

CRITIQUES - JUDGE: KNUT FR. BLÜTECHER:

The 4th Whippet National Championship Show

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What an honour and a great pleasure to be invited judging at the 4th Whippet National Championship Show in NSW 2015! I had heard so much positive about this lovely well organised show, so I had been looking forward to this appointment for a long time! This show was just perfect!

Thank you to the committee of The Whippet Club of NSW for the invitation, the many exhibitors for showing me such a nice number of whippets and to my very clever ring steward and writer. The showground was just perfect at the beautiful Hawkesbury Racecourse with the gardens and flowers in the background. All the facilities were there and the large ring under roof where everyone could really show the movement of their dogs. My co-judges Ian Doherty, Martinique and Lee and Frank Pieterse, Statuesque did the Futurity Classes, Australasian Sweepstakes and Property Classes etc. I did the conformation classes the following three days. How much fun we had! Some heavy rain came, we were all under cover, so no matter what so ever! Large groups of wild cockatoos accompanied us each day in the large trees close to the ring. It was very exotic and made an excellent frame for a judge from Norway!

The number of whippets in my ring came up to about 255 dogs! Several exhibitors had travelled for several days. Thank you for bringing such a high number of dogs. In such a large entry - one gets a fair picture of the breed situation in this part of the world. Not surprisingly I did find variation in type as well as general make and shape.

Several of the dogs were of excellent quality. I was looking for dogs with excellent breed type with great balance between substance and elegance, which is hard to define without seeing the dogs. A proper whippet is built on sweeping soft lines without any square interruptions. Beautiful elegant head and lovely expression, long powerful neck, which flows softly and easy into body through well laid shoulders. The front angulation fits the strong generous hindquarters. Well-developed body with great depth of brisket and nice ribbing. The lines continues over the strong and well-muscled topline and well-made croup continuing into powerful and well angulated hindquarters.

The silhouette is not complete without the correct underline. Starting at the nose, well developed and dry under jaw, continuing down to the well constructed and well balanced front, neither too thin and hollow, nor too broad and heavy – but nicely filled. The elbow lays well controlled to the deepest point of the brisket, giving a long soft and generous underline which we all like to see. The curve goes smoothly into strong and well-developed hindquarters, with strong thighs and second thighs, nicely angulated knees, well let down hocks and strong feet.

Most of the dogs had lovely heads with expressive eyes. Most of the necks were of good length, well developed and nicely set into body. Some dogs had too thin ones, while others were too short and strong. A proper neck and neck set over the withers, the dogs get the elegant look and appearance that we are looking for in this breed.

Topline were overall correct. A few were falling too much in croup and some were too flat. A well-made and strong topline is really a pleasure to see and sweeping curves are one of the hallmarks of the breed.

Fronts are difficult! Correct, well-made, developed and angulated fronts are rather hard to find in several breeds - even in whippets. I did find some rather upright as well as forward fronts, or both, with little front fill. Others were too broad. Some dogs could be more elegant over shoulder. A well-laid upper arm of proper length, with the elbow well into the deepest point of a well-developed brisket is what we are looking for. Most of my winners were lovely in this department.

The body and general shape was overall good. They were well made, strong but elegant, well balanced, capacious, deep with nice ribbing. Most of the dogs had the desired long and curvy underline. The hindquarters were mostly strong and well angulated. High quality bones on a hound are of great importance - to keep these dogs on the effortless move as well as for the muscular attachment. Needless to say they should have well developed muscles with great flexibility. Most of the dogs were shown in lovely condition.

We all like to see free, light and daisy cutting low moving dogs in great balance and harmony. In such a strong and lovely entry, the dogs have to be excellent in most departments to be highly rewarded. The presentation was good and made judging comfortably and easy.

Temperament was overall excellent with some exceptions. Some dogs did not enjoy the ring that much and I felt so sorry for them. Normally whippets are very easy to handle, so a bit more practise would pay the bill, I'm sure.

To me the overall quality is more important than certain points. The quality and balance are the summary of points - making the real Whippet.

I really enjoyed my BIS and RUP winners as well as several class winners. Some classes had quite a number of entries and a joy to judge, giving me some lovely dogs to go over, several of high international quality. Some nice ones had to leave cardless, as I had just 5 cards to give out in each class.

