested with well sprung ribs. A lovely balanced short, coupled boy. Good bend of stifle and width of 2nd thigh, well-muscled. A strong level topline and tailset. Moved effortlessly around the ring.

3rd Piarki Rocher – A cream 6.5yr old boy who belied his age. A lovely masculine head, I would prefer a darker eye. Good front assembly, enough bone, straight front. Short coupled. Good bend of stifle. Strong topline and tailset. Moved out well but carried his tail high spoiling the outline.

4th Bluebreeze Scotland's Guardian – A light gold 5.5yr old boy. Masculine head with dark eye and kindly expression. Good length of neck into shoulders would like more upper arm to balance the front quarters. Straight front and enough bone. Lovely tight cat like feet. Lovely rear angulation. Moved well.

OPEN DOG

1st Parkridge Man in the Mirror – A cream 3yr old boy. Masculine head with a dark eye and pleasing expression. Strong neck into well laid-back shoulders, good front assembly and straight front, good forechest. Good bone. Deep chested with well sprung ribs and short coupled. Strong topline, slightly low tailset. Moved out well with good reach and drive.

2nd Bluebreeze Behind the Legend – A gold 3yr old boy. A compact boy with masculine head, dark eye and kindly expression. Balanced with good height length ratio. Would like more neck. Good fore angulation and forechest, straight front, good bone. Well ribbed. Good topline. Didn't move out quite as well as 1.

VETERAN DOG

1st Piarki Cleaver – A gold 9yr old boy. A lovely balanced boy shown in full coat. Lovely masculine head with a dark eye and soft expression. I would like slightly more neck. Good angles fore and aft, straight front, tight feet. Held his topline well when moving. Deep chested with well sprung ribs. Moved out with ease, happy and confident.

2nd Fantango Westside Story – A gold 9yr old boy presented beautifully. A very strong masculine head with a dark eye. Good substance. Short coupled. Good length of neck into well laid shoulders, straight front, level topline and tailset. Deep bodied, well sprung ribs. Would prefer more moderation in his rear angulation.

BITCHES

BABY PUPPY BITCH: Beautiful babies all happy and confident, a lovely lineup of quality babies.

1st Blazengold Spiritus Papaver – A gold 5mth old very sweet girl with a very pretty head and lovely dark eye. Good length of neck, nice shoulders, lovely angles fore and aft, with a good length of leg and balance. Lovely substance. Very together on the move, happy and confident. Free stood herself beautifully. Puppy of the Day.

2nd Blazengold Jo Els Spiritus – A cream 5mth old girl of a very similar attributes to 1. Gorgeous feminine head with a lovely dark eye. Not quite the substance of 1 but nevertheless plenty of bone. Lovely length of neck into good shoulder placement, beautiful angles, short coupled. Beautifully and sympathetically handled, moved soundly. On any given day 1 and 2 could swop places.

3rd - Zhalyce Queen of Hearts – A gold 5.5mth old girl with a lovely feminine head and dark eye. Plenty of substance and beautiful coat coming through. Good length of neck into well placed shoulders, deep bodied and short coupled. Moved out well.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH: I was spoilt for choice in this class

1st Jarrahaus Eye Candy – A cream 9mth old bitch, feminine head with super pigment. Lovely bone, straight front, short coupled. Solid topline and was sound and confident on the move. She had lovely angulation; I preferred her angles when she was free stood.

2nd Ilemaurice the Golden Duchess - A gold 6mth old bitch, loved her pretty head, very feminine with a lovely dark eye and soft expression. She had lovely balance, good bone and substance. Good reach of neck, good shoulders and lovely angles front and rear. She was very sound on the move, confident and happy, just lacked the maturity of 1.

3rd Ilemaurice Shining like Stars – A gold 6mth old bitch very similar to 2. A very pretty girl with a feminine head and dark eye. Balanced, short coupled with a straight front and good angulation front and rear. Good bone but not quite the

substance of 2 or the maturity of 1. Very sound on the move when she settled.....she was a bit naughty but having fun.

4th Amberjem Bright as a button – A cream 6.5mth old girl with a lovely feminine head and dark eye. Not quite as together as the others but still young. Good reach of neck into good shoulder placement. Short coupled. Good topline and tailset. I would have preferred more rear angulation to balance her front.

PUPPY BITCH

1st Manjano Serengeti Princess – A light gold 8mth old girl pretty, with a feminine head and dark eye. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulders, good length of shoulder blade but would like more upper arm. Balanced and moved out well, happy and confident with a strong topline and level tail carriage.

JUNIOR BITCH

1st Aneiraby Ee Chee Wa Maa – A gold 15mth old girl, a beautiful bitch with a lovely feminine head, dark eye gentle expression and in lovely coat. Strong neck into good shoulders, good length of shoulder blade and equal upper arm, good forechest. Deep bodied with well sprung ribs, short coupled and beautiful balance. Good bend of stifle with well-muscled hind quarters and good width of 2nd thigh. Moved out with ease with a strong topline and good tail carriage.

2nd Skeelier Best Kept Secret – A gold 14mth old girl, lovely feminine head with a dark eye and soft expression. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulders, good front angulation and forechest. Very balanced fore and aft angulation. Moved out well but I would have preferred a stronger topline on the move.

3rd Ambermist Flirtini - A cream 14mth old girl an elegant bitch with a feminine head, dark eye and soft expression. A slightly longer and taller girl but still very balanced. Good strong neck flowing into good front assembly. Level topline and good tailset. Good rear quarters moved soundly. Lacked the maturity of 1 and 2.

