CRITIQUE - LADIES KENNEL ASSOCIATION

Judge: Mrs J Squire

I would like to thank the officers and committee of LKA for their kind invitation and to my stewards who kept things running smoothly. More importantly, my appreciation to the exhibitors, allowing me to judge their dogs and being so patient with the long wait. Having been second in the ring after a large entry of pointers, it was somewhat frustrating when you see empty rings around you.

I found some classes challenging but was very impressed with the dogs I awarded top honour's to.

Minor Puppy Dog (3,1). **1 Morris' Wickwater Arnie**. 6month old baby, who was hard to assess as both dog and handler are in need of some serious ring craft. This being said, I could see enough that he had a pleasing balanced head, enough size and bone for his age and for the brief moments he had all four feet on the ground his movement was sound. **2 Green's Kazanpaul War Horse**. A real raw baby, who at this stage is on the small side with fine bone, head balanced, with lovely soft gentle expression, lovely dark short coat of correct texture, he put on a better performance than the 1st place, I just hope he grows on.

Puppy Dog (3). **1 Thomas & Taylor's Knabynnus Autumnharvest**. This 11 month old puppy was much bigger than I would like to see at this age and really hope he doesn't grow any more, in saying that he won this class on his overall balance and sound movement, his head is balanced with a good length of fore face, tad strong in scull and bit heavy on flues, good length of neck, body deep and balanced angulation fore and aft, stands on good feet, lovely short course coat, moved and shown well . **2 Morris' Wickwater Arnie**. **3 Green's Kazanpaul War Horse**.

Junior Dog (1). **1 Ottaway's Pioneer Top Hat With Nalapound**. Stood alone, but a worthy winner and could hold his own in company. Lovely medium sized boy, balanced head with good length to fore face, kind eye and neat flat ears, good reach of neck leading into good shoulders, body deep, short back, moderately angled rear, stands on neat oval feet, coat correct, moved ok just needs to tighten in front.

Post Graduate Dog (3,1). **1 Burford's Kavacanne Morgan You Know**. Lovely balance and build to this boy, presented in fit hard condition, head a little plain and tad short in muzzle, he has a strong neck into good shoulders, deep in brisket with gentle tuck up, back is short and level with a well set on tail. He has a well angulated rear with good muscle tone, movement was sound and true. Did consider him for the RCC. **2 Cooper's Gameglow Top Gun**. Another dog of correct size, slightly finer in frame and longer in back than the 1st, but still presents a nice picture on the stack, lovely head with good length of fore face, good length of neck, body deep, correct tail set, nicely angulated rear, moved ok, not as positive behind as winner.

Limit Dog (3,1). 1 Sielski's Orchidstar Bonds Of Speed. This young dog is sound in balance and build, he has a balanced head, good neck and shoulders, deep in brisket, short back with a good tail set, he has a moderate turn of stifle with correct muscle tone, on the move he is sound and steady, shown well and in excellent condition. He is of a different type that I would look for, but in this company today I thought him very worthy of the *RDCC*. 2 Thomas' Brainescroft Tahiti. Smaller dog than the winner, presents a lovely balanced picture in profile, lovely head with a kind gentle expression, good length of neck, shoulders ok but upper arm a little short, body deep, top line level with good tail set, well angulated rear, moves well behind, lacks forward reach, shown well and in good hard condition.

Open Dog (5,1). 1 Brown & Burn's Sh Ch Magregor Threesacrowd At Pothouse JW ShCM. Just love this dog in profile, perfect size, with balance and soundness throughout and with masculinity. He has a balanced head in profile, looking straight on he is a tad broad in back skull, good reach of neck into good shoulders, with an excellent fore chest, which is lacking in so many. Brisket is deep and well sprung, back is short and firm, his croup is wide with a gradual slope to his well set on tail, which he carries so well. Good turn of stifle with great width of thigh showing good muscle tone, he moved steadily and precisely, coat is short and course to the touch and he is presented in the very best of condition. He was the easy winner of the *DCC* today and in the challenge for BOB it was a very close decision, being a couple of years younger than the beautiful bitch, he just had the edge on her for muscle tone and fitness, so delighted to award him *BOB*. 2 Dymond's Multi Ch Friarsbelle Marsh Mellow. Judged this dog as a youngster and he has matured into a lovely dog, who has more than proved his worth not only in the show ring but field as well. He has a beautiful head, good length of fore face with such a kind gentle expression, neck is long, front is well angled, body deep and stands on good feet. He is longer in the back and although good rear angulation he doesn't have the balance of the winner, moved well. 3 Sielski's Orchidstar Wotsit.

Veteran Dog (4,2). **1 Marann's Spring Mist Over Booton**. Flashy liver and white, lovely balance to this dog, balanced head, good length of neck, body deep and good angulation fore and aft, I thought he was one of the best movers of the day, great reach and drive holding a really good top line, at 8 years old he was just showing signs of lacking a little muscle and condition. **2 Read's Wilholme Edwardian Dream**. 9 years old, solid liver, like his type and makes a nice shape in profile, lovely head with good length of fore face, neck long, shoulders good, deep brisket, good rear angulation, just not as strong behind as the winner, which showed in his movement, would prefer more weight.

