**Golden Retriever Club of Queensland Australia Championship Show 13th 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 it was an absolute honour. Thank you to the hard-working committee for their hospitality and special thanks to my wonderful steward who kept everything flowing so smoothly. The atmosphere and the sportsmanship were wonderful. This was just my second judging appointment in Australia and to be invited to judge a specialty show by my peers is truly humbling, I enjoyed every moment. There was a wonderful quality across the board, my decisions on the day were taken with good grace and I am sure many could swap places on any other given day. My Critiques:

**DOGS**

**BABY PUPPY DOG:**

**1st Paterbetgold N Moothi Estate –**A happy 5mth old gold boy with a beautiful dark eye and soft expression. Straight front legs with lovely bone and cat-like feet. Compact boy with sufficient substance, great strong topline and tailset. Moved out with drive, a happy confident boy.

**MINOR PUPPY DOG**

**1st Askaval Ethos De Alubyc –**A cream 7.5mth boy beautifully presented. A very appealing masculine head with a soft kindly expression. Lovely dark eye.  Good reach of neck into well laid shoulders. Lovely angulation fore and aft, plenty of substance.  Strong topline and tailset. Short coupled. Good height to length ratio. Beautiful coat. Moved out well with drive, happy and confident.

**2nd Alubyc Skywalker with Askaval–**A cream boy 7mths a lovely head with good pigment and a dark eye. Good reach of neck flowing into well laid shoulder. Excellent fore angulation and prominent forechest.  Strong topline and tailset, good bend of stifle and width of 2nd thigh. Not quite the balance of 1. Happy on the move and moved with drive.

**3rd Wembury Bannerman –**A cream 7mth boy, good head with a dark eye and pigment. Good length of neck into well placed shoulders, good length of shoulder blade and equal upper arm, good forechest. A lovely balanced boy with a super topline who moved with drive. Not quite the substance of 1 and 2.

 **JUNIOR DOG**

**1st Wembury When the Saints –**A light gold 11mth 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.  Beautiful coat.  Lovely balanced boy with a strong topline and tailset. Moved out well.

**INTERMEDIATE DOG**

**1st Dobro Imperial Trek to Larsgold –**A gold 2.5yr boy 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 and forechest, straight front and enough bone. Good bend of stifle and width of 2nd thigh. Strong level topline and tailset. Good height to length ratio. Moved with reach and drive when he settled.

**2nd Alubyc Man who Sold the World with Askaval –**A cream 19mth old boy in beautiful condition. Beautiful masculine head with the softest of expression and lovely dark eye. Strong neck into well laid shoulders, straight front and good bone. Deep chested and well ribbed. Slightly longer and would have preferred slightly more length of leg to give the balance. Strong topline and tailset, moved out well with reach and drive. Happy confident boy.

**AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG**

**1st Askaval Anarchy with Alubyc –**A gold 20mth old boy, a 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. This boy had beautiful balance. Super topline and tailset, good bend of stifle. He moved out with style, tail wagging and carried level, excellent reach and drive. I look forward to seeing this boy as he matures. RUBIS, RUDCC and Aus Bred in Show.

**2nd Imatrieve Let Me Be There –**A cream 3yr old boy of beautiful quality and presented in beautiful condition and full coat. A lovely masculine head with dark eye and the most appealing of expression. Lots of substance. 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. On any given day 1 and 2 could swap places.

**3rd Ikentrieve Karaken Goodtime –**A cream 3yr old boy. A lovely masculine head with dark eye. Good front assembly, enough bone, straight front. Slightly longer. Good bend of stifle. I would have preferred a stronger topline.  Moved out well but carried his tail high, spoiling the outline.

**OPEN DOG**

**1st Bralmico Vintage Genes –**A gold 4.5yr old boy, another quality dog presented beautifully. Lovely masculine head with a dark eye and pleasing expression. Good angles fore and aft, straight front and good bone. Deep chested with well sprung ribs and short coupled. Strong topline carried on the move. Moved out well with good reach and drive.