My male and bitch line up was very nice - all excellent whippets - extremely nice representatives of the breed and well presented in good muscular and coat condition. They were sound, upstanding hounds, stamina and elegance to perfection excelling in type with over all balance, standing and on the move. They had correct angulations both ends with excellent quality bone and feet. They moved beautifully round the large ring. Most of these dogs could have won another day, but this time I placed them in the following order:

Monday: 30 March 2015

Baby Puppy: Dog

1st 8) Beauroi Proud As Punch (Ch Beauroi Pax a Punch ex Ch Beauroi This Diamond Sparkles) Most elegant baby dog of excellent type and size. Long sweeping curves, lovely head & ears, excellent neck and topline, well bodied for his age. Excellent angulated front & hindquarters. Is a sound free mover for his age and shows beautifully. Excellent bone, coat and feet. A very worthy winner of this class.

2nd 2) Bonnymead Rave Review (Ch Rosiel Pax To The Rafters ex Bonnymead Illusion) Excellent type and size, make and shape, good head, neck, strong topline, excellent well made body, nicely angulated both ends. Excellent depth of chest with good feeling in front well made strong hindquarters. Excellent free sound mover when he shows me; excellent bone, coat and feet. Needs a bit more ring training for perfection.

3rd 12) Beauroi Diamond Masquerade (Ch Beauroi Pax a Punch ex Ch Beauroi This Diamond Sparkles) Excellent and elegant outline. Of excellent type and size, well made good head and eye. Excellent neck, strong topline, well made body, a bit long in loin today. Well made angulated front and hindquarters. Is a nice mover for his age, excellent bone, coat and feet.

4th 1) Mistraka Muhammad Ali (Ch Beauroi Pax A Punch ex Mistraka Eleanor Rigby) Strong, but still elegant. Excellent type masculine head, good eye, a bit strong in neck, well made body with excellent depth of chest. Strong topline, strong well-made hindquarters. He is a nice mover from side, but could be better coming and going. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

5th 11). Wyldchase Wizard of Wellington (Ch Ridgesetter Rain Cloud ex Wyldchase Wearing CK Obsession) Another well made young lad. Excellent type and size. Excellent head, eye and neck. Strong topline could be more elegant over shoulder. Excellent depth of chest and filling in front. Well-made hindquarters. He is a nice free mover from side. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

Baby Puppy: Bitch

1st 32) Chakrata Molly Malone (Ch Ir GB Ch Collooney Move On Over ex Ch Wyldchase Whitehouse on Ice) What a nice elegant feminine baby bitch puppy! Of excellent size, make and shape, super curvy outline, excellent head and eye, elegant neck. Strong well made topline and underline. Excellent body depth and filling in front, excellent angulated both ends. Free sound, mover for her age, excellent coat, bone and feet.

2nd 30) Beauroi Dazzled in Diamonds (Ch Beauroi Pax a Punch ex Ch Beauroi This Diamond Sparkles) Another well made baby bitch of excellent type and size. Super head and eye. Long neck, strong topline, well made body, nicely angulated. Sound free mover, pushed the winner!. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

3rd 28) Elmaro Hey Little Girl (Ch Acaiza Distinctly Dashing ex Ch Peperone Bitter Tears) Typey and well made baby puppy. Excellent outline, good head and eye. Excellent neck, topline and underline. Excellent well made hindquarters. Well bodied for her age, but needs a bit more filling in front with age. She is a nice mover from side, but could be better coming and going, excellent coat, bone and feet.

4th 26).Chakrata Tart With The Cart (Ch Collooney Move On Over ex Ch Wyldchase Whitehouse on Ice) Excellent feminine and elegant outline. Super type and size. Good head and eye. Excellent neck. Strong topline. Nicely angulated, when stretched too much in hindquarters the topline tends to fall too much, excellent free mover from side. Excellent coat, bone and feet

5th 19). Goodwill Girl On Fire (Ch Goodwill Don't Touch My Duco ex Shenace Lotsa Style) A most elegant and feminine bitch of excellent type and size. Excellent head and eye. Well made ears, elegant neck, well made body. A bit flat topline on the move. Nicely angulated. She is a nice true mover. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

Tuesday: 31 March 2015

Minor Puppy: Dog

1st 41) Taejaan Rendezvous In Paris (Int Ch Aberdeen Remarcable In Paris ex Ch Taejaan It Started With a Kiss) What a handsome, balanced, puppy dog! Super type, make and shape, handsome head, good eyes, long and strong topline, well made body for his age. Not too much, but balanced angulation in both ends. Excellent sound free mover for his age. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

2nd 36) Gunarryn Packed With Love (Ch Beuroi Pax A Punch ex Ronndal PS I Love You) A nice young lad of excellent type, size, make and shape, excellent head good eye, ears, neck, topline and underline. Well made body, nicely angulated both ends. Nice true mover for his age, excellent coat, bone and teeth

