

# Dachshund National a Resounding Success



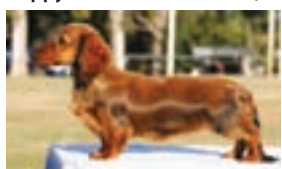
BIS /Open: Ch Dakley Elisheba (MSH)



RUBIS: Ch Imlay Duana (SLH)



Puppy : Jumarnic Kashn In (SSH)



Baby: Selkris Montana Blue (MLH)



Minor: Dalton Sea Dasher (SWH)



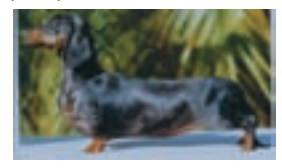
Junior: Daxhaus Angel In Disguise (MSH)



Intermediate: NZ Ch She Rocks of Markwell (MSH)



A/B: Ch Graedon Silvery Moon (MLH)



Best Dapple: Tambo Blue Dapple Chelsea

They came to Brisbane 8/9 August from all corners of Australia and New Zealand with their dogs to try and claim the 'holy grail' of Dachshund exhibiting in this country, the title of Best in Show at a National Dachshund Specialty Show.

There were 309 in total at the 9th National, representing the very best in Miniature and Standard sizes and being of the Smooth haired, Long haired or Wire haired varieties.

As this show is only held every three years there was a lot at stake and it showed with intense but friendly competition throughout the various classes over the two days.

Before the show proper began there was a short opening ceremony with the Queensland Minister for Disability Services and Multicultural Affairs the Hon Annastacia

Palaszczuk MP opening the Show.

It was significant that her father opened the National the last time it was held in Brisbane in 1994 when he too was a Member of Parliament.

There was also a poignant moment during the opening when the ring announcer and Channel 9 journalist Spencer Jolly (also Dachshund owner) read out the names of those well known Dachshund breeders who had passed away in recent years and mentioned their major contribution to the continuing improvement of the Dachshund breed in this country.

Following the opening and with the weatherman smiling down from sunny blue skies on the magnificently prepared show ring at the CCC(Q) showgrounds in Durack (Brisbane) all of the dogs (and their owners/handlers) strutted their stuff in front of renowned Northern Ireland exhibitor and judge, Gerry McFaul.

Faced first with the huge task of sorting out 106 Miniature Smooths judge McFaul set about his work in a quiet, efficient and thorough manner, giving each and every entrant equal time in which to display their qualities.

With up to 14 magnificently presented entries in a class to go over, his decisions were greeted with warm applause from the crowd of spectators who were seated and standing round three sides of the ring.

For DCC he chose Billy Hardie's Ch Sonderbar Say it Right, handled by Joshua Courtenay-Phan, from the Open Class and the Dyckhoff's Ch Daxhaus Shaded Sunset with Chloe Dyckhoff handling, for Reserve from the Intermediate Class.

After a short lunch break during which time an excellent obedience demonstration with a Mini Smooth was given by Leanne Cagnacci it was on to the bitches and here again the competition was of a high standard with the judge finally awarding the Challenge to Daryl and Joan Cross's Ch Dakley Elisheba, from the Open Class.

Again the Dyckhoffs figured in the major placings, this time with their Junior bitch Daxhaus Angel In Disguise, handled by Robert Armatys, taking the Reserve.

With calls of 'Queenslander' coming from the crowd (reminiscent of State of Origins matches) BOB judging saw the host State prevail with Ch Dakley Elisheba being give the nod by the judge.

It was a double victory for Queensland when the young bitch Daxhaus Angel In Disguise came back into the ring and was given Runner Up.

Still with 97 entries to go before the end of conformation judging on the first day Judge McFaul moved on to the Miniature Long haired where 70 dogs were ready for adjudication.

Julie Ireland set the standard when her Open dog, the import from Japan Ch/Jpn Ch Top Banana JP Just a Successor, took the judge's eye to be awarded DCC and then she topped it off by also winning Reserve with her Australian Bred Gr Ch Graedon Eye Spy.

Then to really put the icing on the cake she scored the magic double by taking BCC with her Australian Bred Bitch, Ch Graedon Silvery Moon.

Roz Buitenhuis then stepped in to stop a clean sweep by claiming RBCC with her Open Bitch, Ch Adadach Country Luv.

In the run off for BOB it was the bitch that prevailed, thus arguably giving Julie Ireland the title of 'most successful' breeder at the show, even though she ultimately did not win the two major show awards. She did however, win Best Australian Bred of Show with her BOB winner, going home with a big smile on her face.

There was no time to catch a breath after the Mini Longs as judging went straight on to the Mini Wire haired with a total of 26 ready to face the judge.

Nikki Anastas was successful in taking out DCC with her UK import Ch Stargang Krismas Knight with Claire Gray's Finish import Freckle-face Pacemaker successful in winning the Reserve.

