Critique – Crufts Dog Show Judge: Mrs P A Blay

Thrilled to be able to judge this breed which is so close to my heart at such a wonderful show, only one thing to spoil the appointment was the fact that we are a dual-purpose breed but here we were only able to show the undocked dogs. As the damage to the tail is so common, lots tend to dock to enable them to work without the worry. I can say that I was able to find exactly what I was looking for and I thank not only the exhibitors who came but the audience who I hope enjoyed watching this lovely breed. Hopefully one day we can again all come together at the most important show in the calendar.

Veteran Dog (2,1). **1 Prior's Booton Imperial**. 8 and a half year old very typical boy with an excellent head and expression, good body proportions, good neck and shoulders, good depth and width of chest and a strong loin, lovely topline held both set up and moving, this liver and white has well boned legs and good feet, alone but deserving of his placing and could win in any company.

Puppy Dog (2). 1 Green's Kazanpaul War Horse. Quality liver and white youngster of 9 months, excellent head and expression, excellent coat for age and he was in excellent condition, moved well, if still a bit loose in front but this will tighten with age, for he is just right all through at present, held a good topline and well set tail carried ok, loved his neck and forequarters, lovely bone and feet. 2 Morris' Wickwater Arnie. Another 9-month-old but today he was a little hooligan giving his handler such a hard time, so full of spirit and fun and really enjoying his day, as he should! Not so advanced in development as yet as he needs to drop in body and head needs to finish but it is still masculine and you couldn't mistake his sex but he has a nice topline and good hindquarters, a pickle but a nice type and one who should mature well.

Junior Dog (5). 1 Milton and Lewis' Molkara Air Gunner. Loved his head and expression with correctly shaped eyes and well set ears, good flews and he is just right for age, in good coat and put down in excellent condition, excellent forequarters and hindquarters, effortless movement with correctly carried head and tail, topline needs to settle but he is balanced and a lovely type. 2 Ottaway's Pioneer Top Hat with Nalapound. Liver and white with a masculine head which still needs to finish but he has good eyes of the correct shape and well set and carried ears, lovely neck and shoulders, good topline and tailset, good body proportions with a nice rib and good loin, moved well once he settled but a balanced boy of quality. 3 Donnelly and Rippon's Magregor Toffolossus.

Post Graduate Dog (5,1). 1 Rose's Kavacanne Morgan You Know. Good body proportion and I love his type, he stands over plenty of ground with the correct back and loin, liked his gentle expression and well set ears, good neck and shoulders, strong topline and well set tail, moved effortlessly, would prefer him to be just a touch bigger for masculinity but so much to like about him. 2 McPherson's Whistlecraft Gandalf. Longer cast dog who moved so well keeping a good topline and tail carriage and head carriage too with enough front extension and hind propulsion to cover the ground with style, nice head and expression, very masculine in outlook, correct neck and underline, well-muscled all through. 3 Long's Boarderoak Dill Cowslip.

Limit Dog (7,1). 1 Jackman's Navigareamor Hardtoport. Masculine boy who won on his excellent movement, he is slightly long for perfection but has so many good points that took him to the top, this mature dog has a lovely head and expression with a good eye and well set ears leading into a strong neck and well make forequarters, strong topline and loin, well set tail and hammy quarters, well boned legs and feet, correct ribcage and although slightly long in loin it was very strong and enabled him to keep a strong topline both set up and moving, he has the correct coat missing on so many nowadays, won a strong class and took the CC & BOB. 2 Sielski's Orchidstar Bonds Of Speed. Again a lovely type as this liver and white boy certainly covers the ground with ease, loved his head and expression, so very masculine in outlook, good neck and shoulders, with a good ribcage and loin, well-muscled hindquarters with a well set and carried tail, he is balanced and showed well to win his place here. 3 Thomas' Brainescroft Tahiti.

Open Dog (7,1). 1 Brown and Burns' Sh Ch Magregor Threesacrowd at Pothouse. He is quality and one I have liked before, he is an excellent example of the breed with the correct coat, a lovely type with a masculine head and expression, good neck and shoulders, strong correct topline and well set tail, strong hindquarters, he stands over plenty of ground, steady mover, this mature boy is a credit to the breed for he has lovely bone and feet and an excellent ribcage. RDCC. 2 Sielski's Orchidstar Wotsit. Excellent head and expression of good proportions and well-set ears, good neck and forequarters, good body and loin, held a good topline both set up and moving with a well set and carried tail, enough strength in hindquarters used to cover the ground looking good particularly in profile. 3 Jedrzejczyk's Ch, Cie, PI, Lt & Ua Ch Ares Z Wlodzimierzowa.

Field Trial Dog (1). 1 Dymond's Ir Sh Ch, Int Ch & Multi Ch Friarsbelle Marsh Mellow. Well balanced quality dog who was 7 on the last day of the show, definitely not behaving as a veteran, he is full of life and vigour, put down in excellent condition, his muscle tone was a pleasure to see, lovely type of liver and white, good head and expression, good neck, topline and tailset, strong well–muscled hindquarters, good bone and feet, excellent coat, moved with purpose and drive. Again, alone but would win anywhere.

Good Citizens Dog (4,1). 1 Prior's Booton Imperial. 2 McPherson's Whistlecraft Gandalf. 3 Long's Boarderoak Dill Cowslip.

