

American Rottweiler Club Region VI Specialty, Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes Judges Report
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We would like to begin by thanking the members of the WRO for inviting us to judge your regional Specialty, Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes held on July 15, 2011, in beautiful Carmel, California. We were honored to judge your show, and would like to express our appreciation for your wonderful hospitality and beautiful weather! Having endured a summer of extreme heat at home, we were so pleased to be able to judge these beautiful dogs in the cool temperature and overcast sky that Carmel offered that day. We'd also like to compliment you on the large, mostly level ring that offered ample opportunity for the dogs to demonstrate their movement. We would like to thank the stewards for keeping the ring running so smoothly. Last but not least, the potluck luncheon was superb with a variety of delicious choices.

Our overall impression is that on average, the Rottweilers had very strong substance, bone and muscle; correct coats and markings; good fronts (very few "Easty-Westy"); good angulation; and generally good mouth pigmentation. However, we did notice that, although many of the dogs had good toplines while standing, not all held their toplines while moving. We also noticed some dogs did not move well either coming (loose elbows or moving wide) or going (some close hocks, some crabbing), some dogs had rounded ear tips which detracts from type, and there were too many light (3a/3b) and/or round eyes. We would like to compliment you on your dogs' strengths and respectfully advise working to improve toplines, eye color and shape, ear shape, and movement coming-and-going.

Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes – Juan Griego

The Puppy Sweepstakes had a very nice entry of 15 males and 16 bitches. The bitch that I awarded Best in Puppy Sweepstakes is a very nice bitch, with a very nice feminine head with dark, almond shaped eyes, correct dentition and bite, excellent and balanced front and rear angulation, and an excellent topline while standing still and while moving. Her side gait was smooth with correct reach and drive, and she also moved correctly coming and going. She was very attentive and expressive and demonstrated a confident temperament during the exam and throughout the show. My Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweepstakes was a very nice male with excellent size for his age who I believe will finish his championship and do well in the specials ring after he matures. As with my Best in Sweeps bitch, this male puppy has a typey head with dark, almond shaped eyes, correct dentition and bite, excellent and balanced front and rear angulation, and an excellent topline while standing still and while moving. His side gait was smooth with correct reach and drive, and he also moved correctly coming and going. It is my opinion that these two Rottweilers should easily finish their AKC Championship, and it is my understanding that both of them have attained majors since I had the pleasure of judging them.

The Veteran Sweepstakes had a total of five entries, with one 7-9 dog, one 12+ dog, one 7-9 bitch, one 9-11 bitch, and one 12+ bitch. Upon reading the catalog after the show was complete, I noticed that the 12+ male was actually 14 years old and the 12+ female was almost 14 years old. I offer my heartfelt

congratulations to the owners of all of these veterans for their long lives. I hope each of these veterans enjoyed being back at the shows and hearing the applause and getting their treats! Both the Best in Veteran's Sweepstakes and the Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran's Sweepstakes are in exceptional condition and are very good examples of our breed. They exemplify the connection between structural soundness and aging well.

Regular Classes – Nancy Griego

The Specialty classes had 19 class dogs, 26 class bitches, 1 veteran dog (absent), 1 veteran bitch and 21 champions. My Reserve Winners Dog/Best Puppy was the 6-9 Puppy Dog. He has a beautiful, masculine head with dark, almond shaped eyes, and he has strong substance, angulation and proportion. He looked great stacked, but his movement was not smooth on this day. Hopefully, that is a function of his immaturity and lack of show experience and he will improve with time and training. My Winners Dog was the American Bred dog. He has a typey head with dark, almond shaped eyes; he has a strong topline standing and moving; he has good, balanced angulation; and he moves smoothly. He was a little bit "wet" in the face, but otherwise a very nice dog. My Winners Bitch/Best of Winners was the 12-18 Month Bitch and she was exceptional. She has very strong type, very strong bone, very strong muscles, excellent movement with very strong reach and drive, and excellent proportions. With the exception of her eyes being somewhat round, I thought she was excellent in every other attribute. I also gave this bitch an Award of Merit, not because the other specials were lacking (for there were truly many very nice specials), but because I feel this bitch is that deserving. My Reserve Winners Bitch also came from the 12-18 class, and she was strong in type and substance and had a very nice topline. I was told that my Winners Dog and Winners Bitch both finished their championships that day. My Veteran class bitch is almost 9 years old and still looks like she's in her prime. She is in excellent condition, moves effortlessly, and still has a beautiful topline. My Best of Opposite Sex Puppy was the 9-12 month puppy bitch. She has beautiful breed type and looks very nice standing still. As with the 6-9 puppy dog, she doesn't move smoothly and hopefully this will improve with age and maturity. My Best Bred By was the Bred-By Bitch. She has excellent structure with an exceptionally beautiful topline/chest/shoulder assembly and, again, very nice balanced angulation.

My Best of Opposite Sex winner was a beautiful bitch with a feminine yet typey head with dark, almond shaped eyes. She has very correct structure, a very strong topline standing and moving, and excellent movement with very strong reach and drive and very clean coming and going. My Select Bitch/AOM was also very nice with strong type, substance and movement but I felt my BOS was a bit stronger in movement. My Best of Breed winner and my Select Dog/AOM were both magnificent specimens. In my opinion, they both possess exceptional breed type; very masculine heads with dark, almond shaped eyes; very strong bone and muscle; excellent toplines standing and moving; excellent side-gait with very strong reach and drive; and balanced angulation front to rear. While both are balanced in angulation front-to-rear, I selected the dog with more angulation for my Best of Breed.

We would like to thank each and every exhibitor who chose to show their dogs/bitches to us. It is always our intent to pick the best overall dog and bitch, on that day, in comparison to the ARC Standard. Thank you again for the honor of judging at your specialty and sweepstakes.