Critique – Bath Canine Society Judge: Mr J B Daltrey

Minor Puppy Dog (1). 1 Marsh's Kilnrae Berliner. Here was a very good start to the day, a baby with absolutely everything to like and with everything in the right place. He has such a refined and yet masculine head with no hint of coarseness. He simply flows from head to tail. He has lovely bone, a great forehand and excellent quarters, a perfect topline and a lovely harsh jacket. He moved with absolute precision, was totally true going and coming and showed such fluidity in side gait that he won himself a well-deserved Reserve CC over an excellent second in Open that was also in very close contention. I predict a very bright future for him and to my complete surprise I was absolutely delighted to find out that it was his sire who took the CC today!

Puppy Dog (1). 1 Marsh's Kilnrae Berliner.

Junior Dog (1). 1 Sielski's Orchidstar Bolts Of Speed. Here was another very good, all-male dog with a super head and expression and a lovely straight front. Well-bodied throughout, he has tight well-padded feet and a lovely feel to his coat. Once he settled, he moved very well in all directions. He has a lot to like and should do well.

Yearling Dog (2,1). 1 Brown & Burns' Magregor Pop The Dom Over Pothouse. I very much liked the breed type of this youngster. He scored for me in strength through the body with a great layback of shoulder. He didn't have quite the coat texture of the previous winners and I felt that today, although in good hard condition, he was a little untidy on the move, being slightly closer than ideal going away. Nonetheless he has time on his side, and I think that he will finish well.

Novice Dog (0). No Entries

Post Graduate Dog (2) 1 Pocock's Fayemm Sea The Stars. I found this dog to be quite strong in head, but he excelled in a superb flowing out-line with very good layback which won him this class over another decent dog. He was well bodied, but he is another who is slightly closer than ideal going away although he has good width and accuracy in front action, and he did cover the ground with ease in profile action. 2 Schoneville's Balvenie Double Diamond JW. Another strong headed male, he has a good topline, is well bodied and has a very good coat texture with good tight feet. Accurate coming and going, he just didn't put it all in in profile and didn't quite match the ease and fluidity of the winner.

Limit Dog (6). 1 Pingault's Taftazini Aiden Abbett. A good winner, in fact, I think he won this class with some to spare. I loved his balance, breed type, head, layback of shoulder and excellent topline. In good coat, he is well muscled, and he moved with precision, if perhaps not with the most enthusiasm. 2 Coe's Goosepoint Waddington at Abbanash (AI) JW. Here was a totally different type but equally full of quality. He showed really good extension on the move and maintained a very strong outline. He just didn't match the winner for accuracy coming and going. 3 Smith's Winterwell Maida Stone.

Open Dog (7). 1 Hinchliff's Ch Goosepoint Gloster Grebe. I thought that this fully mature male was outstanding. He was presented in hard, well–muscled condition. I liked his type, his head and expression and his superb flowing outline. He has a great harsh texture to his coat; he is accurate coming and going and he shows true reach and drive in side gait. I had no hesitation in awarding the Challenge Certificate in very good company and I was delighted to find out that his son had taken the Reserve Certificate. In the challenge for Best of Breed, his mind was totally elsewhere, and he subsequently paid the price. 2 Mann's Valger Ragnar JW. I was absolutely thrilled to be able to judge this excellent youngster for the second time. I simply love his breed type and he has so much to offer. He has matured on so well and presents a superb compact and balanced outline and has an exquisite head. He flows from head to toe and moved out very well in side gait. I would just like him to firm up in front action coming towards me and I think that he should gain his title with ease. He was very unlucky to meet the others on such great form today. 3 Braine's Grenetrest Canterbury Bell JW. This dog thoroughly deserved his place here and today, for me, he completed an outstanding trio of males, and he pushed the two above him very hard, and I would hope that he could 'title' too.

Special Beginners Dog or Bitch (1). 1 Brudenell-Pryke's Puddledub Pilis. Here was a very feminine bitch that scores for me in head and eye. She has good flow, presents a good outline, and holds her topline on the move. She does, however, need to mature on and fill her frame and she also just needs to firm up going away.

Veteran Bitch (1). **1 Burford's Pingarypoint Hot Topic.** This bitch is full of quality and has real scope making her an excellent side gaiter and she is true and purposeful coming and going. She flows from head to tail and has good angles fore and aft. Well bodied and in excellent jacket, I liked her a lot. **BV**.

Minor Puppy Bitch (2). 1 Schoneville's Balvenie Eye Candy. What a little cracker! At just 8 months old, she has everything in the right place, and she presents a lovely outline. She has such a perfect feminine head and a lovely dark, expressive eye and she is a very precise and accurate mover. She was very unfortunate to meet an equally good but mature puppy in the next class and I predict a very rosy future for her as she grows on. 2 Angus' Sparkenhoe Sass And Swagger. She is just a touch raw and doesn't have quite the head or the 'finish' of the winner at this stage of her development, but she does have lots to like about her and she also has time on her side. She presents a good flowing outline with good layback and a firm enough topline. She has real scope and is good on the move showing extension in profile and accuracy both ways.