Veteran Bitch (5,1). 1 Tait's Benboee Bordeaux. Longer cast bitch of 10 who really covered the ground, so very feminine in head and expression, excellent neck and shoulders, good topline and a well set tail, good depth and width of rib, strong loin and an excellent hindquarter, well boned legs and feet, this lovely type of bitch moved so well for her age, a credit to both the breed and owner. BV. 2 Rose's Sh Ch & Neth Ch Kavacanne Toff Talk. Her head is my ideal, so very feminine and balanced with beautiful soulful eyes and a head framed with well–set ears, put down in lovely coat and condition, good neck and shoulders, held a strong topline, strong loin, good hindquarters, no mistaking her sex and moved well looking good particularly in profile. 3 Beresford's Tuptonsett Ebony Princess.

Puppy Bitch (2). 1 Rose and Gaffney's Pingarypoint The Way to Kavacanne. This 9 month old quality baby just stole the show for me, she is very together both set up and moving for her age, she has that beautiful head and expression which shouts GSP to me, lovely neck and shoulders, held her topline and has a well set and carried tail, showed her socks off and looked a picture in profile moving at the correct speed to keep her topline and she is not loose in front either, she is quality. BP. 2 Roberton's Kazanpaul Australia. 8 months old pretty baby, still very loose at present but she is just as a baby should be, she too is quality and I am sure these 2 will have a good few battles in the future! The Crufts atmosphere did not faze this baby, she has good body proportions and again a good type.

Junior Bitch (4) 1 Waddell's Magregor Wiff Waff. Typical youngster of the correct make and shape, very feminine in head and expression of good proportions, excellent neck and shoulders with a good topline and good depth of ribcage, good coat texture and she was put down in excellent condition, movement was textbook and she has a well set tail which she is carrying just a bit high at present but this will settle, she is quality and has a good future. 2 Hallam's Redic Quicksilver. Only at her second show but she coped so well with it. Still needs to mature but again a good type, pretty head which still has to finish but shows promise, good body proportions and when she settled, she moved well. 3 Wilkinson's Zarozinia Sidh Chailleann.

Post Graduate Bitch (10,1). An excellent class with many showing promise but 1 Whitby's Wilholme Sisko, just shone today, she is quality with a lovely head and expression of the correct development, excellent neck and shoulders, excellent mover which she would be for she is so correct in forequarters and hindquarters for their muscular condition, lovely bone and feet, strong topline and a good underline, covers a lot of ground but still has strength. Well set tail and good coat texture. A good example of the breed pushed hard in the challenge. 2 Attwood and Turner's Kavacanne Pina Colada of Patterscourt. Nothing flashy about this workman like bitch but she is so correct and typy, very feminine in outlook with a feminine head and expression, good neck and shoulders, well-proportioned body and strong topline, moved steadily and precisely covering the ground with ease, one I could imagine doing a day's work. 3 Burford's Pingarypoint Legolicious.

Limit Bitch (9). Another interesting class. 1 Burford's Pingarypoint Eye Candy. Yet another sired by Ch Kavacanne Toff At The Top who certainly is stamping his type on the breed. She has the head and expression that appeals with the correct eye shape and well set ears, good neck and shoulders, good ribcage and loin, she certainly covers the ground well and in profile keeps a good topline using her strong hindquarters to advantage, well boned legs and feet and good coat texture. 2 Tait's Benboee Bring It On. Pretty bitch with good head proportions, very feminine in outlook, she is a good size and is very balanced all through, this quality girl has the correct neck and forequarters, strong topline and well–muscled hindquarters, in fact she was well muscled and toned all through and this showed particularly in her excellent movement, so very feminine, you couldn't mistake her sex, a pleasure to judge. 3 Thomas' Brainescroft Saffron.

Open Bitch (7). 1 Serenella's Ita Ch Night Force U Belive In Magic. Totally different in type to my usual preference but she has so much going for her that I couldn't resist her. She gave me goose bumps when she moved and particularly in profile with her correct head carriage, excellent neck and shoulders, correct forequarters, strong ribcage and loin, well-muscled hammy quarters with well set and carried tail, well boned legs and feet. Head for me is a bit long but I forgave her this for her excellent presence and qual-ity with her correct coat texture and attitude in the ring. BCC. 2 Sielski's Orchidstar Xtra O'live. More to my type but this quality girl should never be overlooked, beautiful head and expression, very feminine in outlook with a good neck and shoulders, correct strong topline and well set tail, good hindquarters, well boned legs and feet, excellent movement and size, put down in hard mus-cular condition, she deserved her place and pleased to award her the RBCC. 3 Burford's Pingarypoint Hot Topic.

Good Citizens Bitch (4). 1 Arkley's Indijazz Show Girl. Thrilled to be able to give this lovely girl a class, the owner had found a handler to move her and the improvement was wonderful, she is a lovely type with a pretty head and nothing is overdone in her but she is just right for size and femininity, a credit to her owner. 2 Stainsby–Soanes' Whistlecraft Go Go Gadget. Good neck and shoulders, feminine head and expression, she is balanced and moved so well here, well boned legs and feet, good topline and tailset, nice type. 3 Beresford's Tuptonsett Ebony Princess.