CRITIQUE - BIRMINGHAM NATIONAL DOG SHOW SOCIETY Judge: Mrs M J Bates

Minor Puppy Dog (3). **1 Braine's Grenetrest Canterbury Bell**. Solid Liver, Well boned, balanced, slightly out of coat, suspect he has been sunbathing with the recent weather, Stood absolutely fore square on very good feet, Lovely masculine head with good dark eye, good shoulder placement, straight topline held well on the move. matching angulations front and rear. *BP*. **2 Brown's Graygees Gigolo**. Smaller flashy boy with good bone and angulations, bit narrow on front at this stage and eye needs to darken. **3 Fry's Waldburg Indus**.

Puppy Dog (3,1). **1 Sielski's Orchidstar Bonds Of Speed**. Well boned, well marked dog, lovely topline and tailset, kind head and eye, tight feet, balanced angulations. Moved with accuracy. **2 Stedman & Leigh's Indijazz Designer Genes**. Good size but very weak boned, narrow head, good dark eye, thin leathers on ears, very narrow between front legs, longer back with very little tuck up. movement adequate.

Junior Dog (1). 1 Stopforth's Taftazini Cesar Chance. Overweight, steep croup, well muscled, but lacked second thigh. good spring of rib, head need to develop ears rather long at this stage.

Yearling Dog (4,1). 1 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Gloster Grebe. At last a male that looked the part. Had the proud attitude that we expect in a Shorthair but seldom see. Completely on form, presented in immaculate condition, Smooth outlines, lean head, lovely strong neck into shoulder, straight topline, well carried tail, firm coat, moved with far reaching stride. Absolutely delighted to award him the *DCC & BOB*. 2 Stopforth's Taftazini Cesar Chance. 3 Cox's Ceilloch Merlot By Cushatlaw.

Novice Dog (1). **1 Steel's Water Germander over Borderpoint**. Lovely gentle boy, good angulations but he had a dancing movement, loose pasterns, and would have liked more work on the head.

Graduate Dog (2,1). 1 Woolley's Fayemm Get Ready For Dunsa. Flashy strong dog, Well boned but not coarse, decent head and eye but flews just a bit too square, slightly steep croup hence tail set low. Very good angulations fore and aft.

Post Graduate Dog (4,1). 1 Woolley's Fayemm Get Ready For Dunsa. 2 Delaney's Redmires Ticket To The Stars. This boy always looked the part as a youngster but I feel he has not reached his promise. Smaller version of the first, much finer boned, back short in comparison to height at withers, short foreface, lacked hind angulation but overall movement was good. 3 Thomas' Brainescroft Tahiti.

Limit Dog (6,1). 1 Bennett's Barleyarch Firefly. Stocky, well boned dog of good size, Lovely straight front and tight feet. Good depth of chest, good length of body. Angulations good not overdone, Movement first class, just tended to carry tail rather high. 2 Milligan's Jessophia's Oberyn Martell. Well boned nicely marked boy. Lovely head and eye, Held topline on the move, but lost out on hind action. 3 Hamlin's Know No Bounds at Nuash.

Open Dog (12,3). **1 Malin's Sh Ch Heathermark Irish At Benrae ShCM**. Great coat on this black and white, Well boned and of good workman like build, Lovely neck into shoulder, good depth of chest, great topline and tail set, good angulations, movement first class. *RDCC*. **2 Brown & Burns' Sh Ch Magregor Threesacrowd At Pothouse**. A dog I have always admired, in first class shape, not quite as much of him as the first, lovely neck into shoulder great topline, Well angulated, movement excellent with a far reaching stride, although obviously a male he almost looked too pretty. **3 Dymond's Multi Ch Friarsbellle Marsh Mallow**.

Veteran Dog (1,1) Absent

Minor Puppy Bitch (4) 1 Desombre's Braneath Ptarmigan. Pretty well boned baby, enough bone with good angulations, plenty of heart room with good deep chest, lovely length of neck, good eye colour, sound free mover. 2 Brown's Graygees Fun N'Game. Very much the same remarks apply to this girl, just slightly shorter in body and with lower tail set, but again tidy on the move. 3 McCulloch's Winterwell Oh So Sharp.

