**CRITIQUE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2022**

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Firstly my thanks to the committee and club members for inviting me to judge this special show, held in memory of Elsie Dodd, it was such a privilege and an honour. I would also like to thank my amazing hosts Rob and Marilynn Morphet for looking after me so incredibly well.

Thanks also to the exhibitors for bringing your dogs and for being so sporting in accepting my decisions, all of the dogs were in such beautiful condition.

I have to say I was really delighted with the quality of the dogs, and it is obvious that the breeders have been working very hard despite the drawbacks of the last few years.

At times it was a little difficult to be consistent in my decisions as there were obvious differences in styles of dogs amongst the classes, which obviously followed different kennels. However, I was extremely pleased to see such great temperaments across all the dogs even though some of the younger dogs would have had difficulties with socialisation during the last 2 years, it really is a credit to you all.

It was also so good to see so many young and enthusiastic handlers and let’s hope future breeders in the ring, they have obviously had some great mentoring and encouragement from the more established breeders, which should be commended.

So thank you for having me, and giving me such an enjoyable day!

**BABY PUPPY DOG**

1. WEMBURY WORD FOR WORD

Well constructed baby so well balanced for and aft, with excellent substance. A beautiful head with a soft kind expression, lovely dark eye and excellent pigment. Well constructed forequarters, which was balanced by his strong hindquarters. He has a super topline for his age which he held very well on the move, he moved so confidently and with great style around the ring.

2. IMPRESSA THE HIGHWAYMAN

Another quality baby with a lovely head and kind expression good dark eye and excellent pigment. Very well boned with a compact body good strong topline, excellent hindquarters, he was the baby of the class but such a confident happy baby.

**MINOR PUPPY DOG**

4 lovely puppies all at different stages of development, with some just a little more mature than others at this stage.

1. ALUBYC MADAGASCAR AT AYAIMAH (AI)

10mth old puppy with a very pleasing masculine head, well boned and with good substance throughout. Well constructed forequarters with good layback of shoulder and return of upper arm. Well developed body for his age, although he is carrying a little bit of weight for my liking. Strong hindquarters, excellent topline and tail set which he holds well on the move, he carries himself with great attitude. In beautiful coat and presented well.

2. IKENTRIEVE REBEL RUSSET

The baby of the class, but he is so eye catching and has the most beautiful outline. A pleasing head, but it does need to broaden out, which can still easily come at this age, he has a soft gentle expression with a dark eye and excellent pigment. He has the most beautiful neck and lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, his neck flows so well into his topline which was strong and firm, and he has correct body for his age. Strong hindquarters, he moves so effortlessly for one so young and carries himself with great attitude. Presented and handled so well.

3. WINTERLEA I AM GROOT

Mid gold puppy with a good bone and substance, he has very pleasing head with a good length of neck and adequate forequarter construction. Compact body, and good spring of rib for his age, well angulated hindquarters. He is just a little bit loose on the move at this stage so he is just a little soft in his topline at the moment. He is in beautiful coat, and displays a wonderful temperament, handled and presented very well.

4. RIVERSTONE AOTEAROA MAGIC (IMP NZ)

Well boned puppy with a very pleasing head he has good substance through out, he is just at an awkward age where he is a little loose which is affecting his topline and hind movement at this stage. He is in beautiful coat and condition and has a great temperament.

**PUPPY DOG**

1. IMPRESSA ANGEL OF THE ROAD

Very pleasing well constructed boy with excellent bone and substance throughout, and so well proportioned. Lovely head with a dark eye and good pigment with a soft and gentle expression. Good length of neck and a well laid back shoulder and balanced with a good length of upper arm. Short compact body with good spring of rib, and an excellent topline and tail set. Strong hindquarters which he uses so well on the move, he carried himself around the ring with great ease. Excellent double coat and in good hard condition.

2. IMPRESSA ITS THE MAGIC MAN (AI)

Another lovely boy of quality with excellent proportions. He has a lovely head and expression, well laid back shoulder but could have slightly longer upper arm. He has an excellent body for his age, and a super topline and tail set, good strong hindquarters. He can move very well but I would like to see him move with a little more enthusiasm, in excellent coat and condition.

