

CRITIQUE - MIDLAND COUNTIES CANINE SOCIETY

Judge: Mr I B Halbert

Thank you to the committee of Midland Counties for the opportunity to judge my breed. Thanks also to my two very efficient stewards. Overall, the condition of the exhibits was good, however, I found a lot which were short in brisket. This should be down to the top of the elbows but was sadly lacking and short in many exhibits. I was very pleased with my winners and particularly those achieving the high honours.

Minor Puppy Dog (3). **1 Adams' Tequesta Poldark.** 8 month old well developed young dog. He has a very good coat, straight front, and good feet. Good length of neck, into well laid shoulders, short backed with nice angulation. A bit erratic on the move but still a youngster. **2 McMurdo & Tierney's Ceilloch Express.** Moved well enough when he settled. Needs to generally fill out and forechest to drop. Good head with dark eye, strong long neck, and very good coat. **3 Brown's Montalba Mustrum Ridcully.**

Puppy Dog (1). **1 Adams' Tequesta Poldark.**

Junior Dog (3). **1 Russell's Fraulynzway Lightning Bolt JW.** Just preferred the head of this boy over second. Correct size, long neck, well laid shoulders, deep brisket, well filled in front. Short back, good coat, and tail set. Moved well. **2 Flatman's Barkersdream Howl You Doing.** Another promising young dog. Excels in coat, neck and overall proportions which are well balanced. **3 Powell's Hiccup's Leaving A Legacy.**

Post Graduate Dog (2). **1 Heath & Robinson's Pinseeker Pep Guardiola.** 18 month old, smaller type, but still correct. Shown in super condition with gleaming coat. Handsome dog with good neck, deep brisket, good spring of rib and well angulated rear. Very hard muscular condition. **2 Sharples' Orchidstar Central Link.** Another dog presented in well muscled, fit condition. Broad skull, good length of foreface. Correct depth of chest. Not quite the angles at the rear of first.

Limit Dog (8,3). **1 Harvey's Valger Snow Patrol at Imaniz JW.** The first thing that struck me was his long foreface which was lacking in quite a few males today. Dark almond shaped eye set in good head. Straight front and good correct shaped feet. Gentle tuck up on undercarriage, ribs well laid back with good spring. Excellent coat. A good second thigh is evident with a well angulated rear. He has a beautiful languid, effortless movement. At the time of writing this I noticed that he had gained his all important 3rd CC the following week. Well deserved. **DCC. 2 Angus' Keigame Hvitserk of Sparkenhoe.** Another dog with a good head and foreface. Broad skull and good ear set. A strong muscular neck, deep chest to point of elbows. Well angulated rear. **3 Brown's Montalba Mister Teatime.**

Open Dog (6,3). **1 Smith & Reardon's Sh Ch Winterwell Maida Stone.** Quality dark liver boy with lovely expression. Straight front on good feet and well filled in front. Deep in chest, short back, and well angulated rear. Moved well. **RDCC. 2 Sielski's Sh Ch Orchidstar Bolts of Speed.** A heavier, stronger type than 1. Put down in top condition. A masculine head and lovely front assembly. Excellent coat. **3 Dodd & Hayes Jhebron's Jeno via Elfrindew.**

Veteran Dog (1). **1 Smith & Reardon's Sh Ch Winterwell Fowl Play.** 9 year old champion dog. Handsome boy with good neck and front, which could be seen in his easy action. Full of drive on the move, a credit to the owners. A lovely specimen of the breed.

Special Beginners Dog (2,1). **1 Flatman's Barkersdream Howl You Doing.**

Minor Puppy Bitch (7,3). **1 Ellis' Soellis Feral Beryl.** 7 month old. Beautiful in all aspects, could not fault her whether standing or on the move. In excellent condition with gleaming coat. She has a lovely expression with a dark eye, well arched neck into good lay of shoulders. Straight front, well sprung rib, and ample angulation to rear. Correct coat, a very balanced young lady. I have never given top honours to a young puppy before, but I felt compelled to give her the **RBCC. BP. 2 Kania's Pinseeker Lady Luck at Peakforest.** Another lovely puppy, a bit finer than 1, but put together beautifully, another with a bright future. **3 Brown's Montalba Miss Aching.**

Puppy Bitch (3,2). **1 Browns Montalba Miss Aching.** Super movement on this puppy when she relaxed, with good length of stride and drive from behind. Good front and lay of shoulder. A bit skittish but she will settle with experience.

Junior Bitch (4,2). **1 Swatman's Duckmire Mystery Penny.** Liver and white, 18 months old. Very good movement, nice size, broad skull, good neck, and shoulders. Well angulated rear. **2 Russell's Fraulynzway Hayley's Comet.** Presented in excellent condition. Good coat, but just too big for me.

Post Graduate Bitch (7,1). **1 Staley's Jomeel Olivia's Choice.** 20 months old. Lovely feminine bitch in top condition. Good strong neck, straight front with well let down pasterns. Correct coat. Moved really well. **2 Sielski's Orchidstar Missing Link JW.** Strong but feminine bitch. Many of the same attributes as one, a good specimen. Had to pick between them and just preferred the pasterns on 1. **3 Rutherford's Dappledele Aurelia Rose.**

Limit Bitch (11,1). **1 Pearson's Sh Ch Winterwell Lulu Moppet to Ladyhawke JW.** I saw this bitch as a 12 month old junior and really admired her. She did not disappoint. She has become even better with maturity. Feminine head with dark eye and good ear set. Strong graceful neck into correct shoulders. Deep in brisket, nicely tucked up. Excellent movement and a great coat. A worthy champion. **BCC and BOB. 2 Brown and Filby's Winterwell Thatldo for Desjiem JW.** Another super bitch who challenged really hard. Hard to split, it all rested on the coat of 1 being a bit better, lovely exhibit. **3 Nixon's Quintana Lunar Eclipse.**

Open Bitch (8). **1 Thurm's Sh Ch Dappledele First Date at Bryburn.** I awarded the mother of this bitch the CC in the past and she has followed in her footsteps. Top quality. Moved really well with long stride and driving rear action. Short backed with good spring of rib and excellent second thigh and rear angulation. Not as relaxed as my main winners on the day. **2 Ellis' Soellis Fancy Nancy.** 3 year old, lovely size, pretty in head, good neck, and shoulders. Moved well. **3 Sielski's Orchidstar Jenga.**

Veteran Bitch (3,1). **1 Malin's Keigame Murphlette at Benrae.** Credit to owner, presented in great condition. Lovely head and expression, straight front with well let down pasterns, deep in chest, good rear. Moved very well. Also went well in the challenge and was considered. **2 Nixon's Quintana Cloud Berry.** This 7 year old excels in movement, but on the big side for my taste, however, fit and well with good coat.

Special Beginners Bitch (1). **1 Hjert & Thompson's Cornibus Mulberry.** 2 years old. Very nice bitch who was fourth in a strong post graduate class. Moved out well, pretty headed bitch with good neck and well angulated rear. Handled well.