

CRITIQUE - CITY OF BIRMINGHAM CANINE ASSOCIATION

Judge: Mr A Drysdale

Thank you to the officers and committee for what was, after several false starts, my first CC appointment. Thanks too to my two excellent stewards Linda and Chris who looked after me and kept things running smoothly and efficiently and to all the exhibitors for such a wonderful entry.

I was pleased to find that the majority of exhibits were typical in head and that there were very few of the wider headed, shorter muzzled dogs on show, which I gather have been more prevalent within the breed in recent times. Coats were very good, and I found movement to be sound and true in a high number of dogs with most being presented in fit, muscular condition. A number of exhibits were a little steep in croup, and this needs careful consideration moving forward. Unfortunately, quite a few dogs were slipping on the carpet when being stacked which meant that I didn't see them at their best.

Special Beginners Dog (1). **1 Powell's Hiccup's Leaving A Legacy.** A 12 month old who is well up to size and rather rangy at present and still needs time to fill his frame. A masculine head and dark eye gives a pleasing expression and I liked the length of his foreface and slight nasal rise. Good lay back to shoulder but upper arm could have had more length and return. A little narrow all through which could be seen both on the stack and on the move, with him moving a little close both fore and aft. He has a good coat and neat well arched feet. **BSPBeg.**

Veteran Dog (2,1). **1 Thurm's Sh Ch Bryburn Bacchus JW ShCM ShCEx.** A quality dog of true type who presents such a balanced picture and who fits the standard well. Lovely noble head and eye, slightly arched neck into the best of shoulders, correct depth of chest and well sprung rib cage leading to a short firm loin. Nicely angled quarters and good finish to the croup. Still fit at 7 and a half and moved out confidently on an easy stride. **BV.** A very worthy show champion and pleased to see that he was awarded **group 4 in the Veteran group** later in the day.

Minor Puppy Dog (3). **1 Desombre's Braneath Peregrine.** An appealing 8 month old puppy who is nicely put together being short coupled and with good bone and substance. His head still needs to develop but this should finish well. Good depth for his age and angles fore and aft are compatible to give a balanced picture. A little steep in croup however, he has many attributes. Once he settled, this promising puppy moved out steadily and with precision on correctly shaped feet. **BPIB.** **2 Rymer's Sarscottah Easy Ryder at Rollenwood.** Just over 8 months and of different type to 1 being larger framed and longer. I liked his head which was proportionate with good length and depth to foreface and an already dark eye. A little long in loin for my taste and needs to develop more in body and rib. Time will be his friend in this respect, and we will see the best of him once he's filled his frame. Moved out quite well but just needs to tighten a little more in front. Coat of good texture. **3 Pocock's Clannagael Henry.**

Puppy Dog (1). **1 Rymer's Sarscottah Easy Ryder at Rollenwood.**

Junior Dog (5). **1 Russell's Fraulynzway Lightning Bolt.** An upstanding, strong young dog who is masculine throughout but without any hint of coarseness. Scored in head which is clean all through and with good length to foreface and dark eye. Reachy neck into a very decent forehand, has depth and good spring to rib with correct sweep to stifles, though a little more width in 2nd thighs would complete the picture for me. Desired topline into a short muscled loin and correct tail set. Moved soundly and with good foot placement. **2 Heath's Pinseeker Pep Guardiola.** Another very nice young dog with lots to like. Shorter coupled than 1 and very balanced having excellent angles fore and aft with well muscled quarters and a good width to second thighs. Liked his low set hocks and well arched neat feet. Head would benefit from a little more length to the foreface but a pleasant expression, nonetheless. Clean through the neck which flows nicely into a firm well held topline and onto a well set on tail. Coat coarse to the touch. Moved well behind but front movement is a little loose at present but hopefully this will tighten as he matures. Just preferred head and front movement of 1. **3 Schoneville's Orchidstar Themisto by Balvenie.**

Graduate Dog (6). **1 Russell's Fraulynzway Lightning Bolt. 2 Heath's Pinseeker Pep Guardiola. 3 Schoneville's Orchidstar Themisto by Balvenie.**

Post Graduate Dog (1). **1 Taylor & Taylor-Morris' Pelenrise All Guns Blazing JW.** A medium sized, smart young dog who has substance and good overall proportions. Loved his clean, well balanced head and dark eye. Muscular neck into decent lay of shoulder but I would prefer slightly more length and return to the upper arm. Good depth to brisket and well ribbed up to short coupling. Quarters are sufficiently muscled and of moderate angulation and he moved soundly and with good propulsion from the rear. Presented in good order and very well handled.