3. ASKAVAL IF NOT ME WHO WITH ALUBYC

Pleasant young boy with quite a strong head, correct dark eye and excellent pigment. Good length of neck and well laid shoulder and return of upper arm, well boned with good straight forelegs. He has good spring of rib or though slightly long cast, he has an excellent topline and tail set and strong well angulated hindquarters. He is carrying a little too much weight causing him to roll a little on the move. He has super temperament and attitude as he moves around the ring.

4. DOBRO BLUE CHIP (AI)

A well boned and proportioned young male at an awkward age. Would like a cleaner head with more stop and chiselling to complete the picture of his head. Good length of neck and a very well laid shoulder and good length of upper arm, he has an excellent body with good spring of rib and correct depth, for his age. He has well angulated hindquarters, but would prefer stronger sounder hocks and he is moving a little close behind. In beautiful coat and displaying a great attitude.

**JUNIOR DOG**

What a lovely class of boys definitely spoilt for choice here, and it really was splitting hairs between them.

1. IMPRESSA THE HIGHLANDER

Strong masculine cream boy with good substance and proportions. He has the most beautiful head with such a soft melting expression, dark eyes and excellent pigment. He has good substance throughout, good length of neck and correct forequarter construction. Strong compact body with a dead level topline, strong powerful hindquarters which he used so well on the move. He moved around the ring with ease and great soundness and carried his topline perfectly. In good coat and displayed a great temperament and attitude.

2. PATERBETGOLD N MOOTHI ESTATE

The youngest of the class and he was very unfortunate to meet the more mature dog in front today, as he really is a quality boy. He has such a lovely head and expression and showed great alertness, beautiful dark eye and excellent pigment. He has excellent substance throughout, well constructed forequarters with dead straight front legs, a compact body with well sprung ribs, he has an excellent topline and tail set, and strong hindquarters. He moves extremely well with great presence, he is in beautiful coat and condition a very bright future ahead of him I’m sure.

3. AUBROOK LOCK-MACKENZIE (AI) IMP NZ

Large framed boy who still needs to mature, very pleasing head with a good length of neck. Excellent forequarter construction with a well laid shoulder and plenty of upper arm. Good body for his age and excellent topline and tail set, well angulated hindquarters he just needs to firm up on the move and mature.

**INTERMEDIATE DOG**

1. ASKAVAL ANARCHY WITH ALUBYC

Beautiful mid gold male with excellent bone and substance throughout. Just loved his head with his kind, melting and soft expression. Good length of neck into a well laid shoulder and excellent return of upperarm, excellent straight front legs. Well sprung ribs with good depth of body, strong very powerful hindquarters which he uses so well on the move. Good topline and tail set. He moves extremely well with fantastic attitude as he moved around the ring. In excellent hard condition and good coat.

2. WEMBURY WHEN THE SAINTS (AI)

Well coated cream male with a lovely head and soft expression, lovely dark eye and good pigmentation. Good length of neck with super forequarter construction. Slightly longer cast, has a good spring of rib and depth of chest good topline and tail set. Excellent hindquarters which he uses so well. He carries himself so well on the move and is in excellent coat and condition.

3. CH KAPARLA KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF

Not quite the maturity of the other 2 boys but still a quality boy. Would like to see his head broaden and develop a little more but he is still very young. He has a very balanced shape with excellent proportions, a good length of neck and well constructed forequarters, short compact body and well angulated hindquarters. Excellent topline and tail set not quite in his best coat today.

**AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG**

1. ALUBYC SKYWALKER WITH ASKAVAL

Strong masculine male displaying beautiful breed type, excellent bone and substance without any coarseness. He has the loveliest of heads, beautiful dark eye giving a soft melting expression, just my cup of tea. Good length of neck excellent forequarter construction , and straight forelegs. Excellent body with a good spring of rib and depth of chest. Fantastic hindquarters with strong thick second thigh and short hocks. Excellent topline and tail set which he carried extremely well on the move. In excellent coat and hard muscular condition. I was disappointed that he did show to his best advantage in the CC line up as he was definitely close to the top awards, one to watch for the future I’m sure.