For BCC judge McFaul went for the Beecher/Hoyle entrant Ch Agwyr Afor Andromeda with the Anastas' UK import Sandanca Luck Be A Lady at Stargang being awarded the Reserve.

It was then back for the Challenge winners to enter the ring again, this time to be judged for the BOB trophy and it was the dog that prevailed, with the bitch taking Runner Up.

That ended the conformation judging for the first day and with daylight fading fast and the excellent lighting at Durack taking over Marci Forrester of the United States entered the ring to adjudicate four sweepstakes classes with a total of 88 entries.

First up was the Baby Puppies and Gold Coaster Robyn Gersbach led a clean sweep by Mini Smooths by taking top honours with Stardayne Royal Blush from Joanne Scott's Feiazam Maverick and Melissa Purich's Cyclades Jelly Delectable.

Then came the Puppies (6 - 12 months) and the Smooth haired Dachsford Gold N Fenyx, owned by Kath Hardwick of New Zealand won out from Gordon and Ros Assay's Mini Smooth

Assuana Cool Hand Luke and Michelle Lynch's Mini Smooth Uneetoile Miss Dharma.

With temperatures dropping considerably from the daytime the Non Champions came into the ring to face the judge and it was the turn of the Mini Wires to top the dais with Claire Gray's New Zealand import Wickerby Pawnee Pride holding sway.

Second place went to Robin Gersbach's Mini Smooth Aridela Cadice and third to Claire Gray's Mini Wire Freckle-face Pacemaker (Imp Finland).

With the clock ticking over at 9pm over 20 dogs entered the ring for the Champion Sweepstakes.

It was magnificent to see champion Dachshunds lined up round two sides of the ring ready to face the music.

Again it was the Mini Smooths that caught the judge's eye and she gave first place to the New Zealand import Ch Leading Lady of Markwell with Synjaz Kennels taking second with their Mini, Gr Ch Synjaz Whosmedad and Claire Gray taking yet another top placing, this time with her Mini Wire, Ch Tinsnips Turtle Dove.

While the sweepstakes judging was going on the Dachshund Club of Queensland put on a magnificent free BBQ for everyone with Sporting Terrier identities Sue and Peter Hewinson run off their feet trying to keep up with everyone.

Thus ended the first day with some 280 Miniatures and sweepstakes entries catered for.

Day two arrived, again with exceptional weather conditions, ideal for dog showing.

It was now the turn of the 'Standards' to front the judge and first up was the Smooth haired with 60 entrants.

Jason and Fiona Walker made a solid start to their campaign by taking both major awards in the dog section with their intermediate dog Ch Tischamingo Hot onya Heels winning the Challenge and their Minor puppy, Tischamingo Lonhro, the Reserve.

The bitch section was a hotly contested affair and the Walkers almost made it a clean sweep. After much consideration the judge gave the Challenge to Mark Yardley's Australian Bred Ch Jumarnic Tied Affair, and the Walkers took Reserve with Ch Tischamingo Exotic Dream. For BOB the Yardley bitch won out with the Walker dog Runner Up.

The Long haired were next off the rank and knowing that the judge himself had won BOB with this variety at Crufts this year there was a great deal of expectation in the air with what he would make of our dogs as compared to his own.

## Judge - Gerry McFaul (Northern Ireland)

### Critiques of Best of Breed Winners

**Miniature Smooth Haired: Cross': Ch Dakley Elisheba.** From the huge entry in this variety I chose this stunning red bitch. A little cracker, lovely size and built on classic lines. Long, low and level, correct front and rear angulation. Most beautiful head and expression. A very stylish and true mover against strong competition. I was delighted to award her Best in Show.

**Miniature Long Haired: Ireland's: Ch Graedon Silvery Moon.** Dapples are not my favourite colour yet what a beautiful and elegant bitch. Great forechest, correct shoulders and very true front. Impressive topline with good keel and underline. I loved her driving action. So well presented.

**Miniature Wire Haired: Anastas': Ch Stargang Krismas Knight (imp UK).** Amused to see from my catalogue that I had chosen this UK bred dog. What a well constructed boy with super forechest and lovely harsh coat. Good strong quarters. A real showman who moved out well.

**Smooth Haireds: Yardley's: Ch Jumarnic Tied Affair.** Most beautiful eye catching bitch of size I like. So very balanced with impressive outline. Exquisite head with great reach of neck, good width all through with lovely hammy quarters. A sound mover and well handled.

**Long Haired: Sherwood's: Ch Imlay Duana.** Could not believe to discover that this beautiful bitch had the same sire as my own Zwagerson. This six year old was simply stunning and one I would have taken home to Ireland. Liked everything about her. Satisfied me in all departments. A worthy Reserve Best in Show winner.

**Wire Haired: Hill's: Ch Dalton Seagal.** Quality dog of sound construction. Scored in forechest with excellent topline. Good keel and correct underline. A lovely harsh coat. Strong quarters and a true mover.