

## **BREED JUDGE, ABBY PATRIZIO**

I was thrilled to be asked to judge the PVBMD show this year as your breeder-judge! What an honor to be part of your independent specialty from the center of the ring.

The Veteran classes are one of my favorite and I was so pleased to see all the dogs happy and eager to be in the ring with their owners or handlers. At the end of the day the 7-9 year old dog and 9-11 year old bitch earned their Awards of Merit due to their effortless movement and great attitude. At the front of the line in Best of Breed was a lovely mature bitch with beautiful breed type, bone, substance, correct length of leg and a well balanced front and rear. She could clearly do her job of pulling a cart all day and to top it off, her tail never stopped wagging! The young male for Best of Opposite Sex has nice bone, substance, a lovely head and is balanced front and rear. Both the Select Dog and Select Bitch have nice type, good movement and good proportions.

The class dogs had strength in the young classes with some lovely promising puppies. On this day the 9-12 month puppy stood out to become Winners Dog with great bone, substance, nice angles front and rear and clean draft like movement. The 6-9 month puppy class was very strong with the winner continuing on to become the Reserve Winners Dog due to his lovely clean movement, nice angulation and level top line.

As with the class dogs, the class bitches also had strength in the younger classes. Winners Bitch and Best of Winners came from the 15-18 month class with a beautiful outline, head, bone, substance and lovely draft style movement. Reserve Winners Bitch in the 9-12 month class was a nice young girl with great bone, substance and movement.

It was truly a pleasure to be part of the Potomac weekend. Thank you for inviting me to share your weekend, your wonderful dogs and your COLD weather!

Abby Patrizio