3rd 43) Ondeen Enniskillen (Int Am Ch Aberdeen Remarkable In Paris ex Ronndal Killing Me Softly) Handsome young boy of excellent type. Handsome head, good eye, strong neck and topline. Well made body, nicely angulated is a nice mover from side, but could be better coming and going. Excellent coat bone and feet

4th 37) Byerley Lloyd (Ch Byerley Diesel ex Ch Byerley Alannah Hill) Elegant young man, of excellent type and size, elegant head, good eye, nice neck, good topline, nice underline, nicely angulated, would like to see a bit more stride in hind quarters today. Excellent coat, bone and feet

5th 44) Shawthing Legend In my Time (Ch Pressage Clancy ex Ch Shawthing Once Upon A Time) Excellent, elegant young boy. Excellent type and outline. Elegant head, good eye, well made ears, elegant neck, strong topline, would like to see a bit more filling in front. OK angulated, nice mover from side. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

Minor Puppy: Bitch

1st 56) Byerley Maticevski (Ch Byerley Diesel ex Ch Byerley Alannah Hill) What a nice minor puppy bitch, excelling in type, size, make and shape. Super outline, excellent head, eye, neck and topline underline. Well-made body with excellent depth of chest. Nicely angulated both ends, nice low hocks. Excellent coat, bone and feet. A very sound mover when she showed me. Needs a bit more ring training.

2nd 50) Taejaan Barefoot In Barcelona (Int Am Ch Aberdeen Remarcable In Paris ex Ch Taejaan It Started With a Kiss) Another well made stunning minor puppy bitch of excellent type size, make and shape. Super outline. Well-made head, excellent eye, strong topline, well-made underline with excellent depth of chest and filling in front. Nicely angulated both ends. Sound mover, but would like to see a bit longer stride from side. Excellent bone coat feet

3rd 51) Ondeen Blathnaid (Int Am Ch Aberdeen Remarkable In Paris ex Ronndal Killing Me Softly) Another well made minor puppy bitch of excellent type and size. Good head nice eye strong neck and topline, well made puppy, good chest, nicely angulated. Nice mover from side. A little long in feet, nice coat and bone

4th 46) Gunarryn Love And Affection (Ch Beuroi Pax A Punch ex Ronndal PS I Love You) Excellent size and type. Well made outline, feminine head, good eye, strong neck and topline. Nice well made underline, excellent depth of chest and filling in front. She is a nice mover from side, could have some better ears. Excellent coat bone and feet

5th 54) Shawthing Like Th First Tyme (Ch Pressage Clancy ex Ch Shawthing Once Upon A Time) Elegant, well made. Elegant throughout. Feminine head, good eye, elegant long neck, strong topline, well made body. Could be deeper in chest and filling in front. A bit forward and upright in front. Well-made hindquarters. Excellent coat, bone and feet

Puppy: Dog

1st 62) Taejaan Scandal In New York (Int Am Ch Aberdeen Remarcable In Paris ex Ch Taejaan It Started With a Kiss)Most striking puppy dog of excellent type, make and shape. Excellent handsome head, good ears, eyes. Well made neck, neck set and topline, underline. Well made body, nicely balanced angulated, stands and moves as he should at this stage. He is not the smallest one in his class, but every inch of high quality. Excellent coat, bone and feet

2nd 64) Aarak Place Your Bets (Ch Arjai Like A Criminal ex Ch Wyldchase With Gold N Silver) Another well made puppy dog of excellent type and outline. Elegant head good eye, ears, neck and topline. Would like to see a longer underline and more filling in front. Nicely angulated, very stylish mover. Excellent coat, bone and feet

3rd 66) Lavuka Shadow Runner (Ch Taejaan Kinky Boots ex Ch Dachlah Skylark) Well made puppy dog of excellent type , masculine head, good eye, ears, nice neck and strong topline. Well made body, but needs a bit more depth with age and filling in front. A bit upright and forward in front today. Is a nice mover from side, nice coat, strong bone & feet

4th 63) Ondeen Coinneach (Int Am Ch Aberdeen Remarkable In Paris ex Ronndal Killing Me Softly) Handsome young lad of excellent type and size, a bit strong in head. Good eye, strong neck and topline. Well made body, nicely angulated, a nice mover from side, nice curves, strong bone and feet.

5th 69) Isilwane Look Whos Talking (Ch Isilwane Blow My Whistle ex Isilwane Plain White T) Elegant young lad, excellent type and size. Elegant head, good eye, strong neck and topline. Well made body, but needs more depth and filling in front with age. Not too much but balanced. Angulated, nice mover from side. Good coat, bones and feet.

