## **CRITIQUE - BORDER UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Judge: Mrs H Taylor-Morris

Many thanks to Border Union Agricultural Society for this appointment to award my first set of CC's. I was originally invited back in 2017 for the 2020 show which was then delayed by COVID until now. I would like to sincerely thank my steward Preston for keeping everything running smoothly on the day. I found all temperaments to be exemplary (as we should expect from this breed), and all exhibits had correct dentition. We had the perfect weather for showing dogs and a nice big ring for them to move in.

**Puppy Dog** (2). **1 McCafferty's Thorscrag Hades**. 10 month, well up to size and going through the rangy phase. Pleasing head with correct length of muzzle. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulders. Deep chest with rib coming well back. Correct sloping topline and good tailset. Well angulated rear, good bone and feet. Won this class with his ground covering profile movement showing good reach and drive. **BPD**. **2 Schoneville's Orchidstar Themisto by Balvenie**. 11 month, smaller and more compact dog overall but still within standard. Correct bone standing on good feet. Good head with correct ear set and length. Presented in excellent condition with good muscle tone. Moved true out and back but lacked the reach of 1 in profile.

Junior Dog (3). 1 McCafferty's Thorscrag Hades. 2 Graham's Winterwell Tubby Tompkin from Nyliram JW. 16 month of correct size and bone. Presented in well muscled condition with correct coat texture. Needs time to fill in forechest. Well angulated fore and aft with good topline and tailset. Pleasing head with correct length of muzzle and dark eye. Moved well but couldn't match the reach in front of 1 today. 3 Schoneville's Orchidstar Themisto by Balvenie.

**Post Graduate Dog** (1). **1 Hill's Ceilloch Russian**. Pleasing unexaggerated dog of good size and proportion. Masculine head with good length of muzzle. Well laid shoulder with good depth of chest and correct sloping topline. Well angulated rear with correct croup and tailset. Moved well in profile but crabbing on out and back.

Limit Dog (6,2). 1 Collins' Barleyarch Hoopla at Forestpoint. Quality dog of good size and type, well boned standing on good feet with correct slope to pastern. Masculine head with good length of muzzle and dark eye. Good length of neck. Deep chest carried well back with good spring of rib. Moderately angulated front and rear. Won this class on his even ground covering movement. 2 Delaney & Thompson's Parsonsview Showboating at Redmires. More compact dog all through. Short backed with good depth of chest and well sprung rib. Masculine head with nice dark eye and correct ear, would prefer him not as heavy through the muzzle. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulder. Correct topline and croup with good tailset. Presented in excellent well muscled condition. Moved well. 3 Shepherd's Orchidstar Full Speed Ahead.

Open Dog (7). 1 Sielski's Sh Ch Orchidstar Bolts of Speed. Won this class and ultimately the CC with his sound out and back movement and easy ground covering reach and drive. Masculine head with correct length of muzzle and dark eye. Excellent reach of neck into well laid shoulders with good return of upper arm. Chest is deep with good spring of rib. Correct sloping topline with good tailset and carriage. Good rear angulation with well let down hocks. *DCC*. 2 Dodd & Hayes' Jhebron's Jeno via Elfrindew. A very soundly made dog presented in lovely fit condition. Slightly stronger in head than 1 but has the kindest dark eye and good length of muzzle. Balanced angulation fore and aft which he uses to advantage on the move with economical strides and true on the out and back. Correct size and bone with good depth of chest and corresponding fore chest. *RDCC*. 3 Dymond's Sh Ch Quintana Diamond Dust at Friarsbelle JW.

**Veteran Dog** (1). **1 Thurm's Sh Ch Bryburn Bacchus JW ShCM ShCEx**. Quality dog with typy outline. Excellent head with good length of muzzle and dark eye. Excellent front and rear angulation which showed in his easy ground covering movement. True out and back. Correct sloping topline and tailset. Stands on good feet with correct slope to pastern. Currently changing coat but texture was correct. **BVD**.

**Puppy Bitch** (1). **1 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Zsazsa Gabor**. 11 month who has done most of her growing and now, rightly so, needs time to fill her frame. Feminine head with excellent length of muzzle, eye still to fully darken. Excellent lay of shoulder with fore chest developing nicely. Good depth and length of chest. Well boned with excellent feet. Correct topline with good tailset. Moved with good reach and drive. **BPIB**.

Junior Bitch (5). 1 Pearson's Winterwell Lulu Moppet to Ladyhawke JW. This was the toughest class of the day with all 5 exhibits bound to go on to do plenty more winning. Topping the class was this 16 month old who moved round the ring like she owned it. Prettiest of heads with balanced planes and dark eye. She stands so true in front with good fore chest, correct elbow, and straight forelegs. Well angulated front and rear, she stands short backed with correct topline and good depth of chest. Correct bone and size. Couldn't fault her on the move today, so true out and back and in the challenge, she floated round to take the *CC* and ultimately *BOB*. 2 Staley's Jomeel Olivia's Choice. Unlucky to meet 1 today at this stage in her development but this youngster also ticks many boxes. Typy in outline with excellent angulation front and rear. Short backed with correct topline and good chest. Feminine head with good length of muzzle and nice length of neck. Correct bone and size. Moved with good reach and drive but couldn't match precision of 1 going away today. 3 Sielski's Orchidstar Missing Link.

