

Schnauzer Club of Great Britain Championship Show March 28th 2026

My thanks to the Committee for inviting me to judge their 98th Championship Show, it was an honour to accept. Also, to all the exhibitors for making the day so special for me. And a massive thank you to Rob and Sue McGrann for keeping everything under control and running smoothly.

My general impression of the breed is that it is in good shape. But there were some exhibits that my initial thoughts were that they would be contenders but disappointed me when I got to go over them. There were some banding issues, either almost absent or not consistent over the jacket. A few dental issues were found, and a few lacked the necessary substance. Generally, the quality of presentation was excellent.

BPD (2,1) 1. Johnson's Marnimica Witch Hunt. 4 month old P/S. Very confident mover. Alert. Dark eyes, carried and used his ears well. Moved well.

BPB (4,1) 1. Woods & Woods Penbro Promenade. 4 month old P/S. Very confident, lively girl. Lovely feminine head, looked good in profile, square and robust. When settled she moved well. 2. Johnson's Marnimica Devil Woman. Sister to baby dog, a little leggy at this stage and could do with a bit more substance but coat is coming through and has nice topline and tail set. Dark eyes, teeth OK. 3. Beckson's Wianimu's Prosperity Path with Tammux (naf) (taf)

MPD (3,0) 1. Descere's Amorevita Dark Horse. 7.5 month old black. Looked fabulous in profile. Harsh dense coat, good dark eye, correct bite. Strong masculine head. Enough chest. Good angles all round. Moved with confidence in all directions holding good topline and upright tail. BPD. 2. Smith's Violis Carrying The Sky. 6 month old P/S. Lovely young man, very alert and confident. Well turned out with good harsh coat. Smaller and slighter than 1 but again good in profile and moved well. 3. Turner's Kareso's Back in Style.

PD. (5,0) 1. Carver's Oldbashurst's Time Will Tell. 9 month old black. Square profile. Wonderful harsh coat. Dark well shaped eyes, good teeth and ears. Well placed shoulder to give good angle to front. Well muscled and robust. Moved well all round with power from rear. 2. White's Schnaustar Mayhem. 10 month old B/S. Good strong boy, well-muscled and good substance. Strong head, good eyes and teeth. Good chest and sprung rib. Good powerful movement all round holding level topline and upright tail. 3. Atterbury & Descare's Victorios Star Leo Invictus (Imp UKR)

JD. (3,0) 1. Lowton & Humphries' Lumillion Love Struck. 16 month P/S. Very impressive in profile and didn't disappoint close up. Coby and well balanced. Harsh banded coat. Lovely arched neck to shoulder. Good spring of rib and depth of chest. Alert, well used ears, good eye and dentition. Moved well presenting sloping topline and good tail carriage. Excellent presentation. 2. Fletcher's Samaviai Spiros. 15 month P/S. Good in profile but with less substance than 1. Enough depth of chest and spring of rib. Correct eye, dentition, carried ears little high, harsh coat. Moved well all round. 3. McGarrigle's Wianimu's Luck Favors The Bold for Igglewick (Imp UKR)

ND (3,0) 1 Podlasiak & Richardson's Ivan Hollybeat (Imp POL) 2 year old black. Square in profile, confident mover. Strong well-proportioned head with dark eyes and correct bite. Alert and well used ears. Harsh coat, level topline, good tail set. OK angles, good powerful rear movement. 2. Mellor & William's Amir White Star of Rainbowland with Lyzahro (Imp POL). 21 month white. Longer in body than 1. Lovely expression, super masculine head, good head planes, dark eye, correct dentition, ears a little larger but carried them well. Nice arch

of neck to correct shoulder placement. Moved well, holding good top line. For me, he needs more weight to present better overall boy. 3. Week's Eronel Coffee Bean

GD (5,0) 1. McDermott's Lichstone Midnight Zane. 20 month B/S. Presented good square profile. Excellent substance, strong head, good eyes, teeth and ears. Harsh coat. Good chest and rib, strong neckline to good shoulder. Moved with confidence, strong and true. 2. Beckson's Tammux After Dark. 20 month B/S. Again presenting well in profile, well proportioned head, eyes and teeth OK. Good angulation all round, just preferred the harsher coat and movement of 1. 3. Johnson's Marnimica Seven Wonders

PGD (4,1) 1. Gill & Tobutt's Wallensis Look What I Found for Geomondo. 23 month P/S. Good balanced profile. Strong proportioned head, harsh coat, good bone. Moved well all round, powerful strong rear assembly. 2. Kirkham's Gilcoru Lanvin. 23 month old black. Longer than square in profile. Masculine head with keen, alert expression. Larger ears. Good coat and moved well. 3. McDermott's Lichstone Call It A Day

