

# Spanish Water Dog Club Special Award Classes

1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

Thank you to the Spanish Water Dog for inviting me to judge the Special Award classes at their 2024 Championship Show. A special 'thank you' to my efficient stewards, Sonia and Jenny. It was a truly enjoyable judging experience, with a quality entry and a sporting ringside. I look forward to watching several of the entry as they reach fruition.

A very nice class of typical SWDs, with placings being split by breed detail. All three dogs detailed below showed the essential requirements of a robust, medium-sized and well-muscled Water Dog and were shown with sufficient coat to determine that the woolly texture with formed curls was evident for their protection in that function.

1/ Capille's Lendever's You Snooze You Lose – She immediately caught my eye and did not disappoint on examination. A mature 17 month old, with correct 9:8 body proportion and a typical and balanced outline. Very appealing head, with correct parallel planes and slightly shorter muzzle to skull ratio set onto a strong, short and sturdy neck. Eyes of correct oval shape, nicely placed and expressive. Would prefer slightly stronger jaw. Well-placed shoulders and deep chest. This young lady has attitude, moved out well, with a strong and positive gait, showing off her strong body condition and correct length of leg to depth of body ratio and strong, level topline. At one with her handler and showing great promise.

2/ Parackova's Agemera Dotty – Another young bitch with an outline that epitomises the breed. Robust and workmanlike, well-conditioned and in typical jacket. Appealing head and intelligent expression. Would prefer slightly neater ears and more angulation in front assembly. Correct head and neck proportions. Tidy in topline and strong in rear action. Another positive and sound mover. Very nice prospect.

3/ Hodgkinson-Rutherford/Rutherford's Doji Smogetsu Twinkle You Tinkerbelle at Chanderhill (Imp Fin)

SA Post Graduate (7, 1ab)

1/ Capille's Zorrado Everybody Gonna Talk at Lendever - Promising young male with excellent body proportions and strong limbs. Head/neck balance correct. Strong chest, well ribbed back and strong in loin. Level back. Moderate in hind angulation, creating a balanced picture overall. Very attractive

and intelligent expression and with breed detail to his head. Excelled in profile movement. Strong coming and going. His coat is coming in nicely. Lots of promise and he is definitely one to watch.

2/ Walker's Zaryan Sky Full Of Start – Loved his overall type. Mature and typical male, presented in excellent, full coat and in strong, muscular condition. His head is put together in typical style with intelligent expression. Ears are just a tad long. Pleasing in side gait. Not so strong coming and going as 1/ in pasterns and hocks. At one with his handler.

3/ Affleck-Carter's Pia Del Turco Andaluz

SA Open (8, 3ab)

A very nice class of SWDs, with the line up potentially changing places on another day.

1/ Capille's Zorrado X Factor at Lendever – Just coming into his prime, with excellent body and condition. Deep chest, strong ribs, well-sprung and well-coupled. Strong, level topline with tail set on correctly. His expression is bright, intelligent and very pleasing. His head is correctly balanced skull/muzzle with strong jawline. Moved with drive and purpose on excellent feet and limbs. Super young dog!

2/ Capille's Zorrado Kind Regards at Lendever – Another lovely young male, presenting a well-conditioned and typical outline. Would prefer tad more length to body for total balance, but angulation fore and aft are moderate. Moved out smartly and powerfully. Beautifully presented in full and typical coat. Preferred the head balance of 1/ to be critical, but head/neck ratio is correct. Lots of promise.

3/ Ozanne & Trebert's Valentisimo@s Enigma at Fielamigo

CAROLYN ADKINS-FRY (Judge)