Puppy: Bitch

1st 81) Bonnymead Autumn Cloud (Ch Rosiel Pax To The Rafters ex Ch Ridgesetter Summer Rain) What a nice elegant feminine bitch! Scoring in beautiful long sweeping outline. Excellent type and size. Good excellent feminine head with good eye and well made ears. Elegant crested neck, strong topline. Well-made body, nicely angulated. She is a free mover from side . Excellent coat, bone and feet.

2nd 71) Bonnymead Autumn Sunrise (Ch Rosiel Pax To The Rafters ex Ch Ridgesetter Summer Rain) What a nice puppy bitch oozing type .Excellent size , well made head good eye, strong neck and topline. Well made body with excellent depth and filling in front, nicely angulated front. Well made strong hindquarters, she moves sound and free. Would like to see her a bit more happy. Excellent coat, bone and feet. Another from the upper drawer!

3rd 73) Ingwe When Irish Eyes R Smilin (Ch Is GB Ch Collooney Move On Over ex Ch Byerley Guess) Most feminine and sweet bitch of excellent size type. Good feminine head, good eye and ear. Excellent neck and topline. Well made body, not too much, but balanced angulated. She is a nice steady mover for her age. Excellent coat, bone and feet

4th 78) Knusprig Hello Possums (Ch Isilwane On The Prowl ex Ch Calahorra Ember) Rather tall bitch but elegant and feminine. Good head and eye, excellent neck and topline. Well made body, nicely angulated and uses her legs on the move. Excellent coat, bone and feet

5th 75) Taejaan Lust In London York (Int Ch Aberdeen Remarcable In Paris ex Ch Taejaan It Started With a Kiss) Very sweet and feminine outline. Super type and outline. Good head and eye, long neck, strong topline, well-made underline. Excellent depth and filling in front. Nicely angulated. Would like to see a longer stride from the side. She is a picture standing. Excellent coat, bone and feet

Junior: Dog

1st 86) Byerley Maui Jim (Ch Byerley Diesel ex Ch Byerley Boudicca) A most handsome and striking junior of excellent type, size and shape. Excellent head, good eye, well made neck. Strong topline. Well-made body with excellent depth, balanced angulated front and hindquarters. Shown in strong muscular condition, by far the best mover in this class. Stands and moves as he should. Excellent coat, bone and feet

2nd 84) Bonnymead Autumn Skies (Ch Rosiel Pax To The Rafters ex Ch Ridgesetter Summer Rain) Elegant junior of excellent classic type. Good size. Elegant well made head, good eye, elegant neck, strong topline. Well made body, not too much but balanced angulated. He is a nice mover from side, could be better coming and going. Excellent coat, bone and feet

3rd 87) Isilwane My Happiness (Ch Isilwane Jolly Roger ex Ch Isilwane Glad All Over) Excellent type and size. Flashy coloured. Excellent head, good eye, strong neck and topline. Well made body, would like to see a better return in upper arm. OK angulated hindquarters. Nice mover from side, but could be better coming and going. Excellent coat, bone and feet

Junior: Bitch

1st 100) Ch Karnabay Fly Me To The Moon (Ch Dachlah Fernolli Ozmunda ex Ridgesetter Belrose Star) Most feminine and elegant outline. Super type, size, make and shape. Elegant feminine head, good eye. Elegant neck, strong topline. Well-made body. Needs a bit more depth and filling in front with age. Nicely angulated both ends. The best mover in this class. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

2nd 92) Taejaan Walking On Air (Ch NZ Ch Arcon Get Off My Cloud ex Ch Taejaan Pictures Of You) A bit stronger, but totally feminine. Scores in long sweeping body lines. Super head, good eye. Strong neck and topline. Well made body. Nicely angulated. Would like to see a bit longer stride in the move. She is a picture standing. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

3rd 97) Skyway Only Performs Solo (Ch Chakrata My Tchaikovsky ex Ch Windyle Cinnamon Spice) Most elegant and feminine outline. Excellent type and size. Most feminine head, good eye. Elegant neck. Well made body. Not too much, but nicely and balanced angulated. She is a nice mover. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

4th 105) Kerrypark Simply A Secret (Ch Collooney Big Q ex Ch Martinique Silver Secret) Excellent well made junior bitch of super type, make and shape. Feminine head, good eye. Good neck and topline. Would like to see a bit more depth of chest and filling in front. Score on her impressive side movement. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