**2nd Wembury Captains Courageous–**A cream 3yr old boy. A compact boy with masculine head, dark eye and kindly expression. Balanced with good height length ratio. Would like more length of neck. Good fore-angulation and forechest, straight front, good bone. Well ribbed. Strong topline and moved out well, very happy.

**3rd Alubyc Scot Free with Askaval –**A cream 2.5yr old boy. Masculine head with dark eye and pigment. A lot of substance to this boy. Good reach of neck into excellent shoulder placement. Deep chested with well sprung ribs. Good bend of stifle and width of 2nd thigh. I would have liked more length of leg to give a balanced picture. Very happy and confident on the move.

**VETERAN DOG**

**1st Ikentrieve La Vida Loca –**A gold 7yr old boy. This boy caught my eye as soon as he entered the ring. I loved his balance and moderation. He was shown in beautiful condition. Beautiful masculine head, dark eyes of the correct shape, excellent pigment and a lovely expression. Good length of neck into excellent shoulder placement. Strong bone and a straight front, good forechest. Deep through the chest with well sprung ribs, short coupled. Lovely bend of stifle with good width of 2nd thigh. The most perfect topline and tail set. Strong hind quarters which he used to move around the ring with such style and drive and an ease that belied his age. I could have watched him move all day. BIS and DCC.

**BITCHES**

**BABY PUPPY BITCH:**A beautiful line up of quality babies.

**1st Imatriever the Sun Also Rises–**A cream 5mth old beautiful girl with the very prettiest of heads super pigment and lovely dark eye. Good length of neck, well laid shoulders, super angles fore and aft, with a good length of leg and balance. Short coupled. Lovely substance. Very together on the move, happy and confident.

**2nd Goldivine Singing up a Storm–**A light gold 4mth old girl. Gorgeous feminine head with a lovely dark eye and pigment. Plenty of substance for her age. Good length of neck into good shoulder placement, beautiful angles, short coupled. Strong topline. Moved out happily with confidence.

**3rd – Bralmico Calista Skys –**A light gold 5mth old girl with a lovely feminine head and dark eye. Enough bone and substance for her age.  Good length of neck, good shoulder placement and angles.  A little longer than 1 and 2. Moved out beautifully with a strong topline.

**MINOR PUPPY BITCH:**

**1st Fernfall Moon Shadow –**A cream 7mth old bitch, lovely feminine head with super pigment and the most beautiful expression. Lovely bone, straight front, short coupled. Beautiful angles fore and aft. Loved her balance. This young girl really caught my eye on the move, she covered the ground with such ease, super topline, her tail carried level and wagging the entire time.

**2nd Askaval Out of Africa -**A cream 7.5mth old bitch, loved her pretty head, very feminine with a lovely dark eye and soft expression. Good bone and substance. Good reach of neck, good shoulders and lovely angles front and rear. Slightly longer. She was very confident and happy on the move; I would have liked a stronger topline.

**3rd Wembury Tequila Mockingbird at Alubyc–**A cream 8mth old bitch. A very pretty girl with a feminine head and dark eye.  Straight front and lovely angulation front and rear. She didn’t quite have the balance of 1 and 2.  Moved out well. A happy girl.

**PUPPY BITCH:**Really spoiled for choice in this class

**1st Wembury Winter Solstice over Alubyc –**A cream 11mth old girl, very pretty, with a feminine head and dark eye and a lovely gentle expression.  Good reach of neck into well placed shoulders, good length of shoulder blade and equal upper arm, good forechest. Lovely substance and balance. Moved out well, happy and confident with a strong topline and level tail carriage.

**2nd Wembury Witching Hour –**Another quality girl, a cream 11mth old girl with very similar attributes to 1. The most beautiful feminine head with dark eye and super pigment. Lovely balance and substance. Beautiful coat. Moved out happily and confidently. Her topline was not quite as strong as 1.

