

**Pekingese Club of America
National Specialty Show - Reno, NV
Saturday, April 30 2016
Judge: Dr. Steve Keating**

I would like to thank the Officers, Board of Directors, Membership and Exhibitors for the wonderful 90 entries (72 exhibits) that I had the pleasure to pass judgment upon at the Pekingese Club of America National Specialty Show held in Reno, NV on April 30, 2016. A special note of thank you to my ring steward of the day, Mr. Bill Dumas who was a marvelous coordinator in summoning and organizing all classes. It truly made the task at hand all the more easy and enjoyable. I appreciate his expertise and assistance.

Commenting generally about the entry, I found the overall quality of the exhibits to be above average with several in each class exceeding the mark of distinction. In review of the AKC standard as noted in the General Appearance section ... *"The Pekingese is a well-balanced, compact dog of Chinese origin with a heavy front and lighter hindquarters. Its temperament is one of directness, independence and individuality. Its image is lionlike, implying courage, dignity, boldness and self esteem rather than daintiness or delicacy ..."* On examination I found that many exhibits had the correct amount of bone in relation to proper proportion to the body. Some exhibits were lacking in substance and condition, and were 'too use to the couch and cushion', thus lacking proper muscle tone. In formal adjudication, the judging focus of any breed is on breed type (the typical picture) and balance (proportion) as one tries to select the specimen most closely resembling the written breed standard.

Like many breeds (in all groups of dogs) poor front assembly and overall balance and proportion continues to be a 'drag of the breed'. There were some exhibits lacking in proper motion and action, roached top lines, long tubular bodies and low tail sets. Again, like in many breeds, issues of concern were dominated by the lack of balance and proportion.

In direct opposition to these noted issues, I did appreciate the many virtues of the breed presented to me. As I always point out to the Judge students and the breeders in the Pekingese breed seminar presentation ... *"Be to their VIRTUE very kind; be to their FAULTS a little blind ... (Matthew Prior 1664-1721).* There were numerous beautiful healthy, energetic specimens with glorious head pieces. They were massive, broad, flat and pleasing whether masculine or feminine, depending on the sex. In addition, I noted many with the proper large, very dark, round, lustrous and set wide apart eyes. The lovely, proper coat texture and healthy skin condition was just 'icing on the cake'. Some excellent muscling was noted on even the younger dogs and bitches, which allowed them to move

smooth and effortless without bouncing, prancing or jarring. Strong and level top lines were appealing in those dogs that were conditioned and this was quite evident in their proper tail carriage while in motion and movement. I truly was impressed with the overall temperament of the entries as they displayed keen enthusiasm for the ring. Soundness both physically and mentally was evident through the entire national entry. The breeders and exhibitors should be very pleased with their breeding stock which are producing good, sound specimens. I commend them for their efforts to improve upon the breed.

Thank you again for the special honor of judging the Pekingese Club of America National Specialty. A very special thank you is extended to Janet Allen, Betty Tilley-Poole, Pam Winters and the entire Cluster committee for their outstanding contributions to make this National Specialty weekend very special and memorable to all who attended.

Below is a written critique on each class of regular dogs and bitches from 1st through 4th placement, followed by 1st place for those entered in the non regular classes and Best of Breed.

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6-9 Mo, Puppy Dogs:

1st - SINCITY DOMINION # 11

Presents nice presence in the ring with beautiful outline and balance, attentive and showy in nature. Very promising puppy.

2nd - FINNFAIR AMERGLO BASCIANO # 7

Extremely well built and constructed for age. Good attitude, very nice substance.

3rd - SILVERGATE ASLAN MESSEGER OFSTRENGTH GABRIEL # 9

Pleasing appearance with good make, shape and substance.

4th- SILVERGATE ASLAN GOLD SOLITUDE CASSIEL # 13

Nicely formed with good substance and symmetry.

9-12 Mo, Puppy Dogs:

1st - DREAMVILLE MUST BE MAGIC # 19

Proper balance and proportion. Excellent in motion and movement. Great head shape, expression and temperament. Very typey breed representative.

2nd - CHARMLEE'S UNDENIABLY RED # 17

Nicely shaped masculine head with good overall make and shape. Very nice attitude, attentive.

12-18 Mo, Dogs:

One entry in this class and it was ABSENT;

Bred By Exhibitor Dogs:

1st - SUN VALLEY'S SKYFALL # 23

Wonderfully balanced and proportioned specimen with proper make and shape. Very good in motion and appealing in side-gait.

2nd - SILVERGATE ASLAN PURE SEDUCTION SAMUEL # 31

A very good quality dog, well conditioned and presented very good expression and appealing headpiece. Very nice action in motion with beautiful head carriage.

3rd - LOUNAR FRANKLY MY DEAR # 27

Nicely formed specimen with good substance, well conditioned and presented.

4th - SILVERGATE ASLAN CROWN HEALER RAFAEL # 25

Nice outline, good overall balance, proportion and substance.

Open Dog Under 8 LBS:

1st - DREAMERS ON A WING AND A PRAYER # 35

Sturdy, well balanced and attentive to handler. Healthy energetic with good attitude.

Open Dogs Over 8 LBS - Cream, White, Black & Tan, Parti and Black:

1st - WINDEMERE'S AWESOME IMAGE IN WHITE # 37

Excellent formation, expression and beautiful overall type. Presents himself very nicely. Proper motion and 'grace of outline' were his remarkable attributes. **This entry was Reserve Winners Dog (RWD) at this National Specialty.**

Open Dogs 8 LBS and Over AOAC:

1st - LIVANDA KUZAK # 41

Beautiful masculine head shape, glamorous side gait with proper balance and symmetry. Excellent topline in action and motion won him one of the top accolades of the day. **This entry was Winners Dog (WD) at this National Specialty and an outstanding representative of the breed.**

2nd - SUN VALLEY'S REMINGTON STEELE # 39

Very nice head proportions with firm, sound body and temperament.

