Critique – Birmingham Dog Show Society Judge: Mrs P Butler-Holley

Thank you to the Birmingham National for the judging appointment and thank you to my stewards on the day. Sadly, we were late in the ring due to previous breed taking rather a long time. Thank you to all the exhibitors for the wonderful entry.

Special Beginners Dog (1). 1 Wetton & Morris' Kavacanne Bolt From The Blue. Pleasing youngster displaying lots of potential. So well balanced, moved ok.

Minor Puppy Dog (2). 1 Harvey's Valger Snow Patrol at Imaniz. Like this youngster very much showing lots of promise for the future. Loved the overall shape and outline so well balanced. Moved ok when settled. 2 Stainsby-Soanes' Whistlecraft Jaeger. Again, another pleasing youngster showing lots of potential for the future, covering ground well with little effort.

Puppy Dog (5). **1 Brown's Montalba Mister Teatime**. Liked this dog very much displaying the classic appearance as required for the breed. Deep chest, short in the back. moved well. **2 Harvey's Valger Snow Patrol at Imaniz. 3 Mann's Sparkenhoe Kith and Kin**.

Junior Dog (1). 1 Sielski's Orchidstar Bolts of Speed. Medium size dog, good head and eye. Moved true with little effort covering the ground well. Carried his tail a little high in my opinion which does spoil the overall outline when on the move.

Yearling Dog (1). 1 Collins' Barleyarch Hoopla at Forestpoint. My notes simply say wow, I loved him, good neck and shoulders, true head clean cut which is so well balanced to his body. Covered the ground well. Close up to top honours.

Post Graduate Dog (2). 1 Mann's Elfrindew Endrick to Valger. Such a workman like dog, clean outline, true head so well balanced to his body, good well muscled neck, displaying the classic arch which gives the grace of the dog in outline. good body short back, strong loin, and good strong quarters. Liked him very much, pleased to award him the DCC on the day. 2 Schoneville's Balvenie Double Diamond JW. Stronger heavier dog overall than winner today. Moved well.

Limit Dog (6,4). 1 Goff & Dales' Seasham Live Wire at Shoshoni. Love his overall outline and shape, good head and eye, moved well. Great coat texture. Good size overall. Moved well. Didn't quite get it together in the challenge. 2 Pocock's Fayemm Sea The Stars. When viewed in profile he displayed a good outline, today I preferred winner in head and front.

Open Dog (4). 1 Sielski's Orchidstar Bonds Of Speed. Won this class on his movement, great profile movement. True shape and overall outline. Good short back, deep chest, and good front. 2 Mann's Valger Ragnar JW, I loved his overall outline displaying all the virtues of the breed, great condition on this exhibit. Moved well driving from behind. 3 Thurm's Sh Ch Bryburn Bacchus JW ShCM ShCEx.

Veteran Dog (2,1). **1 Bennett & Slimak's Sh Ch Barleyarch Firefly**. I have admired this dog on many occasions and was not disappointed. His overall outline and shape are a pleasure to see and at 8 years young displaying lots of character. Great head shape and so well balanced to his body, moved true, pleased to award him *RDCC* and *Best Veteran*.

Special Beginners Bitch (3). 1 Jones' Keigame Sweet Lullaby of Barleydust. Stronger bitch overall, good shoulders and body moved ok. Best Special beginners in breed. 2 Brudenell-Pryke's Puddledub Pilis. Gave a lot away in maturity to winner but pleasing overall in shape and outline. Moved Ok.

Minor Puppy Bitch (6,1). 1 Read's Keigame Signe. Pleasing puppy, good outline overall, lot to like about her. moved well when settled, but a happy youngster. 2 Mann's Valger Symphony. Lots to like about her again moved great when settled but so happy and content with her surroundings. 3 Whitehouse's Kazanpaul Prawn Cracker.

Puppy Bitch (6). 1 Waddell's Magregor Glitter Muff. My notes say WOW, she is beautiful, overall balance is outstanding in my opinion. She is so well angulated at both ends it was a pleasure to award her the RCC and I'm sure on this form many more top awards will come her way. 2 Read's Keigame Signe. 3 Schoneville's Balvenie Eye Candy.

Junior Bitch (2). 1 Filby & Brown's Winterwell ThatIIdo for Desjiem. Great overall shape and outline, well muscled neck, strong clean shoulders, good ribs and strong quarters. Moved well. 2 Key's Montalba Mrs Whitlow TAF. Longer cast than winner, not quite the shape I was looking for today.

Yearling Bitch (5). 1 Rose's Barleyarch Shindig with Kavacanne. As the standard asks for, medium size, short back standing over plenty of ground. Classic shape bitch. Good head and eye, strong quarters moved very well. 2 Hammond's Seasham I Love To Boogie. Pleasing overall so well balanced, good shape, good strong quarters which she used on the move. 3 Thurm's Dappledele First Date at Bryburn.

Novice Bitch (3). 1 Gray's Kavacanne Ziti. Well balanced bitch overall, strong well muscled neck and good shoulder angulation. Moved well. 2 Stainsby-Soanes' Whistlecraft I'm A Rogue.

Graduate Bitch (8,1). **1 Elliott's Ankerwycke Silk Stockings**. Pleasing bitch showing overall quality. Well balanced and good strong quarters. Moved well. **2 Barker's Valger Rapunzel at Barkersdream JW. 3 Hammond's Seasham Hot Love**.

Post Graduate Bitch (5). 1 Lockett's Fayemm Forever Together. Medium sized bitch in such hard condition. From her head to her tail, she shouted GSP. Nothing exaggerated in any way. Grace in outline, good neck and shoulders, good body short in back, strong quarters. Moved true covering ground with ease. Pleased to award her the BCC and BOB. 2 Roden's Keigame Queenie. A lot to like about this bitch from her classy outline to her movement. Covered the ground effortlessly. Close up to winner today. 3 Barker's Radstorm Legal Eagle at Barkersdream JW.

Limit Bitch (6). 1 Trow & Jowsey's Winterwell Stoney Trail. Medium sized bitch with classic outline, neck and shoulders flowing into each other with ease. Sadly, in the challenge she decided to give her handler a hard time. 2 Sielski's Orchidstar Jenga. Pleasing bitch in all departments, good head neck and shoulder, good size nothing exaggerated. moved well. 3 Knowles & Glen's Wilholme Agnes Brown at Bessalone.

Open Bitch (8). **1 Waddell's Sh Ch Magregor Wiff Waff.** Dam to my RBCC, with similar qualities, good size bitch with many qualities. Showing no coarseness at all, her head is balanced and in total harmony and balance to her body. **2 Roden's Jacofraze Desire from Keigame.** Top class bitch so full of quality, nothing exaggerated in any part of her body. **3 Elrington's Barleyarch Dorito at Tequesta**.

Veteran Bitch (4,1). A wonderful class of top class bitches, splitting hairs between them, but a winner had to be found. 3 very different bitches but the quality of them is a pleasure to see and judge. One 10 years young and the other two 8 years young. Thank you for allowing me to judge your fabulous veterans. 1 Thurm's Sh Ch Valger Odette VW. 2 Knowles & Glen's Sh Ch & Ir Ch Wilholme Sharp N Smart at Bessalone CW. 3 Desombre's Barleyarch Springtail at Braneath.