5th 98) Zandeena Its Raining Again (Ch Taejaan Set Fire To The Rain ex Ch Arcon Raise Your Glass at Zafini) Excellent type and size of a junior bitch. Well made head, good eye. Excellent neck, strong topline, well made body. Nicely balanced angulated. She is a nice mover from side but could be better coming and going. Tends to flatten a bit in topline on the move. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

Intermediate: Dog

1st 111) Buffalo First Officer (Ch Benbridge Angel of Faith at Buffalo ex Ch Nabihah Peppas Tigra) What a striking and well made intermediate dog of excellent type, size, make & shape. Excellent well made head, good eye. Lovely neck and neck set. Strong topline, well made body. Lovely underline, great depth of chest and filling in front. Nicely angulated both ends. He is a nice true mover. He is totally balanced while standing & on the move Excellent coat, bone and feet.

2nd 119) Ch Rorystar Napoleon (Ch Karnabay Jimmy Choo ex Ozrhode Celtic Passion) Elegant well made. Excellent type, size, make and shape. Super outline. Excellent head, eye, ears, neck and topline. Well made body, sweeping curvy underline. Great depth of chest & filling in front. Nicely angulated both ends. He is a nice true, free mover. Just a bit flat in topline on the move. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

3rd 113) Ch Beuroi Pax A Punch (Multi Ch Boxing Helena's Imenitni ex Ch Beuroi Summer Reign) What a nice dog standing. Excellent sweeping outline. Super type and size. Excellent head and eye. Strong well made neck, topline & underline. Great depth of chest and filling in front. Nicely angulated. He is a nice mover from side. He is a picture standing. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

4th 114) Ch Jorjee Just Like The Boss (Ch Nevedith Noble Ash ex Avalonia Wallalea Maple Sugar) Most elegant dog of excellent size and type. Elegant head, good eye. Nice neck that could be smoother set into body. Strong topline. Well made body. Not too much but nicely angulated. A bit steep in croup. Nice mover from side when he shows me. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

5th 115) Ch Twyborn Innocense (Sw Ch Twyborn Big Ben ex Sw Ch Twyborn Grey Gardens) Strong well made of excellent type and size. Nice masculine head. Good eye, strong neck and topline. Well made body with great depth and filling in the front. Nicely angulated. He is a nice mover from side, but could be better coming & going. Shown in hard muscular condition. Excellent coat, bone and feet. A bit proud of his tail on the move.

Intermediate: Bitch

1st 145) Ch Taejaan Splendor N Th Grass (Ch Taejaan One Step Closer ex Ch NZ Ch Beesholme Tyger Tyger) What a nice striking young bitch of excellent size, type, make & shape. Excellent outline good head, eye, ears, neck, topline. Well made body. Excellent depth of chest but would like to see a bit longer underline. Excellent fill in front. Nicely angulated. The best mover in this huge class from all directions. Excellent coat, bone and feet

2nd 136 Calahorra Sunset Boulevard (Ch Calahorra The Sun Also Rises ex Ch Calahorra Spotted Mist) Most feminine typey bitch. Super size, well made head, good eye, strong neck, topline. Well made body with great depth. Nicely balanced angulated, shows herself very well on the move. Excellent coat, bone and feet

3rd 137) Ch Shearwind Silver Secret (Ch Dachlah Fernolli Osmunda ex Ch Dachlah Silver Star) Another well made feminine bitch of excellent type and size. Well made head, good eye, long neck, strong topline. Well made body with excellent depth, could have a bit more filling in front. Nicely angulated. Nice free mover from side. Excellent coat, bone and feet

4th 144) Bonnymead Ianthe (Multi Ch Boxing Helena's Imenitini ex Ch Isilwane Flag Bearer) Most feminine elegant bitch of excellent size and type. Super head and eye. Excellent neck, strong topline. Would like to see a bit more weight to complete the picture. Excellent balanced angulated. She is nice a mover from side. Excellent coat, bone and feet

5th 130) Ch Shawthing All That Jazz (Ch Byerley Hilfiger ex Ch Shawthing Thatz Remarkable) Another well made feminine bitch of excellent type and size. Most feminine head that could have a bit more filling under eye. Excellent neck and topline. Well made body. Would like to see a bit longer underline. Not too much but nicely angulated . She is a nice mover from side, but could be better coming and going . Excellent coat, bone and feet.