LD (5,2) Parker, Saunders and McDonald's Risepark First Stage JW. 22 month P/S. Lovely balanced profile. Very well presented in excellent harsh coat. Nice neckline to correct shoulder. Sloping topline to good set tail. Good chest and spring of rib. Good head proportions, dark eye, good dentition and well placed ears. Moved well, powerful and fast mover! 2. Hainey's Amorevita About Damn Time for Lundzing. 22 month P/S. Longer cast than 1 but has similar qualities. Good shoulder and chest. Presented in excellent coat, strong head with good expression and alert. Moved well, good balanced angulation. 3. Carver's Oldbashurst Ko Phi Phi

OD (6,0). 1. Braithwaite's Can CH Milestone Street Justice with Soletrader (Imp CAN). My eye was drawn to him in the line up as he displayed a definite male 'schnauzer type'. He did not disappoint close up. Square in profile. Very strong, well-proportioned masculine head, alert and used ears well. Dark eye, good scissor bite. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Excellent presentation, great harsh coat. He moved well all round, powerful rear action. Kept lovely slightly sloping topline. Tail docked but set well. Delighted to see him go Best in Show. DCC, BOB, BIS. 2. Woods & Woods CH Penbro Walking on Sunshine. A quality boy and easy to see how successful he has been. Very close decision with 1. Closer coupled in profile but well proportioned. Very well presented. Good angles all round, good neckline to good shoulder. Strong head, good eyes and dentition, neat ears. Held a lovely topline on move, confident mover. Just preferred movement of 1 today. 3. Dawson's CH Gryselda Step In Time.

CD (3,0) A cracking quality class of Champions! Hard to pick the winner. All were excellently presented. 1. Braithwaite's CH Wellingly Won For The Road. 2 year P/S. He won on his movement today. However, he is good in profile, presenting square and is of good size. He has a strong masculine expression, lovely dark eye, correct teeth and neat ears. Powerful free mover all round. Good angulation. DRCC. 2. Woods & Woods CH Penbro Carbon Copy. A lot of similar qualities to 1. Good coby profile. Fantastic harsh coat. Shorter neckline of 1. Good shoulder placement with good front assembly. Good chest and rib. Lovely head proportions. Alert and expressive. Just preferred movement of 1 today. 3. Davidson's Ch Wellingly Wot A Mix

VD (1,0) Parker, Saunders and McDonald's CH Silversocks Shot in the Dark with Violis. 7 year black. Good square profile. Well presented in harsh coat. Good masculine head, alert expression, eyes and teeth correct, neat ears. He moved freely and with confidence. Good angulation. Great to see him go Best Veteran in Show! BVD. BV. BVIS

MPB (9, 3). 1. Lowton & Humphries Aidante Ps I Love You at Lumillion (Imp HRV). 7 month black. Presented nearly square in profile. Good length of neck to good shoulder placement. Harsh coat. Nice feminine head, good eyes, teeth and ears. Good topline to well carried tail. Moved with confidence. 2. Turner's Kariso's As Good As It Gets. 6 month P/S. Lovely puppy. Good in profile, good angles, banded harsh coat. Confident easy movement all round. 3. Hainey's Lundzing Amaro Di Notte

PB (6,2). 1. Gavin's Violaceous My Girl. 10 month P/S. Well proportioned coby girl. Good for substance and coat. Feminine head of good proportions, lovely expression, good eye and dentition. Shorter neck to good shoulder. Enough chest and rib. Moved well with level topline, good rear action. 2. Bishop and Evan's Amorevita Ci Sara at Bishond. 11 month B/S. Taller in profile. Pleasing head, dark eye and good dentition. Good substance. Moved well and carried tail well. OK angulation all round. 3. Mellor's All You Need Is Love vomRuhrtal for Lyzahro (naf) (taf).

JB (2,0). White's Schnaustar Edge of Glory. 15 month P/S. Square profile, shorter neckline to well placed shoulder. Presented in harsh coat. Super well proportioned head, lovely expression. Dark eye, good teeth, neat ears carried well. Good depth of chest and substance throughout. Good front assembly and moved well with power from rear. 2. Daniels' Jansad Dressed For Success. 11 month P/S. Nearly square, again well presented in harsh coat. Nice arch of neckline to correct shoulder. Well proportioned head, good eye and teeth. Less substance than 1. Moved well, good topline and carried upright tail well.