Puppy Bitch (7,2). **Angus' Sparkenhoe Overture**. Well balanced bitch, nicely boned, good straight front, Straight topline with well set tail, good depth of chest, matching angulations front and rear, sound free mover. **2 Harvey's Soellis Jammie Pammie at Imaniz**. Smaller framed bitch, shorter back would prefer more bone, good length of neck but quite a short back, hind angulations did not match front, which showed in her movement. **3 Burke's Alcazar After Eight**.

Junior Bitch (8,1). 1 Gatliffe's Allezweck Evita. Flashy liver and white bitch, well boned, stood four square on very tidy feet Lovely head and eye, good straight topline, just needed to stretch out more standing, very sound mover. 2 Rumney's Kacela Sweet Ayana. Lovely girl with a gorgeous head and eye. Slightly longer in back than the first but was well balanced, slight rise to the tail from topline, but sound mover, just enough angulation. 3 Rutherford's Cushatlaw Charisma Of Dappledele.

Yearling Bitch (3). 1 Hustler's Aytee Katerina. Just my type of bitch, Good bone without any sign of coarseness. Lovely length of neck set into good shoulder, first class front, straight topline with good tailset which she held on the move, no exaggeration in angulation, best moving bitch on the day, delighted to give her a well deserved *BCC*. 2 Burford's Pingarypoint Legolicious. Good moving bitch, held topline well on the move. good topline and tailset, plenty of angulation, would just have liked more foreface to complete a very nice picture. 3 Baine's Sparrowbridge Crazy Diamond.

Novice Bitch (2,1). **1 Serpa & Peter's Winterwell Sea Breaze at Pontopresa**. A nice tidy bitch only let down by its handler, good length, adequate angulation, rather snipy on head, moved fairly well.

Graduate Bitch (3,1). 1 Squire's Taftazini Honour Wynna. Well balanced bitch, sweet head and eye, Good coat, Lovely topline and tailset, when settled she moved with great drive, super angulations front and rear, would have liked a little less weight on her. 2 Peebles' Keigame Belle Of All. Big girl, bone did not match height. Head too long and narrow, accentuated by long ears, very soft coat poor hind movement.

Post Graduate Bitch (6,1). 1 Callaghan's Gameglow Time Will Tell For Laoirebay. Bitch won the class easily, lovely head with good length of neck, good depth of chest, good topline and tailset, adequate bone but just lacked rear angulation. 2 Fry's Waldburg Solar Eclipse. Where do you draw the line, she was overweight, but her overall construction was first class. Well boned, she had a super head and eye, correct angulations and first class movement, all of which put her above the others. 3 Upton-Lovett & Upton's Seasham A Kind Of Magic.

Limit Bitch (10,3). 1 Pudney's Pitwit Winter Glow. Two very smart bitches, very little between them ,the first had a better length of back for me, both held good toplines with good tailsets, the same depth of chest, One won on very sound free moving movement. *RBCC*. 2 Thomas' Brainscroft Saffron. The remarks for one apply equally for this bitch, she fought hard for her place, overstretched slightly on the stand, but any complaints are just nit picking. 3 Ellis' Soellis Fannie Annie JW.

Open Bitch (7). **1 Schoneville's Balvenie Midnight Rambler ShCM**. Well marked sound bitch with very good bone and angulations, Super head and eye, neck into shoulders and topline good, held well on the move. Strong sound free moving bitch. **2 Cox's Cushatlaw Irresistable JW ShCM**. Finer boned, sound fore and aft movement but lost out on topline, angulations good. **3 Drew's Sh Ch Cushatlaw Illustrious JW**.

Veteran Bitch (2,1). 1 Pudney's Stairfoot Skye. Seven year old in good shape but much finer boned. Excellent harsh coat, angulations and tail set good. moved reasonably well.