Australian Bred: Dog

1st 149) Ch Taejaan Set Fire To The Rain (Multi Ch Twyborn Philadelphia ex Ch Rushdale Kizmai) What a nice dog to go over. Oozing type. Quality all over. Caught my eye as soon as he entered the ring in this large class. Presenting his lovely outline, excellent breed type and superb movement! His elegant head with excellent underjaw and super expression, excellent neck, well made body with excellent depth of brisket. He is every inch a top class male and a true stallion! He has a lovely balanced angulation both ends, which made him move free and sound. Excellent condition. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

2nd 156) Ch Isilwane I Am Who I Am (Bellendene Jack Sparrow ex Ch Isilwane Flag Bearer) Masculine high quality all over. Super type, size and build on long sweeping curves. Excellent head, good eye, excellent neck . Could be a bit more elegant over shoulder. Nicely bodied, strong topline, nicely angulated. Moves very well from side. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

3rd 153) Ch Elmaro Spare Me The Details (Ch GB Ch Nevedith Kfa Kraka ex Ch Peperone Marquis) Most elegant attitude and outline. Excelling in type and size. Elegant head, good eye. Excellent neck and topline . Well-made body with excellent depth of chest and fill in front. Would like to see a bit more return in upper arm. Excellent well made hindquarters. He moves with great style from side, but could be better coming. Excellent coat, bone and feet

4th 150) Ch Peperone Love Ur Style (Ch Nabihah Numero Oono ET ex Ch peperone Love Of Gold) Masculine dog of excellent type. Super head and eye, strong neck. Well made body ,great depth of chest, not too much but balanced angulated. A bit flat in topline now and then. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

5th 154) Ch Beauroi Blame It Onth Reign (Multi Ch Boxing Helena's Imenitni ex Ch Beauroi Summer Reign) Most elegant outline, excellent type and size. Super head and eye. Long neck, strong topline. Well made body, would like to see a bit more return of upper arm. Nicely angulated hindquarters. He is a good mover from side, but could be better coming & going. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

Australian Bred: Bitch

1st 165) Taejaan It Started With A Kiss (Multi Ch Twyborn Philadelphia ex Ch Rusdale Kizmai) Most striking and feminine bitch of excellent type, make and shape. Super head and eye good ears, neck and topline. Well-made body with excellent depth of chest and forechest. Balanced angulated front & hindquarters. She's a nice true mover. Excellent coat, bone and feet

2nd 160) Ch Buffalo First Class (Ch Benbridge Angel of Faith at Buffalo ex Ch Nabihah Peppas Tigr) Excellent well made bitch of super quality, type, make and shape. Lovely head, good eye, excellent neck & topline. Well bodied nicely angulated. She's a nice true mover. Excellent coat, bone and feet

3rd 192) Ch Bonnymead Iolanda (Multi Ch Boxing Helena's Imenitini ex Ch Isilwane Flag Bearer) Most elegant and feminine bitch of excellent type, size make and shape. Super feminine head, excellent eye, well-made ears, elegant neck, strong topline, well-made underline. Nicely balanced angulated, would like to see a bit more body weight for perfection. Excellent free mover. Excellent coat, bone and feet

4th 181) Ch Shearwind Showme The Money (Ch Khabaray Hugo Boss ex Ch Byerley To The Manor Born) Excellent type, size and shape, classic outline. Feminine elegant head, good eye, super neck & shoulder. Strong topline. Excellent depth of chest, could have a bit more filling in front. Strong hindquarters. Excellent free movement from side, could be better coming and going. Excellent coat, bone and feet

5th 182) Byerley Tilkah (Ch Byerley Hilfiger ex Ch Byerley Jenny Bannister) Flashy well made quality bitch of excellent type and size. Well made head, good eye, strong neck and topline. Could be more elegant over shoulder. Excellent depth of chest. Would like to see a bit more return in upper arm. Well-made hindquarters. She excels on her side movement. Excellent coat, bone and feet

Wednesday 1 April 2015:

Open: Dog

1st 204) Sup Ch Peperone New Sensation (Ch Nabihah Numero Oono Et ex Ch Peperone Marquis) Most elegant outline, oozing type and quality all over. Super size. Most typical elegant head, good eye, super neck, neck set and topline. Well-made body with excellent depth of chest and filling in front. Nicely balanced angulated both ends. Is a very true free easy mover. Excellent coat, bone and feet. A great performer.