WINNERS DOG - #41 ... see winner of Open Dogs 8 LBS and Over AOAC (above).

RESERVE WINNERS DOG - #37 ... see winner of the Open Dog Over 8 LBS- Cream, White, Black & Tan Etc class (above).

6-9 Mo, Puppy Bitches:

1st - AI-KOU PAINTED LADY FOR SU-EL # 6

Beautiful balanced and proportioned puppy girl. Excellent substance, action and tail set.

9-12 Mo, Puppy Bitches:

1st - JENKAR'S MARK OF GLAMOUR # 12

Outstanding puppy bitch specimen with the correct proportions, beautiful feminine-shaped headpiece, piercing dark eyes, dynamic motion and strong, level top line in action. Easily one of the 'shining stars' of the day. **This entry was Winners Bitch (WB) at this National Specialty and is an outstanding representative of the breed.**

2nd - WINDEMERE'S SUNDAY MORNING SERENADE # 8

A very nice , sound puppy with proper outline, balance and temperament.

3rd - LITTLE RED DIVA AT CHARMLEE # 10

Proper, pleasing appearance with very nice action and motion.

4th - DIAQUIRIS KATE SPADE # 14

Good overall outline, carriage, make and shape.

12-18 Mo, Bitches:

1st - SUN VALLEY'S GEM # 16

Very nice front assembly with the proper motion and balance from the rear.

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches:

1st - DREAMVILLE ISADORA # 20

Beautifully balanced and proportioned female lovely make and shape, depth of chest and front assembly.

2nd - DANCING LION I'LL CALL YOU # 24

Proper Pekingese attitude and temperament. Lovely balance and proportions.

3rd - EMPRESS JEWEL AT PEVYNE # 18

Very nice headpiece with the proper symmetry, balance and proportions.

4th - DANCING LION CALL ME MADAM # 22

Nicely formed specimen that was well balanced and presented with proper coat texture.

Open Bitches Over 8 LBS - Cream, White, Black & Tan, Parti and Black:

1st - WINDEMERE'S ROMANCE ON THE ICE # 34

Beautiful balanced entry. Lovely feminine-shaped headpiece with the proper front assembly and presented very nicely.

Open Bitches Over 8 LBS AOAC:

1st - PEVYNE'S SERENADE WITH DRACO # 40

Excellent Pekingese type. Beautiful, proper headpiece, over-all carriage and symmetry. Correct, firm top line, action, motion and outline.

2nd - AI KOU STEPHANIE # 38

Very nice outline, good overall balance with proper motion and action.

3rd - AI KOU JASMINE # 42

Nice outline, balance and proportions. Good substance and motion.

WINNERS BITCH - #12 ... see winner of 9-12 month Puppy Bitch Class above.

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH - #20 ... see winner of the Bred By Exhibitor Bitch Class.

Veteran Dogs 10 years and Older:

1st - CHINAMOON JUST FOR YOU # 43

12 year old male specimen with the most beautiful make and shape. Healthy, energetic and excellent showmanship. It was a special honor to judge the Veteran Classes at this National Specialty.

Veteran Bitches, 7 yrs & Under 10 years:

1st - GCH IMPERIAL PALACE RUBY ANNE # 48

8 year old Veteran specimen that was beautifully balanced and proportioned entry. Lovely coat texture, and had the proper front assembly.

This entry was Best Veteran at this National Specialty.

2nd- CH LI MING JUST MY IMAGINATION # 52

9 year old Veteran specimen that was excellent in motion with the proper front and rear assembly. Very attentive to the owner.

Best of Breed:

GCH HI-WIN'S LUCAS AT DA-BUEW # 81

This outstanding entry was an exquisite example of breed quality, type and showmanship. 'Catching my eye' ... on the initial go-round. He was incredible to compare other entries to from 'the get-go'. Presented to perfection, this exhibit displayed a correct masculine-type headpiece with a firm, strong top line, and sound body. He excelled in the proper action and movement of the PEKINGESE breed.

Best of Winners:

LIVANDA KUZAK # 41

... see winner of Open Dog 8 LBS and Over AOAC & Winners Dog Class.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed:

GCH DUNKIRK FOREIGN AFFAIR # 64

Excellent quality specimen with the correct make and shape and symmetry. This exhibit was shown to perfection being true to the breed characteristics and soundness.

Select Dog:

PEQUEST PICKWICK # 29

This exhibit was a 'move-up' from the Bred-By-Exhibitor Dog class.

Select Bitch:

GCH YAKEE MY FAVORITE ANTE # 72

Best Puppy in Puppy Classes:

JENKAR'S MARK OF GLAMOUR # 12

**see winner of 9-12 month Puppy Bitch Class, Winners Bitch Class,
and now Best Puppy in Puppy Classes at this National Specialty**

Best Veteran:

GCH IMPERIAL PALACE RUBY ANNE # 48

**see winner of Veteran Bitch Class 7 years and under 10 years and winner of
Best Veteran at this National Specialty**

Best Bred-By Exhibitor:

SUN VALLEY'S SKYFALL # 23

**see winner of the Bred-By Exhibitor Dog class and now Best Bred-By-Exhibitor
at this National Specialty**

Award of Merit:

CH LIVANDA FABBIANO # 53

Award of Merit:

GCH DUNKIRK IMPERIAL PALACE PARAMONT # 69

Award of Merit:

GCH ASLAN ARES THE DEFENDER WITH AMERGLO # 83

Award of Merit:

Ch FUR-BEE'S FINESSE # 56

**Thank you again to the Pekingese Club of America for the very special honor of judging
their 2016 National Specialty.**

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