NB (4,0). Wallis's Dando Guerra Del Badukake with Wallensis (Imp ESP). 9 month white. Lovely balanced profile, Good arched neck to well placed shoulder. Super feminine well-proportioned head, lovely expression. Good pigmentation, dark eye, good teeth and carried her ears well. Good substance with good chest and rib. Moved with confidence, good reach and power carrying nice upright tail. Good angulation. BP, BPIB, RCC. 2. Krieger's Phyllberry A Star is Born. 17 month black. Good balanced profile. Pleasing head, good eye and teeth. Neat ears. Good expression, alert. Moved well. 3. Robertson's Kavacay Love Story

GB (6,1). 1. Goddard's Cheantake Especially for Wellingley (Imp FIN). 18 month P/S. Square and coby profile. Good chest and rib, harsh coat. Nice head with good expression and alert. Close coupled, strong rear assembly which provided good rear movement. Balanced angulation, Good topline and tail set. 2. Butler's Penbro Replica for Devorsjoy. 18 month P/S. Another lovely profile, similar comments to 1. Darker coat, good substance, feminine throughout. Good angulation. Just preferred the strong rear movement of winner. 3. Young's Nostaw Honeysuckle Rose

PGB (6,1) 1. Saunders, Parker & McDonald's Risepark Style Setter. 22 month P/S. Lovely feminine girl! Square, balanced profile. Super head properties, good head planes, alert dark eyes, scissor bite and well-placed ears. Shown in harsh well banded jacket, elegant neckline to good shoulder placement. She moved around with an easy balanced action, holding lovely topline and carried her tail well. Delighted to award her the CC and see her get Best Opposite Sex in Show. CC, BOSIS. 2. Robertson's Kavacay Dream In Time. 16 month P/S. Good shape to this girl. Alert and expressive attituded, head proportions, eyes and ears OK. Harsh coat, good spring of rib. Movement was fine but couldn't match 1 today. 3. McDermott's Lichstone Wind of Dreams

LB (8,2) 1. Turner's Kareso's Silver Lady. 2.5 year P/S. Balanced profile. Shown in excellent harsh coat. Loved her head properties, dark eye, good teeth and used her ears well. Good rear angles, providing strong rear action on the move. Good substance. 2.

McDonald's First Lady of Heibri JW. Another class act. Expressive and alert. Super harsh coat. Excellent head, eyes and dentition. Good neck to well laid shoulder. Moved well holding good strong topline but just preferred 1's movement today. 3. Hood's JastallaSwingtime.

OB (5,1) 1. White's Schnaustar Wannabe JW. 2 year P/S. Larger but balanced in profile. Lovely head, dark eyes, scissor bite and neat ears. Alert expression, good chest, rib and shoulder placement. Well presented in harsh coat, strong well-muscled rear end, good unexaggerated movement. Nice topline with tail held high on the move. 2. Descare's Slightly longer cast than 1. Lovely alert expression, Head feminine, with good eye, teeth and ears. Deep chest, well sprung rib. Good angles all round, Nice neckline to sloping topline. Excellent harsh coat. Moved well. 3. Carver's Oldbashurst Time To Shine.

CB (3,1) Quality class. 1. Woods & Woods CH Penbro Talk Of The Town. 4 year P/S. Lovely feminine girl. Square, balanced profile. Shown in harshest of coat. Perfect head properties, dark eyes, scissor bite and neat well used ears. Good front assembly, good rib and chest. Moved well with an easy action, good reach and enough strength from rear. 2. Copper's CH Violis Poetic Haiku for Coppellastar. 2.5 year P/S. Another lovely girl. Pleasing head, good eye, teeth and well-placed ears. Harsh coat, again good chest and rib, moved well but just preferred 1's front assembly and greater reach.

VB (2,1) Krieger's Schnaustar Black Pearl. 7.5 year black. Great in profile, good angles all round. Pleasing head, dark eyes, good teeth and ear set. Well-muscled, good substance. Moved around the ring like she owned it with good front and rear action. Very confident girl!

SpecialBeginners D/B (7,2) 1. Gavin's Violaceous My Girl. 2. Rose's Winflash Jumping Jingle. 11 month Black girl. Slightly longer than square. Moved well with confidence, holding good topline and upright tail. 3. Week's Eronel Coffee Bean

Special Black D/B (5,2) 1. Salianov's UKR Ch Victorious Star Arabica (ATCBC93721UKR). 3 year black. Smaller girl but in proportion. Correct head, well placed ears. Moved well with level topline and tail held high. 2. Rose's Winflash Jumping Jingle. 3. Week's Eronel Coffee Bean

Special Black & Silver D/B (6,2) 1. White's Schnaustar Mayhem. 2. Bishop & Evans's AmorevitaCi Sara at Bishond. 3. McGarrigle's Wianimu's Luck Favors The Bold for IGGLEWICK (Imp UKR)

Special White D/B (6,1) 1 Wallis's DandoGuerra Del Badukake with Wallensis (Imp ESP). 2. Mellor & William's Amir White Star of Rainbowland with Lyzahro (Imp POL). 3. Mellor's All You Need Is Love vomRuhrtal for Lyzahro (naf) (taf).