2nd 208) Ch Calahorra The Sun Also Rises (Ch Calahorra Dickens ex Ch Calahorra Future Perfect) Eye catching, powerful, but still elegant male of super type, size and outline. So much to like about. Most handsome quality head, good eye, ears, neck, strong topline. Well-made body, nicely angulated, could be a bit more elegant over shoulder. He surely excels on the move. Excellent coat, bone and feet

3rd 205) Ch Byerley Diesel (Ch Byerley Longines ex Ch Dachlah Rare Ruby) Another well made quality male of excellent type, make and shape. Handsome head, good eye, lovely neck, strong well-made topline, excellent depth of chest. Could be a bit more elegant over shoulder. Well-made underline, nicely angulated strong hindquarters. Nice mover from side. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

4th 199) Ch NZ Ch Arcon Get Off My Cloud (NZ Ch Kana-Ka Suit Ya Self ex NZ Ch Ronndal Keepsake At Arcon) Nice well made male of super size & type. Well made head, good eye and ears. Strong neck. He has a nice topline, when stacked naturally, but tends to be stretched too far in hindquarters. Well-made body, nicely angulated. Is a very nice mover from side. Excellent coat, bone and feet

5th 211) Ch Ir GB Ch Collooney Move On Over (Am Can Ch Collooney Mountain Dew ex Ir Ch Collooney She's The One) Well made dog of excellent type, size, make & shape. Masculine head, super eye, strong neck & topline. Well-made body with deep chest & filling in front. Nicely angulated, moves nice from side. Excellent coat, bone and feet

Open: Bitch

1st 217) Sup Ch NZ GR Ch Beesholme Tyger Tyger (NZ Ch Kana-Ka Suit Ya Self ex NZ Ch Ronnedal Elfennoir at Beesholme) What a striking quality bitch of excellent type, size, make & shape, who won this huge class of many quality bitches. Built on sweeping long curves. Most elegant and free moving, she caught my eye as soon as she entered the ring. She moved along flawlessly, never putting a foot wrong. A beautiful high quality bitch of the type, style, structure and movement I was looking for. An impressive bitch with beautiful curves all in the right places, sound in all directions. She scores highly in keeping her beautiful curvy outline, while standing and on the move. Lovely condition. Most feminine head, good eye, excellent neck & well set into body, strong topline. Well-made body with excellent depth of chest and filling in front. Excellent angulated both ends which makes her flow around the ring. Did a great performance. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

2nd 237) Ch Ridgesetter Dontrainonmyparade (Ch Byerley Hilfiger ex Sup Ch Ridgesetter Etain) Another well made high quality bitch of excellent type, size, make and shape. Outline to die for, all curves at the right places, Tip top quality! Made a great performance, lovely S-curves, nothing square about this top class bitch. She is an extremely nice whippet from the upper drawer! Lovely feminine high quality head with super expression. Excellent strong, but still elegant neck and well developed body with great depth. Super well made and strong topline and beautiful underline. Strong well-made hindquarters that fits the front perfectly, made her move beautifully like a well-oiled machine. Excellent coat, bone and feet. Pushed the winner very hard!

3rd 226) Ch Beauroi Summer Reign (Ch Isilwane Jolly Roger ex Ch Calahorra Eyeson The Prize) Excellent feminine bitch of very high quality. Excellent head, good eye. Nice neck and well made topline. Excellent body with great depth. Strong well made hindquarters. Could have a bit more return in upper arm. Moves beautifully and a picture standing. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

4th 212) Sup Ch Ridgesetter Summer Rain (Ch Byerley Hilfiger ex Sup Ch Ridgesetter Etain) Most feminine, quality bitch of excellent breed type and size, in full package. Super head and eye, well made ears. Strong neck and topline, well made hindquarters with great depth, a bit steep in croup. She's a nice free mover. Excellent coat, bone and feet

5th 225) Ch Kana-Ka Marked For Export to Shearwind (NZ Ch Kana-Ka Suit Ya Self ex Ch NZ Ch Dachlah Silver Star) What a nice bitch. Not the biggest one, but oozing type and quality. One of the best heads today. Excellent eye, well made neck, strong topline with excellent depth filling in front. Well made hindquarters with excellent low hocks, tends to fall a bit in croup. She's a nice mover from side. Excellent coat, bone and feet

Veteran: Dog

1st 242) Ch Isilwane Jolly Roger (Woodbrook's Wizard Of Oz ex Ch Ridgesetter Fly The Flag) Excellent well made veteran dog of super type and quality. Excellent head, good eye. Excellent neck and topline. Well bodied with excellent depth of chest. Could have a bit more filling in front to complete the picture. Nicely angulated and moves beautifully for his age. Looks like he has been enjoying himself out hunting more than once!

2nd 240) Sup Ch Byerley Longines (Ch Ir GB Ch Collooney Silver Jigolo ex Ch Byerley Sybilla) Another well made veteran dog. Excellent type, size, make and shape. Like his head, eye, neck and topline. Well-made body with great depth. Nicely angulated. Could be a bit more elegant over shoulder. Moves beautifully with long free stride for his age. A bit soft in pastern. Excellent coat and feet.