Good Citizens Dog (2,1). **1 Rusk's Booton Yvrandes**. Solid liver dog, well up for size, he does have a lovely head, with a good length of neck, his shoulders are well angulated with great length of upper arm and his body is deep, back is too long and he has an incorrect coat which is long and soft, moved close behind.

Minor Puppy Bitch (4,1). 1 Rose & Gaffney's Pingarypoint The Way To Kavacanne. This 8-month-old showed her socks off, she had to work hard for this first and she pulled out all the stops, she is lovely in profile, so well balanced, just the right size with enough bone for her age. Good head and eye, lovely clean long neck, front true and straight, back is short with good topline, well angulated rear, she stands on lovely compact round feet, finished off with a great short, course coat. Moved well once her handler slowed his pace down. Pleased to award her *BP*. 2 Keyes & Roden's Kazanpaul Sea Biscuit. Another quality puppy, I liked her every bit as much as the first, it was such a difficult decision. Beautiful head with such a sweet kind expression, she is very well balanced and has good angulation fore and aft, her coat is dark and course, moved well. These two will change places on many occasions, I'm sure! 3 Roberton's Kazanpaul Australia.

Puppy Bitch (4). 1 Rose & Gaffney's Pingarypoint The Way To Kavacanne. 2 Waddell's Magregor Wiff Waff. 11-month-old of lovely type, balanced head, good reach of neck, well boned, deep bodied and strong quarters, great course coat, unfortunately she gave her handler a really hard time standing and on the move. I'm sure the long wait didn't help. 3 Roberton's Kazanpaul Australia.

Junior Bitch (4,1). 1 Rose & Gaffney's Pingarypoint The Way To Kavacanne. 2 Hallam's Redic Quicksilver. 13 months old, nice size bitch of good overall make and shape, head balanced with good length of fore face, clean neck, straight front and deep bodied, slightly longer in back than the winner, moved well. 3 Beresford's Tuptonsett Anika.

Post Graduate Bitch (7,2). 1 Burford's Pingarypoint Legolicious. Lovely bitch shown in fit hard condition, head is pleasing but a little short in muzzle, well-constructed front, good depth, back short with super topline, strong well angulated rear, moved well with good side profile. 2 Stainsby-Soanes' Whistlecraft Go Go Gadget. Solid liver, loved her balanced head with correct length of fore face, she is a nicely balanced bitch of good type, she moved really well, for me she needs to carry more weight. 3 Attwood & Turner's Kavacanne Pina Colada Of Patterscourt.

Limit Bitch (8,1). 1 Thomas' Brainescroft Saffron. Love this girl for her size and bone. Head well balanced with kind gentle expression, long neck, super front and shoulders with strong quarters to match, her topline is level with a well set on tail which she carries correctly. Sound on the move and very true coming and going. 2 Brown's Newlands Pass To Montalba. Quality girl, slightly taller than one, good balanced head with good length to fore face, good body, top line and tail set, balanced angulation fore and aft, moved well. 3 Rose & Gaffney's Kavacanne Vixen JW.

Open Bitch (8,2). 1 Dawson & Walker's Sh Ch Jolicoem Lalique. Have admired this 6-year-old bitch for a long time and was delighted to have the pleasure of judging her. She is such a sound honest bitch who oozes breed type, she has the most beautiful feminine head, not too broad, good length of fore face, ears set high, with no fold, fitting close to her head, lovely shape to her dark eyes giving such a gentle soft expression, neck is long and leads in to well angulated shoulders, back is short and firm, her hips are broad and wide, deep brisket with a gentle tuck up, stifle well bent with strong square hocks, she has lovely bone and stands on neat tight feet, her coat is short and course. Her movement is precise coming and going and shows reach and drive in profile. She stood apart from the rest, delighted to award her the *BCC*. 2 Burford's Pingarypoint Hot Topic. Lovely sized bitch who looks so smart in profile, so very well balanced, feminine head of good length and not too broad, long clean neck, good angulation fore and aft, body deep, well ribbed back to a short loin, tail set is good, and she carries her tail correctly, movement is sound, showed well and in good hard condition. Very deserving of the *PBCC* 3 Haran & Waddell's Sh Ch Magragor Shapehall

the *RBCC*. **3 Haran & Waddell's Sh Ch Magregor Shneeball**. **Veteran Bitch** (1). 1 **Beresford's Tuptonsett Ebony Princess**. Black and white, 9-year-old, of a larger type, she has a lovely head and although carrying too much weight, she is well balanced, has lovely bone and stands on neat feet, her movement is sound and actually

Good Citizens Bitch (3). 1 Stainsby-Soanes' Whistlecraft Go Go Gadget. 2 Beresford's Tuptonsett Ebony Princess. 3 Arkley's Indijazz Show Girl.

moved better than quite a few today, I loved her sweet happy temperament.