Limit Dog (6). **1 Bowler's Winterwell Iggy Inch JW.** A very impressive young dog with a lovely clean and eye catching outline. He is all quality, possessing that most important combination of masculinity and elegance and has substance and strength throughout. Well balanced head piece with clean filled neck flowing into a firm topline, which was held on the move, to a well set on tail. Stands on strong limbs and has well laid back shoulders with good length and return of upper arm. Super straight front, brisket is down to the elbow and rib cage is well developed and carried well back with loin short and strong. Quarters firm and well shaped. Correct coarse coat and presented in hard muscular condition. His movement was a joy to watch as he ate up the ground with great reach and drive and with such fluency. He is a real showman, and I was delighted to award him the **DCC** (which gave him his title) and **BOB**. I was very pleased too to see that he was shortlisted in the group under the very experienced and well respected Frank Kane. **2 Mellor's Evagrove Exclusive.** This young dog appealed for type and is compact and stylish with good bone. He has a strong masculine head with a pleasing expression and is well developed through the body with the desired angles both fore and aft and stands on good legs and feet. Moved soundly and confidently, covering the ground well. I liked him a lot and he was unlucky to meet 1 on such good form today. **3 Brown's Montalba Mister Teatime.**

Open Dog (10,2). **1 Dymond's Sh Ch Quintana Diamond Dust at Friarsbelle JW.** A really super male of quality who both caught and held my attention throughout. He is built on clean lines and looked stunning on the stack. Pleased in head which is masculine with the desired chiselling and with a dark expressive eye, neck muscular and of good length, chest deep and with well developed fore chest. Scored in top line and tail set. Ribs well sprung and carried well back to short filled loin. Hindquarters well muscled with good width to first and second thighs and with good sweep to stifles. He has a dense, coarse coat and stands on good feet. Moved with great power and precision and really excelled in profile movement. Very pleased to award him the **RDCC.** **2 Sielski's Sh Ch Orchidstar Bolts of Speed.** A very well constructed medium sized dog who is full of breed type and so very balanced. He has a very pleasing head with a gentle expression and a lovely flow from the tip of his nose to his tail, which is well set on. Scored in topline which is firm and held well both when stood and when on the move. He has all the desired angles, good depth and is short coupled to good rump and strong quarters. Presented in super condition. He retained his excellent shape when on the move and moved true and at one with his expert handler. **3 Stopforth's Sh Ch Taftazini Cesar Chance with Serenymor.**

Good Citizen Scheme Dog (2). **1 Schoneville's Orchidstar Themisto by Balvenie.** A compact short coupled young dog who stands fore square. He has quite a nice head and eye, slightly arched neck into a shoulder that is sufficiently laid back but would prefer more length and return to the upper arm. Ribs are well sprung and well back with a short loin that leads to quarters that are well developed and which have a good sweep to the stifles. Moved out soundly and worked with his handler to advantage. **2 Powell's Hiccup's Leaving A Legacy.**

Veteran Bitch (1). **1 Nixon's Quintana Cloud Berry.** A very fit 7 year old bitch who is soundly put together with good overall balance and proportions. She has a sweet head with a very endearing expression, and I loved her outlook in that she was confident, relaxed and clearly happy to be in the ring showing herself off. She has a decent forehand, topline and tail set with strong quarters that were used to advantage when on the move as she strode out purposefully and with good carriage. Thank you for bringing her.

Minor Puppy Bitch (4). **1 West's Ceilloch Luck Be A Lady.** An attractive feminine 7 month old puppy with a very pleasing shape when stood. Appealing head with kind eye and expression. Well formed neck and front with nicely angled shoulders and good return of upper arm. Liked her topline into strong quarters which showed good width for one so young. Moved out well at both ends on good legs and feet. Hopefully she'll grow on and fulfil this early promise. **2 Broekhoff's & Hrabáková's A-Quest Pont Luty.** A different type altogether than 1 being taller and longer cast. Raw still at 7½ months and just now going through that in between stage. Needs to develop more in rib and body in order to look less shallow. Head is well proportioned with a good length to foreface, eyes to darken. Would prefer a little more lay back to the shoulder and length and return to the upper arm, loin a shade long and still needs to fill. Quarters developing on the right lines and feet are well shaped. Moved well enough. **3 Thomson's Sarscottah Enchanted.**

Puppy Bitch (4). **1 Tarrant & Powell's Newtonbriar Pure Bliss.** A mature looking almost 12 month old bitch who is well up to size. Built on clean lines and cuts a nice shape on the stack. Head is just a shade lippy for my taste, but this does not unduly detract from its balance nor its appeal. A correctly textured coat tops off a well balanced youngster who has good shoulders, a deep brisket, well sprung ribs, and a gentle tuck up to strong and wide quarters with good muscle tone. Correct topline and tail set. Moved out well with a tidy action. **BPB. 2 West's Ceilloch Luck Be A Lady. 3 Broekhoff's & Hrabáková's A-Quest Pont Luty.**

Junior Bitch (3,1). **1 Angus' Keigame Hearts Desire of Sparkenhoe (AI).** A very smart young bitch with lots to like. She has a super outline and is so very balanced. Her head is clean cut with a dark eye and has the desired length to the foreface. There is a smooth transition from neck into shoulders, which are well laid back and with the desired length and return of the upper arm. Straight front, good depth with chest down to her correctly positioned elbows and ribs are well back with loin nice and short. Scores in quarters which are well developed for her age, and she has low set hocks and correctly shaped, well padded feet. Moved well with a confident sound action. **Best Junior. 2 Court's Magregor Seventh Moon over Ballyheige.** Another nice bitch who I liked. Absolutely loved her head which is totally GSP. So very feminine with a good amount of chiselling and with a lovely dark eye giving a melting expression. Correctly shaped well set on ears completed the picture. Not quite as clean over the shoulders as 1 and just a little steep at the croup for my taste but movement was good, and she had a nice action. Correct feel to the coat and put down in good order. Well handled.