3rd 241) Ch Isilwane Union Jack (Woodbrook's Wizard Of Oz ex Ch Ridgesetter Fly The Flag) Excellent size, good head, eye and neck. Strong topline. Great depth of chest. A bit upright in upper arm and pasterns. Nice mover from side, but could be better coming and going.

Veteran: Bitch

1st 247) Sup Ch Ridgesetter Etain (Ch Ir GB Ch Collooney Silver Jigolo ex Ch Bonnymead Alice Bluegown) What a beautiful veteran bitch! Quality written all over. Classic type, super outline and size. Feminine, quality head, good eye. Well-made neck into a strong well made topline. Excellent depth of chest and filling in front. Balanced angulated both ends. Excels on the move, showing the younger ones how to do it! Excellent coat, bone and feet

2nd 243) Ch NZ Ch Dachlah Silver Star (Ch Ir GB Ch Collooney Silver Jigolo ex Ch Byerley Missoni) Another well made classical veteran bitch with super outline and type. Great head, eye, neck and neck set. Strong topline. Well made body with great depth and filling in front. Nicely angulated, well-made hindquarters with excellent low hocks. She's a picture standing and could move a bit better in hindquarters today. Excellent coat, bone and feet

3rd 244) Sup Ch Taejaan Bird On Wire (Ch Taejaan Read Allabout It ex Ch Taejaan Butterfly Effect) Well made veteran bitch of excellent type and size. Feminine head, good eye nice neck strong topline. Well-made body with nice ribbing and depth of chest. Would like to see a bit more return in upper arm & angulated behind. She's a nice mover from the side. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

Neuter: Dog

1st 250) Ridgesetter Chris Columbus (Sup Ch Peperone New Sensation ex Sup Ch Ridgesetter Etain) Most elegant male of excellent type make & shape. Good head & eye. Elegant neck, well made topline. Well made body, not too much but balanced angulated. He's a sound free mover. Excellent coat, bone and feet.

2nd 248) Ch Isilwane Dontcare What Uthink (Ch Isilwane Jolly Roger ex Ch Ridgesetter Fly The Flag Et) Handsome male of excellent type and size. Good head and eye. Strong neck, a bit too much roached topline. Excellent well made body with great depth and filling in front. A bit steep in croup. Nicely angulated. He's a nice free mover. Good coat bone feet

3rd 249) Ch Moonwind Fly The Colours (Ch Marchpast The Emblem ex Ch Moonwind Danztheniteaway) Most elegant throughout. Elegant head, good eye. Long neck, well made topline. Would like to see a bit more ribbing and angulation both ends. Moves OK from side but could be better coming and going. Nice feet.

Neuter: Bitch

1st 251) Ch Taejaan Pictures Of You (Sup Ch Taejaan One Step Closer ex Adagio Northern Gold in Taejaan) Excellent type, size and outline. Super head, eye, neck and topline. Excellent depth of chest and filling in front. Nicely angulated. She's a picture standing, but could move better in front. Excellent bone and feet.

2nd 254) Ch Lysnagah Spring Starlet (Ch Peperone New Sensation ex Lysnagah Literary Lass) Most feminine bitch, could have a bit longer body lines. Sweet head, good eye, long neck, strong topline but falls a bit in croup. Well-made body with excellent depth. Nicely angulated both ends. Nice bone and feet

3rd 255) Ridgesetter Ming Dynasty (Ch Isilwane Union Jack ex Mwandani Tyrensa) Most elegant silhouette, feminine head, good eye, elegant neck, strong topline. Falls a bit in croup. Would like to see more angulation both ends. Rather upright in her pasterns. Would like to see a bit more stride on the move.

Challenge dog was 149 **Ch Taejaan Set Fire To The Rain** from Australian bred dog and Reserve challenge dog was 204 **Ch Peperone New Sensation**, who came from open dog..

The BIS final winner came from my open bitch winner, who gave me an excellent performance and I was sold! This was No. 217 **Ch Beesholme Tyger Tyger**. Runner up came from the same class in No. 237 **Ch Ridgesetter Dontrainonmyparade**. Two extremely nice quality bitches.

Well, this was my thoughts and reflections after judging these lovely three days in NSW, Australia. I do hope this report will give you a hint in what I was looking for. I have been judging whippets since 1983 and this lovely breed is one of my absolute favourites to judge! I really enjoyed this judging appointment, and a big thank you for all the kind words after the show.

Wishing the Whippet Club of NSW, your lovely whippets and their enthusiastic owners the very best in the time to come!

Knut Fr Blütecher, Showline, Norway (judge)