

CRITIQUE - LEEDS CITY & DISTRICT CANINE ASSOCIATION

Judge: Mrs V Brown

Thank you to the officers and committee for this, my first CC appointment, and many thanks to the exhibitors for accepting my decisions so sportingly. Thanks also to my steward for the smooth running of the day. I was disappointed with the size and condition of the ring; I feel that it affected the placings on the day as some of the exhibitors were unable to show their charges to full advantage. I found temperaments to be good, but a number of exhibits were shown in a dirty condition, and several were carrying excess weight, which spoiled their movement, especially coming down the hill in the ring. A few light eyes creeping through which is a concern, and size appears to be an issue again, especially bitches. That said, I was pleased with all my winners and was happy to see my best puppy shortlisted in the group.

Puppy Dog (2,1). 1 Graham's Winterwell Tubby Tompkin from Nyliram. Smart puppy standing, good coat for one so young. Good proportions with a short back and good tight feet. In the challenge, the bitch's movement was superior.

Junior Dog (1). 1 Kendall's Droversrests Titan. Needs to settle on the move, one that the gusty wind unsettled, correct action when settled. Good head and tidy feet.

Post Graduate Dog (3,1). I found these two dogs difficult to split. **1 Wetton & Morris' Kavacanne Bolt From The Blue.** Moved out steadily good bend of stifle. Masculine head. **2 Hill's Ceilloch Russian.** Moved well. Just preferred the bend of stifle of one.

Limit Dog (6,3). 1 Brown & Burns' Magregor Pop The Dom over Pothouse. Smart dog all through, good short coat of correct texture, moved well on the rough ground. Good head and eye colour and correct tail carriage. Shown in good hard condition. **DCC & BOB. 2 Peebles & Hammond's Seasham The Groover.** A smart solid liver dog, masculine all the way through. Just preferred bend of stifle on 1. **3 Black's Angiedale Rivellino Lad at Brandycrag.** Flashy boy, coat a little long and unfortunately carrying weight today.

Open Dog (8). 1 Hinchliff's Ch Goosepoint Gloster Grebe (Al) JW. Well-constructed boy, short back and good front and rear angulation. Good coat. Well balanced head and good eye colour. Moved well. **RDCC. 2 Mann's Sh Ch Elfrindew Endrick to Valger.** Good head, and good short back, tidy and tight feet. Just preferred movement of 1. **3 Knowles & Glen's Wilholme Had A Lovely Time with Bessalone.** A dog I have admired for a long time, masculine head, and kind expression. Lost out because of the poor quality of the ring affecting his movement.

Veteran Dog (2). 1 Thompson's Redmires High Society. What a cracking veteran, at 11 still so sound and fit. Carries his topline well on the move, but another which the poor ring did not show to full advantage. **2 Black's Angiedale Rivellino Lad at Brandycrag.**

Special Beginners Dog or Bitch (4,1). 1 Blair's Richtig Rihanna. This bitch won on her movement today, coped well with the uneven ground. A little long in back but feminine throughout. **2 Barker's Bakersdream Who Dares Wins.** Shorter in back than one, just not as settled on the move today. **3 Beresford's Tuptonsett Buttercup.** Looked like a baby in this class compared to the first two and showed in her movement which was unsettled.

Puppy Bitch (3). Two smashing puppies who will certainly change places on another day, I shall watch their careers with interest. **1 Staley's Jomeel Olivia's Choice.** Good angles fore and aft, correct tail carriage, nice head and moved really well. **2 Pearson's Winterwell Lulu Moppet to Ladyhawke.** This bitch is also well constructed with a good head, correct tail carriage and lovely tight feet. Just preferred the overall picture of 1 today. **3 Beresford's Tuptonsett Buttercup.**

Junior Bitch (9,1). 1 Jackman's Navigareamor Spring Tide. This bitch moved really well, super dark eye and melting expression, nicely balanced head, tidy feet and shown in fit condition. **2 Izard's Yocketts Hambledon.** Well-constructed bitch just thought the condition of one was harder today. **3 Cox's Cushatlaw Athena JW.** Well-constructed tidy bitch throughout. Just preferred the movement of 1 & 2 on the day.

Post Graduate Bitch (13,1). 1 Hammond's Seasham Hot Love. Good angles fore and aft, short back, feminine bitch shown in good hard condition. Balanced head with good correct dark eye. Great coat. **RBCC. 2 Schoneville's Balvenie Eye Candy JW.** Good angles front and rear, nice head, and expression. On a different day I am sure they could swap places, unlucky to meet one on top form. **3 Tierney's Ceilloch Juniper.** Smart bitch, just not as settled on the move as the winners today.

Limit Bitch (10,1). What a class! This and Open bitch were the best classes of the day, especially in the depth of quality. **1 Lockett's Fayemm Forever Together.** Feminine bitch of correct size, correct construction throughout. Good coat and tight feet. Unfortunately unsettled in the challenge. **2 Hammond's Seasham I Love To Boogie.** Another Lovely feminine bitch of quality. Dark eye and nice expression. Short back and well-constructed, just preferred shoulder lay of 1. **3 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Gambler.** Another cracking bitch in fantastic condition. Really had to split hairs here.

Open Bitch (10,1). 1 Sielski's Orchidstar Jenga. This bitch is of correct size, she has a good coat, and tidy feet. Good dark eye, balanced head which gives her a kind expression. Moved out with style and precision. **2 Jackman's Balvenie Dressed To Thrill via Navigareamor.** Liked this bitch a lot, she has the most melting of expressions, and is well put together. Preferred the coat of one. **3 Hammond's Seasham Love Bug JW.** Another quality bitch, moved well in the tricky conditions. On the day preferred the balance of 1.

Veteran Bitch (1). 1 Drew's Sh Ch Cushatlaw Illustrious JW. Well balanced feminine bitch, shown in good condition, moved well. Unlucky to meet the dog in the challenge for best veteran.