

CRITIQUE - BIRMINGHAM DOG SHOW SOCIETY

Judge: Mrs R Martin

First of all I would like to congratulate the Birmingham Committee for the effort they put in to make this show an outstanding success. Super large outdoor rings, efficient stewards and we were graced with excellent weather. Excellent hospitality. I thoroughly enjoyed my day and thought my BOB winner (although he didn't feature in the cut) outdid himself in the big ring. I for one was delighted in his performance. Just a couple of issues - coats are still varied, varying from the correct short, flat and coarse to touch, to soft and in some cases silky. On that note there were no bad mouths and majority had excellent muscle tone. Temperaments were good. Some classes it was a case of nit-picking and the Limit and Open classes in both sexes quality abounded so some difficult decisions had to be made. But I thank the exhibitors who entered their dogs for me to assess.

Junior Dog (5,2). **1 Dymond's Quintana Diamond Dust at Friarsbelle JW.** I really fell for this lovely young dog; at just 12 months I would expect an exciting future for him. He is so well balanced with a clean cut head and soft intelligent eyes. Muscular neck leading into well laid shoulder and good return of upper arm. He has the correct topline with an excellent tail and set. Correct bone. Moved with a ground covering action. Delighted to award him the **RCC**. **2 Harvey's Valger Snow Patrol at Imaniz.** Unlucky to meet the winner. He is a balanced young dog with a good front assembly, well developed neck leading into correct shoulder, excellent topline, stands on good legs and feet. Moved well. **3 Brown's Montalba Mister Teatime.**

Yearling Dog (5,2). **1 Hill's Ceilloch Russian.** 19 months, another who is well balanced, nice size to him, well off for bone, good neck and shoulders. Moved ok, just needs a bit more oomph, but I liked his style. **2 Wetton's Kavacanne Bolt From The Blue.** Very close up to the winner and again similar attributes, loved his head and expression, moved well. **3 Sielski's Orchidstar Bolts Of Speed.**

Limit Dog (7,2). **1 Peebles' Seasham The Groover.** Solid liver, balanced in profile, nice length, good neck and well laid shoulders, good topline, moved well. **2 Collins' Barleyarch Hoopla at Forestpoint.** Another balanced dog and very close up to first. Nice angles all through. Moved out well. These two could easily change places on another outing. **3 Sielski's Orchidstar Bolts Of Speed.**

Open Dog (9,1) What a class, I was literally nit-picking some lovely dogs going cardless. **1 Mann's Sh Ch Valger Ragnar JW.** Last time I judged I gave this dog Best Puppy in Breed and said then that I thought he could only go from strength to strength, well all I can say he certainly has. I loved him then and I love him now. The balance on this dog is spot on nothing exaggerated, he just flows all through. His head is clean cut and in proportion to the rest of him, wide nostrils, ears of correct length and set high, with kind intelligent eyes. Muscular neck leading into well laid shoulder and correct length of upper arm with slightly sloping pasterns. Deep chest with well sprung ribs, firm but short back, good width of thigh and excellent tail and set. Moved out well. Definitely fit for function. Delighted to be able to award him the **CC & BOB**. **2 Smith & Reardon's Winterwell Maida Stone.** Very close up to the winner, he is well balanced all through, excellent size and shape and has many of the same attributes. Just a bit proud of his tail on the move. **3 Thurm's Sh Ch Bryburn Bacchus JW ShCM ShCEx.**

Veteran Dog (1). **1 Bennett's Sh Ch Barleyarch Firefly.** At eight and a half, he maintains his balance and he is well constructed, good front and rear angulation, moved well.

Special Beginners Bitch (2). **1 Barker's Bakersdream Who Dares Wins.** Lots to like about both of these girls. Well balanced all through, lovely head and expression, good ears, excellent neck and shoulders. She is very precise on the move keeping her topline. Lovely to see her get placed in the Special Beginners group. **2 Brudenell-Pryke's Puddledub Pilis.** Solid liver with a lovely head, good topline, nice size correct neck and shoulder, moved well.