Graduate Bitch (2). **1 Staley's Jomeel Olivia's Choice.** A very pleasing bitch of good make and typical shape who has balance all through. A sweet head that is proportionate and which has a nice dark eye. Moderate neck with slight arch into good forehand assembly, nice body depth and strong firm topline. Well angulated rear with good muscle tone and well boned legs and correctly shaped feet. Coat texture was good, and she used herself well on the move with her experienced handler. **2 Davies' Faircastle Electra.** Different in type to 1 being taller and longer. Head showed correct ratio of length to foreface and back skull but was a little on the heavy side with a rather low set overly long ear. Neck into shoulders was good as was the length and angle of shoulders and upper arm. Would have preferred greater depth and a more gradual rise to the underline. Good sweep to stifles, very tidy feet, and good coat. Moved out well enough. I feel a little more weight would benefit her for the ring.

Post Graduate Bitch (10,3). **1 Sielski's Orchidstar Missing Link JW.** A quality bitch who I thought was just right for size and balance, being very typical in outline. Loved her feminine head and dark eye and she is well angled all through but with nothing overdone. Excellent depth with good spring to the ribs and with desired loin. Scores in topline and tail set and is really nice in the quarters which have good muscling. Short from hock to heel and with good feet. She carries herself well and is a stylish and positive mover. **2 Edlin's Graygees Tsarine.** Another nice bitch who is compact and well put together. A pleasing head with well set on ears, moderate, muscular neck into a correctly angled forehand, ample ribbing and good strong moderately angled quarters. Correct topline and tail set. Coat feels good in the hand, and she moved out positively and with accuracy. Just preferred the overall balance of 1. **3 Rumney's Kacela Sweet Hadiya.**

Limit Bitch (10,1). **1 Izard's Yockletts Hambleton.** This was a lovely class with some real quality bitches on show. This bitch really caught my eye and when stood presented such a beautiful outline full of symmetry and class. She has that air of quality and impresses from any angle. A very attractive chiselled head flows into such a well placed front assembly with the desired lay back of shoulder and length and return of upper arm. She has good depth, is well ribbed up and is strong and muscular in loin. Plenty of width to the first and second thighs and well bent stifles. Scores in topline and tail set and has the desired coarse coat. Ultra sound on the move with such a smooth, effortless gait and with super reach in front and great propulsion from her strong rear. Presented in hard condition and handled well. Delighted to award her the **BCC** today. **2 Nixon's Quintana Lunar Eclipse.** Another bitch from the top drawer who had a difficult job to get past the winner today. She is typical throughout and has femininity with just the right amount of substance. Head is well proportioned with a well fitting eye; neck is clean into a good layback of shoulder and with just enough upper arm. Super topline and tail set and is nicely developed in the rear. Excelled in rear movement and really covered the ground on strong limbs and neat correctly shaped feet. I liked this bitch very much and she pushed really hard for the RBCC. **3 Pearson's Winterwell Lulu Moppet to Ladyhawke JW.**

Open Bitch (7,1). **1 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Gambler.** A bitch of real quality who has a lovely typical head, showing the desired chiselling and with the correct amount of work. This and her lovely well fitting dark eye give a most gentle, melting expression. She is strong, fit, and muscular but retains her femininity. A slightly arched neck flows into the best of forehands and she has correspondingly well developed wide thighs with a good sweep to the stifles. Good depth and well developed through the body with a short strong loin. Quality bone and has good legs and spoon shaped feet. Her coat had the desired coarse feel to it, and she was put down in very good order. She moved out confidently and soundly with a pleasing ground covering action and was true both ends and in all directions. Very pleased to award her the **RBCC. 2 Thurm's Sh Ch Dappledele First Date at Bryburn.** A very classy bitch who has so much appeal and who presented a super silhouette when stood. Balanced, elegant and ultra feminine with oodles of breed type. A nicely proportioned head with kind eye and neat correctly shaped ears. Clean through the neck which flows into a firm well held topline and well set on tail. Straight front, has good depth with well bent stifles and ideal width to both first and second thighs. Liked her low set hocks and tight, well arched feet. This lovely bitch was somewhat unsettled today but her skilled handler enabled her to show her many virtues. **3 Ellis' Soellis Fancy Nancy.**

Good Citizen Scheme Bitch (1). **1 Barker's Barkersdream Who Dares Wins.** A striking bitch well up to size and with much substance. She is short coupled and balanced all through. Head is proportionate with the desired width and length to the foreface. Neck is moderate and fitted well into a nicely angled shoulder and with a good return of upper arm. Good topline and underline with decent quarters. An active mover with a 'scopey' stride and well presented and handled.