INTERMEDIATE BITCH

1st Ilemaurice Maurice Queen of Diamonds – A light gold 18mth old girl with the most beautiful feminine head and soft expression. Such an elegant bitch. Good reach of neck into the best of shoulder placement. Great front angulation and forechest. Deep bodied with well sprung ribs, short coupled. Level topline and perfect tail set. I could have watched this young girl move around the ring all day, just beautiful she moved effortlessly. On any other day she would have been a contender for top honors.

2nd Ambermist up in Lights – Another quality bitch. A cream 2yr old girl with a beautiful feminine head with a lovely dark eye and so full of expression. Similar attributes to 1. A strong bitch but still very feminine throughout. Beautifully constructed with good angles both fore and aft, well bodied with a strong topline, moved with reach and drive.

3rd Blazengold Her Royal Highness – A gold 3yr old girl, good head, dark eye and lovely pigment. Excellent front angulation, good bend of stifle into well let down hocks. I would have liked to see this girl free stood. She moved out well and really came into her own on the move.

LIMIT BITCH: Three beautiful bitches who could honestly swap places at any time

1st Amberjem Double Delight – A cream 21mth old girl with the most beautiful coat. I loved the balance and outline of this girl, another girl I would have liked to see free stood. Beautiful feminine head with a lovely soft expression and dark pigment. Lovely front angulation and forechest. Straight front and good bone, plenty of substance. Deep chest and well sprung ribs. This girl came into her own on the move moving with ease around the ring. It was great to see her free stood at the end of the lead with her tail wagging.

2nd Ilemaurice A Star is Born – A quality gold 18mth old girl with a very pleasing head. Beautiful balance. Excellent front angulation balanced with the rear. Straight front and good bone. Well sprung ribs. Strong topline and tailset. Moved out around the ring with reach and drive. On any given day 1 and 2 could swop positions.

3rd Aneiraby Air of Mystery – Another quality gold 2yr old girl who left her coat at home today, so nothing to hide. Again, a picture of balance and moderation. A lovely feminine head with a lovely kindly expression. All the attributes of 1 and 2. Strong neck into well placed shoulders, lovely front angulation with good upper arm and close-fitting elbows. Strong topline and tailset. Moved around the ring with ease.

STATE BRED BITCH

1st Ilemaurice Sugar and Spice – A beautiful light gold 3yr old girl, compact with a gentle expression and dark eye. Good length of neck into well placed shoulders, prominent forechest. Lovely substance, straight front, tight cat like feet. Good bend of stifle with well let down hocks. Deep body and well sprung ribs. Strong topline and tailset. Liked her very much on the move where she moved with ease around the ring. RUBCC.

2nd Ambermist Tequila Sunrise – A cream 3yr old bitch presented and handled beautifully. Lovely balance, a heavier girl than 1 but losing none of her femininity. Good length of neck into excellent shoulder placement. Balanced rear angulation. Moved with reach and drive but I would have liked a stronger topline on the move.

AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH

1st Aneiraby Ninianes Charm – A 3yr old gold girl another quality bitch of lovely type. A beautiful head with a dark eye and lovely soft expression. This girl had super front angulation, with an excellent lay back of shoulder. Straight front and good bone. Deep body and well ribbed. Lovely bend of stifle and strong rear quarters. Level topline and tailset. Really good reach and drive.

2nd Shtar Where Bluebirds Fly – Light gold 5yr old girl with a pretty, feminine head with a dark eye. Strong neck into well laid-back shoulders, good front angulation balanced with the rear. Strong topline and tailset held on the move.

3rd IleMaurice Cindys Legacy – Cream 2.5yr old girl a lovely feminine head with a dark eye. A slightly longer, taller girl but still balanced. Good reach of neck into

well laid-back shoulder with lovely angles fore and aft. A good turn of stifle and good width of 2nd thigh. Moved with good reach and drive and a strong topline.

OPEN BITCH: Really spoilt for choice in this class

1st Parkridge it's All About Me - A quality 6yr old cream girl presented and handled so beautifully. Such a beautiful head with dark eye and pigment and a soft expression. Good length of neck into excellent shoulders, lovely front angulation with good upper arm and tight-fitting elbows. Deep bodied and well ribbed, slightly longer girl. Good bend of stifle into strong rear quarters. Level topline. Moves with drive and purpose.

2nd Aneiraby Its Electrifying – Another quality 7yr old gold girl, with the most beautiful head and soft expression. A beautiful balanced compact girl with all the attributes of 1. Fabulous front angulation with an excellent layback of shoulder. Good bend of stifle and width of 2nd thigh. Strong topline and tailset. Loved her balance and moderation but out moved by 1 on this occasion.

VETERAN BITCH

1st Aneiraby Ohm Can't Resist – Wow a stunning 10yr old girl with a rich gold coat, she caught my eye from the minute she entered the ring it was hard to believe as she moved around the ring that she was 10yrs old, her topline was dead level her tail was wagging, and her ring presence was palpable. A beautiful feminine head with such expression, dark soft eyes and a smile. Good length of neck into excellent shoulder placement. Good length of shoulder blade and equal upper arm with a good forechest. Straight front leg and tight cat like feet. Deep chested with well sprung ribs, good length of body and short coupled. Such lovely balance. BCC and RUBIS.

2nd Bicklewood My Ah Snow Will - A cream 8.5yr old girl lovely feminine head with dark eye and soft expression. A heavier but balanced girl with a good neck into strong shoulders. Good angulation fore and aft. Beautiful coat. Unfortunately, her topline was a little soft on the move but a gorgeous girl for her age who was clearly enjoying the show ring.