2. IMATRIEVER LET ME BE THERE

Pleasing masculine male with a very pleasant head and expression, correct dark eye and good pigment. Good length of neck and a well constructed forequarter but could have a little more forechest , causing him to be a little loose in front on the move. Well ribbed compact body and good depth of chest he has an excellent topline although he is a little fond of his tail on the move, well angulated hindquarters, and moves well. Shown in excellent condition and handled well.

**OPEN DOG**

1. ALUBYC KING TIDE WITH ASKAVAL

Strong masculine male with strong substance throughout, pleasant head with dark eye and pigment a pleasing expression. Excellent length of neck into a well constructed forequarter, excellent length of upper arm and a well laid shoulder, and straight forelegs. Good body with well sprung ribs with plenty of heart and lung room. Excellent topline and tail set which remained dead level on the move. Well angulated strong hindquarters, good developed second thigh and strong short hocks. He moved extremely well and is in very hard muscular condition. In excellent coat showed and presented very well a pleasure to award him the RCC.

2. CH BRAMILCO VINTAGE GENES

Another quality boy who was just unlucky to meet the first dog in this class. Well balanced boy with good proportions. Moderately boned but still masculine with a very pleasing head showing a kind expression. Good length of neck, he could flow little more smoothly into his shoulder, good length of upper arm. Well ribbed body with good depth of chest, excellent strong hindquarters which he used so well on the move. Super topline and tail set and he moved extremely well. Just lacking a little undercoat today.

**VETERAN DOG**

2 wonderful veteran dogs in excellent condition and a real credit to their owners.

1. SUP CH IKENTRIEVE LA VIDA LOCA (AI)

Masculine strong male with excellent proportions and substance throughout, and not overdone in anyway, his proportions are spot on in my eye. A beautiful head with such a typical kind and soft expression with dark eyes and excellent pigment. Good length of neck into a well balanced forequarter construction. Well sprung ribs with correct length of body with a well balanced length of leg, with an excellent topline and tail set. Well angulated hindquarters and strong hocks with good muscle. He floated around the ring with ease and style and was presented immaculately and handled so well. For me he possessed everything typically golden and was the complete package today. A pleasure to award him the CC and BEST IN SHOW

2. CH AUBAIRN PODSOFPEPPER

Another top draw veteran possessing such balance and breed type. Such a kind and soft expression with a lovely dark eye and great pigment. Good length of neck and well laid shoulder, he could have a little more upper arm. Well ribbed body with short compact body and an excellent topline and tail set. Well angulated strong hindquarters completing a very balanced picture. Shown in excellent coat and condition.

**BABY PUPPY BITCH**

What a beautiful class of babies, displaying such confident and happy temperaments.

1.AKHIRI DOUBLE TAKE

Beautiful balanced puppy throughout with a gorgeous head displaying such a melting expression, dark eye and excellent pigment. Excellent bone and substance throughout, good length of neck blending into her excellent forequarter construction. Excellent body for her age, and well angulated strong hindquarters. Excellent topline which she held on the move, she moved so well for one so young with great attitude and ring presence.

2. BRALMICO FIRECRACKER

Well what can one say, what a fabulous little team these 2 make. A gorgeous gold puppy who displayed the most perfect golden retriever temperament, completely at one with her gorgeous handler. Such a pretty feminine head with a soft expression. Well constructed forequarter with a short coupled body and well spring ribs, holding an excellent topline and tail set. Excellent hindquarters, which she used well on the move. A real credit to her breeder, these 2 will go along way together I have no doubt, and such a pleasure to watch.

3. WEMBURY PITCH PERFECT

Another pretty feminine puppy, with a gorgeous head and expression. Good length of neck and well constructed forequarters, a good body for her age, and well angulated hindquarters, excellent topline and tail set perhaps not quite the substance of the 2 placed above her, but still a quality baby.