**3rd Alubyc Lavender Daquiri –**Another beautiful quality 12mth old girl. Gorgeous feminine head with lovely dark eye and soft expression. Lovely angulation fore and aft. Deep bodied, well sprung ribs and short coupled. Moved out well with reach and drive. Out moved today by 1 and 2 but all three could easily swap places at any other time.

 **JUNIOR BITCH**

**1st Dobro Supernova in the Sky –**A light gold 11mth old girl, a lovely feminine head, dark eye and gentle expression. Strong neck into good shoulders, good length of shoulder blade and equal upper arm, good forechest. Good length to height ratio. Good bend of stifle with well-muscled hind quarters and good width of 2nd thigh. Moved out well with a strong topline and good tail carriage.

**2nd Larsgold Sabres Edge–**A light gold 12mth old girl, lovely feminine head with a dark eye and soft expression. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulders, good length of shoulder blade but would like more upper arm. Good rear angulation. Strong topline and moved well.

**3rd Goldshyne Timeless Style -**Agold 16mth old girl, an elegant bitch with a feminine head, dark eye and soft expression would have liked more depth of muzzle. Good strong neck flowing into good front assembly. Level topline and good tailset. Good rear quarters moved soundly.

**INTERMEDIATE BITCH**

**1st Askaval Many Rivers to Cross –**A cream 21mth old girl with a feminine head, dark eye and soft expression. 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. Good bend of stifle. Moved well, happy and confident.

**2nd Pencandy Made for walkn at Bralmico –**Another quality bitch. A gold 2.5yr old girl with a beautiful feminine head with a lovely dark eye and so full of expression. Lovely balance. Beautifully constructed with good angles both fore and aft, well bodied with a strong topline, moved with reach and drive. 1 just had the edge today.

**3rd Asuare Ever So Romantic –**A light gold 21mth old girl, good head, dark eye and lovely pigment. Excellent front angulation, good bend of stifle into well let down hocks, good width of 2nd thigh. Short coupled and balanced. She moved out with drive, but I would have liked a stronger topline.

 **AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH**

**1st  Shogold Harley Quinn –**A 4yr old light gold girl. A beautiful head with a dark eye and lovely soft expression. Good front angulation, with a good lay back of shoulder. Short coupled and compact with lovely balance. Straight front and good bone.  Deep body and well ribbed. Lovely bend of stifle and strong rear quarters. Level topline and tailset. Moved with good reach and drive.

**2nd Askaval Absinthe at Alubyc –**Light gold 22mth old girl with a pretty, feminine head with a dark eye. Loved the shape and balance of this girl. Strong neck into well laid-back shoulders, good front angulation balanced with the rear. Lovely turn of stifle and width of 2nd thigh. She just didn’t move out as well as 1 on the day.

**3rd Ikentrieve Lilmiss Collette –**Light gold 3yr old girl, a lovely feminine head with a dark eye. Good reach of neck into well laid-back shoulder, would like more length of upper arm. Enough bone and a straight front.  Moved with good reach and drive and a strong topline.

**OPEN BITCH:**

**1st Wembury Reson to Believe-**A 5yr old cream girl with 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, short coupled. Good bend of stifle into strong rear quarters. Level topline. Moves with drive and purpose.

**2nd Alubyc Fat Bottomed Girl –**A 3yr old cream girl, with the most beautiful head and soft expression.  Fabulous front angulation with an excellent layback of shoulder. Good bend of stifle and width of 2nd thigh. Short coupled. I loved her shape but would have liked slightly more length of leg to give the overall balance. She moved out with reach and drive, very happy.

**VETERAN BITCH**

**1st Ikentrieve El Amor Sophia –**A light gold 7yr old girl presented in beautiful condition. This girl was a picture of balance. A beautiful, elegant bitch with a lovely feminine head, dark eye and softest of expressions. Excellent lay back of shoulder, with excellent front angulation. Straight front, lovely bone and substance. Deep body and well ribbed. Lovely turn of stifle into strong rear quarters. When this girl moved all her attributes came together, she moved with such ease and grace, fabulous topline. BCC