Puppy Bitch (2). 1 Filby & Brown's Winterwell ThatIldo for Desjiem. This youngster has the 'wow' factor and has a 'chilled out/ relaxed' and 'look at me' expression, which is quite captivating. She has an excellent head, perfect shoulders, and the correct outline. Flowing from an exquisite head to a well set tail, she makes quite an eye-catching picture on the stack and in profile action too. Her maturity and absolute fluidity won her this class over an excellent minor puppy, and I considered this youngster for top honours. In the challenge for best puppy, she capitalised on the dog pup's lack of concentration to win Best Puppy in Breed in some style. I will watch her career with real interest! 2 Schoneville's Balvenie Eye Candy.

Junior Bitch (3,1). 1 Ellis' Soellis Fancy Nancy. This youngster won the class on head type and an excellent coat texture over another good example in second. She has a good flowing outline and shows real extension in side gait but has a tendency to side—wind on the up and down. 2 Rose's Barleyarch Shindig to Kavacanne. This youngster wasn't quite as exuberant as the winner on the move, and she too needs to improve and concentrate coming and going as she was side—winding too. She presents a very good outline on the stack, and she holds a firm top—line in profile action. Well—bodied with a lovely head, eye, and feet, she was close up to the winner.

Yearling Bitch (3). 1 Elliott's Ankerwycke Silk Stockings. I preferred the head and expression of this winner over a good second. She presents a correct outline, shows some extension in her side gait and is ultra-true both ways. 2 Hammond's Seasham I Love To Boogie. Another good type, slightly rangier than the winner and she has more scope in her profile action but just wasn't as true coming and going. She has lots to recommend her and she was close up to the top spot here and just needs to concentrate more on the job in hand. 3 Brudenell-Pryke's Puddledub Pilis.

Novice Bitch (2,1). 1 Chilcott's Drysika Glen Lochy. She is a good sized bitch with an ultra-feminine head and a lovely intelligent and expressive eye. Although she is a very true mover in all directions, she needs a little more propulsion from behind to complete the picture.

Post Graduate Bitch (9,2). 1 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Gambler. This stylish bitch has real depth, lovely bone and a really super head and expression. In tip-top condition, she has the perfect coat texture, fantastic muscle tone and she presents a very strong outline on the stack. Although she is very accurate coming and going and shows some real reach and rive in profile, she just tends to lose her topline a touch as she powers around the ring. 2 Jackman's Balvenie Dressed To Thrill via Navigareamor. I liked the size and balance of this one and she too has a good head and expression. Well-made throughout, today, she just didn't quite match the vigour and scope of the winner on the move. 3 Jackson's Solwaypoint Louisiana.

Limit Bitch (6). 1 Elrington's Barleyarch Dorito at Tequesta. This bitch has the perfect outline and an exquisite head with a lovely intelligent, expressive eye and she headed a quality and hotly contested class. Presented in excellent condition with a superb coat texture, she has good angles fore and aft and she moves ultra-true in all directions. She showed real extension in this class but during the challenge for top honours, she just lost concentration and she needed to move a touch quicker and with a bit more verve to allow her to maximise the full potential that I saw in this class. I was, however, very pleased to award her the Reserve Challenge Certificate in very strong company. 2 Sielski's Orchidstar Jenga. Very close up to the winner, this bitch maximised her potential in profile action. She has real scope, and she covered the ground with animation and fluidity. I liked her for breed type, and she too has an appealing head and expression, good bone and a firm topline. There was very little to separate these two excellent specimens. 3 Burford's Pingarypoint Legolicious JW.

Open Bitch (3,1). 1 Malin's Keigame Murphlette at Benrae. She is a rangier type but is totally in balance and for me she was the mover of the day. I loved her head shape and her expression, and she is fully mature in body with a lovely layback, a firm topline and excellent muscle tone. Presented and shown in tip-top condition with a superb harsh jacket and faultless movement in all directions, I had no hesitation in awarding her the Challenge Certificate and in the challenge for Best of Breed she completely out moved the dog to win! I am now told that this is her second CC and that I had done her well at Manchester when I last judged this lovely breed. This was the icing on the cake for me! I was also very pleased to see her shortlisted in a good Gundog Group where she represented the breed in great fashion. I am sure that she will gain her much deserved title in the not too distant future. 2 Mervyn's Ir Sh Ch Tomanipoint Annie's Mazurka Jun Ch. This feminine bitch also has lots to commend her, and she scores in head and expression. Her body is compact, and she was very well presented in good perhaps almost too hard a condition. She pushed the winner all the way, but I just felt that she wasn't quite as fluid or as accurate coming and going. She showed excellent reach

and drive in her flowing profile action.