**MINOR PUPPY BITCH**

1. SHOGOLD CHRISTMAS DIVA

Pretty feminine cream girl with a lovely head showing a sweet expression. Good length of neck, well constructed forequarters with excellent bone. She has a good body for her age, well angulated hindquarters and an excellent topline and tail set which she held so well on the move. Super mover and very confident happy puppy.

2. IKENTRIEVE LA VIOLETTA ROSE

Another beautiful feminine puppy with a gorgeous head, good length of neck which blended into her excellent front with good bone. A good body with well sprung ribs, well angulated hindquarters. She is just losing her topline a little on the move at the moment which can be expected at this age, in beautiful coat and condition and displays a super happy temperament.

3. ALUBYC AQUAWOMEN AT BELLALUMA

Another feminine and pretty bitch, her head just needs to develop at little more, but she has plenty of time for that to still happen. Excellent length of neck, well constructed forequarters she has an excellent body with a good spring of rib, and en excellent topline and tail set.. Well angulated hindquarters and she moved with style around the ring. Handled beautifully.

**PUPPY BITCH**

1.ASKAVAL SOMEONE LIKE YOU WITH ALUBYC

Pretty cream bitch with a beautiful head and expression, excellent neck with a well laid back shoulder and good length of upperarm, with lovely bone and straight front legs. She has an excellent body for her age, with a dead level topline and tail straight off her back. Super strong hindquarters with good second thigh and short strong hocks. She moves with great reach and drive around the ring with a fabulous attitude. She is not in her best coat but still a top quality puppy.

2.IMPRESSA ANGEL ON BOARD

Feminine mid gold bitch with a very pleasing head, lovely dark eye with good pigment. Good length of neck and very good forequarter construction, good bone and substance throughout. She has a well developed body for her age. Adequate hindquarters would prefer to see her better let down in hock. She has an excellent topline and holds it well on the move, a very good mover and is in beautiful coat.

3.DOBRO CHIQUITITA (AI)

 Feminine bitch with good substance and bone, her head still needs to develop, I would prefer more stop and chiselling to give a softer expression. She has an excellent reach of neck and well constructed forequarters, well developed body for her age. I would prefer a stronger hindquarter with firmer hocks, especially on the move. She has beautiful coat and excellent temperament.

**JUNIOR BITCH**

A beautiful class of quality bitches and definitely spoilt for choice here.

1. WEMBURY TEQUILA MOCKINGBIRD AT ALUBYC (AI)

A lovely cream girl with a strong head but still feminine, she has a lovely dark eye and excellent pigmentation. An excellent length of neck with a good layback of shoulder and correct length of upper arm, with strong bone and dead straight front legs. She has an excellent body with a dead level topline and tail set, strong powerful hindquarters, which she used so well on the move. For me I would just like a little more length of leg, but she is still a class act, in beautiful coat and condition and moves with such style. A pleasure to award her the RESERVE CC.

2. DOBRO SUPERNOVA IN THE SKY

Very pretty mid gold bitch with a really pleasing head, showing a soft expression. Excellent length of neck with a good layback of shoulder and good upper arm, excellent bone with straight front legs. Well developed body for her age, strong hindquarters although she could be better let down in the hock, but still moves well behind. Excellent topline and tail set, moves very well and with style, in excellent coat.

3. FERNAFLL MOOONSHADOW

Very pretty feminine bitch with a lovely head and soft expression, excellent reach of neck a good layback of shoulder, would prefer a little more upper arm and to be a bit tighter in her front movement. A little longer cast in the body, but still holds her topline well, she has well angulated hindquarters, moves extremely well and with great attitude.

**INTERMEDIATE BITCH**

1. DOBRO SPANISH MOON (AI)

Lovely mid gold feminine bitch of excellent proportions and balance. A typical soft melting expression and well balanced head, with correct chiselling. Excellent neck and shoulders with good pro-sternum and excellent length of upper arm, excellent bone with dead straight front legs. Extremely well developed body , which is well ribbed back with a short loin. She carries a dead level topline and tail set moving, and standing. Well angulated hindquarters which she used well on the move. She moves extremely well and is so sound. She is in full coat and excellent condition. A pleasure to eventually award her the CC.

**AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH**

1. CH IKENTRIEVE CHERRI COLA

Beautiful feminine bitch with a gorgeous head and showing such a soft and melting expression. Excellent length of neck which flowed into her shoulders well, with adequate upper arm. Well developed body for her age with a good spring of rib, an excellent topline and tail set which she holds well on the move. Well angulated hindquarters, in strong hard condition, she moves so well with great reach and drive showing such ring presence which won her the class.

2.CH PATERBETGOLD N BRAEWATTIE

Stronger bitch with a slightly stronger head, she has good length of neck adequate front construction with very good bone. She has a short compact body with a very good spring of rib, strong hindquarters in good hard muscular condition. Would a prefer a more level topline standing and moving as she has a tendency to dip behind the withers, she is in excellent coat and condition, and moves extremely well.

3. PENCANDY MADE FOR WALKN AT BRALMICO

Very pretty feminine gold bitch with a kind expression, her ear set is slightly low, which just changes the balance of her head. Well constructed forequarter with straight front legs and good bone. She is a little longer cast which is causing her to roll over her topline on the move. Well angulated hindquarters, she has a good topline standing but would prefer it to be firmer on the move.

**OPEN BITCH**

1. WEMBURY REASON TO BELIEVE

Very pretty feminine bitch with a beautiful head and soft expression. Good length of neck with excellent excellent forequarter construction, very well boned and dead straight front legs. She has a good spring of rib although she is carrying far too much weight for me, she has a dead level topline and her tail straight off her back. She has excellent hindquarters with good second thigh and short strong hocks. She moves so well carrying a firm steady topline at all times. In beautiful coat and presented immaculately.

2. DOBRO ORINOCO FLOW

Large framed mid-gold bitch with a pleasing head and expression. Good length of neck and well constructed forequarters, well boned straight forelegs. Well developed body with good spring of rib. Well angulated hindquarters, but a little untidy going away, and would prefer firmer hocks. Strong topline and good tail set , in side profile she moves very well.

3. IMPRESSA MAGIC HAPPENS

Darker gold bitch with a pleasing feminine head, well constructed forequarters, well developed ribcage but slightly long in the loin, good topline but her tail set is a little dropped off which is more obvious on the move. Well angulated hindquarters she could be a little tidier coming and going but moves well in side gait.

**NEUTER DOG**

1. ARANGOLD WISH UPON A STAR AT AKHIRI (IMP NZ)

Well constructed boy throughout with excellent bone and substance. Such a lovely head with a very pleasing expression.well constructed forequarters with a short compact body well sprung ribs. Excellent hindquarters with good depth of second thigh and strong hocks. Super topline and tail set, and he moves extremely well, carrying his age so well.

**NEUTER BITCH**

1. CH IKENTRIEVE EL AMOR SOPHIA (AI)

An absolutely quality bitch throughout, with substance but still so feminine. She has the most beautiful head, with softest expression and a kind dark eye. Excellent neck and shoulders, well developed body with a good spring of rib, level topline and good tail set. Well angulated hindquarters, which she uses so well on the move. She moved around the ring with such style and class, what a shame it is to see her in this class as a neuter.

2. CH NEUT CH AUBAIRN RAPSCHES

Another quality bitch carrying her 9 years so well. A very pleasing head and soft expression. Good length of neck and well made forequarters, well ribbed up with a short compact body. Adequate hindquarter angulation excellent topline and tail set she moved around the ring with great ease.

3. CH NEUT CH KAPARLA COMMITTED NO CRIME (AI)

Darker gold bitch with a pleasing head showing a kind expression. Good balance and substance throughout, well constructed forequarters. She has a good spring of rib although she is carrying a little weight causing her to roll over her topline on the move. Well angulated hind quarters, moves well and is enjoying her day out.