Minor Puppy Bitch (3). Three lovely babies. **1 Merritt's Sperant Chocolate Cosmos.** At just 6 months and such a little sweetheart, Super head with expressive intelligent eyes. So much to like about her. She is balanced with a good front and stands on good legs and feet. Well off for bone without being overdone, she keeps her topline on the move, lovely tail and set. Moved well for a baby. **Best Puppy. 2 Rutherford's Dappledele Aurelia Rose.** Another at 6 months I am sure these girls will change places often. She stands over plenty of ground with correct topline, good legs and nice bone. Balanced all through, moved well. **3 Hargan's Rivernharg Cuckoo Co Choo.**

Puppy Bitch (2). **1 Garvey's Richtig Ragdoll.** 11 months, she is well balanced, with a lovely head and expression. Nicely put together, such a lot to like about her. Moved well. **2 Hargan's Rivernharg Cuckoo Co Choo.** Giving her handler a hard time, but she has promise. Her outline is balanced, with a good front and correct topline. Looks better on the move as she is more relaxed, just needs time.

Junior Bitch (7,1). Strong class. **1 Cox's Cushatlaw Athena.** Beautiful balance on this well constructed bitch. She has a super head and expression, correct length of neck to well laid shoulder, excellent topline, moved well fore and aft. I understand this win gave her, her final junior warrant points. Well done. **2 Rumney's Kacela Sweet Hadiya.** Unlucky to meet the winner on such good form. Another well balanced bitch throughout, nice size and shape correct topline, moved well. **3 Whitehouse's Kazanpaul Prawn Cracker.**

Yearling Bitch (4,1). **1 Cox's Cushatlaw Athena. 2 Ellis' Soellis Fancy Nancy.** Close up to winner. Nice size to this bitch, lovely head and expression, stands on excellent legs and feet, well balanced, moved well. **3 Whittaker's Pingarypoint Milk Shake.**

Novice Bitch (1). **1 Whittaker's Pingarypoint Milk Shake.** Lots to like about this bitch, although third in junior, she is a lovely shape and make with a good neck and shoulders, lovely expression, moved well.

Graduate Bitch (3). **1 Thomas' Pingarypoint Puzzled at Knabynnus.** Slightly bigger build, good front, nice expression, well balanced, exuberant on the move. **2 Patrick's Kavacanne Ziti.** Smaller all through than the winner, well-constructed, moved well. Preferred the eye and expression of the winner. **3 Brudenell-Pryke's Puddledub Pilis.**

Post Graduate Bitch (7,2). **1 Rose's Barleyarch Shindig with Kavacanne.** Nicely constructed and stands on good legs and feet. Lovely head and expression, balanced all through, powered round the ring on an even stride. **2 Staley's Jomeel Now I'm Here.** Slightly heavier than the winner, but she is balanced with a lovely head and eye, correct topline, moved well. **3 Barker's Valger Rapunzel at Bakersdream.**

Limit Bitch (11,1) What a class this was, really gave me something to think about. I could have done with two sets of winners. **1 Thurm's Dappledele First Date at Bryburn.** Lovely bitch from every angle, she has a super head and eye with correct ear set, muscled neck into clean shoulders, balanced all through, nice size, good length moved out well. Today she had to be content with the **RCC**. **2 Drew's Archerpoint Native Dancer.** Another nicely balanced bitch, of correct length, everything to like about her, moved well. **3 Burford's Pingarypoint Legolicious JW.**

Open Bitch (9,1) I thought the Limit class was hard, this class gave me the biggest headache of the day, there were so many that could have won here on another day, even the ones that were unfortunate not to get a place. But there can only be one winner. **1 Mann's Elfindrew Lacey to Valger JW.** I gave this bitch the RCC the last time and was delighted to be able to award her the **BCC** this time. Nothing has changed on her except to say she has matured into a lovely bitch. She has fulfilled all her early promise. Beautifully balanced all through with a lovely head and eye, good ear carriage, muscular neck leading into well placed shoulders with correct return of upper arm. Excellent topline and tail set, good width of thigh, strong rear quarters. Drove round the ring on an even stride. **2 Elliott's Ankerwycke Silk Stockings.** Close up to winner she is well balanced with a good head and expression, stands on good legs and feet, moved out well. **3 Elrington's Sh Ch Barleyarch Dorito at Tequesta.**

Veteran Bitch (4). **1 Burford's Pingarypoint Hot Topic.** Eight and a half, looking well, correct construction, well balanced, lovely head and eye, moved well with style. **Best Veteran. 2 Whitehouse's Kazanpaul Creme De La Creme.** Well-made and balanced all through, good topline, tidy mover. **3 Desombre's Barleyarch Springtail at Braneath.**