Yearling Bitch (7) 1 Tait's Benboee Beelieve. Well boned youngster who still needs time to fill into herself. Excellent head with correct muzzle and ear. Nice reach of neck. Good depth of chest with rib coming well back. Well angulated rear with hock well let down. Correct sloping topline and good tailset. Stands on good feet with correct pastern. Correct coat. Moved steadily and accurately with even strides. 2 Rutherford's Dappledele Aurelia Rose. Presented a balanced outline with correct topline and good depth of chest, longer cast than winner. Pretty in head but would prefer more appearance of stop, nice dark eye. Well bent stifles, moved well. 3 Convery & Convery-Gamble's Dappledele Sassy Saffron.

Novice Bitch (4). 1 Convery & Convery-Gamble's Dappledele Sassy Saffron. Feminine head with appealing dark eye. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulder. Chest comes well back but could be deeper. Excellent topline and tailset. Tending to crab on the move today. 2 Boyden's Brynoer Betrys. Short backed of correct bone and size. Pretty head but could do with more length in muzzle. Long neck, good shoulder placement. Moved true on the out and back. Correct coat. 3 Monie's Myles Blue Drimmie Stanehus.

Graduate Bitch (4). 1 Staley's Jomeel Olivia's Choice. 2 Nixon's Quintana Lunar Eclipse. Excellent feminine head with kind eye and correct ear. Well laid shoulder but could do with more return of upper arm. Excellent topline, high tailset. Good depth of chest and correct spring of rib. Excellent condition. 3 Blair's Richtig Rihanna.

**Post Graduate Bitch** (4,1). **1 Gatliffe & Holderness' Allezweck Inga**. Good head with correct ear. Well laid shoulder, could do with more return of upper arm. Correct depth and length of chest with good spring of rib, tendency to drop her topline in the stack. Won this class on clean ground covering movement. **2 Lindridge's Amidala Dancing Queen**. Taller and longer than winner but still presenting a balanced picture. Moderately angulated fore and aft. Excellent head with kind dark eye. Correct bone and pasterns, standing on good feet. Moved true out and back but couldn't match winner for forward reach today. **3 Cox's Cushatlaw Athena JW**.

Limit Bitch (9,2). 1 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Gambler. Won this class on her ground covering reach and drive in profile and accuracy of footfall on the out and back. Excellent head with good length of muzzle. Good reach of neck. Well laid shoulder with equal return of upper arm. Nice depth of chest and good spring of rib would prefer tighter elbows. Presented in excellent hard condition. 2 Gatliffe's Allezweck Edessa. Very sound moving girl with accurate footfall on the out and back. Good head and neck, shoulder a little forward placed. Excellent topline and tailset. Moderately angulated rear. Good bone and feet. Another in excellent condition. 3 Jackman's Navigareamor Spring Tide

Open Bitch (7). 1 Thurm's Sh Ch Dappledele First Date at Bryburn. Quality girl from the tip of her nose to the tip of her tail. Feminine head with the softest dark eye and correct length and depth of muzzle. Well angulated front and back with correct length of body and good depth of rib. Correct slope to pasterns and good feet. Correct topline and tailset. Moving straight and true with correct single tracking out and back and flowing reach and drive in profile. *RCC*. 2 Delaney's Archerpoint Sea The Stars at Redmires. Close up to 1. Loved her type and outline. Excellent head with kind dark eye and good muzzle, well set ear. Well angulated front and rear. She stands short backed with correct topline and depth of chest. Moved with excellent reach and drive but a little close going away. 3 Staley's Jomeel Naughtylicious.

Veteran Bitch (6). 1 Malin's Keigame Murphlette at Benrae. Tough class topped by this girl who epitomises the cliché of not looking her age. She moved round the ring with presence and excellent ground coverage. She stands true fore and aft with good fore chest and tight elbow. Excellent topline and tailset with good depth to chest. She stands on good feet with correct slope to pastern and nice harsh coat. BV & VGp1. Pleased to see her top the Veteran Group later in the day. 2 Drew's Sh Ch Cushatlaw Illustrious JW. A girl I have often admired from ringside, and she didn't disappoint. Typical in outline with excellent overall angulation and correct length of back. Lovely feminine head with nice dark eye. Correct size and bone, good coat. Moved with excellent reach and drive but not as tidy as 1 coming towards today. 3 Lindridge's Amidala Fast and Furious JW.