MIDLAND COUNTIES CANINE ASSOCIATION

Judge: Mrs R Martin

Many thanks for a quality entry with very few absentees. I found a lot of variance in coat length and texture, the Standard asks for short, flat and coarse to the touch. Muscletone was lacking in some exhibits and this showed on the move. I was delighted with my final line-up and my BOB although didn't feature in the short list gave a good account of herself in the group ring.

Minor Puppy Dog (2). 1 Coghlan's Soellis Manly Stanley, wouldn't like to see this dog grow any more. Well developed all through and good muscletone. Correct head and eye with a straight front, well laid shoulders and good angulation to forearm, short back, good bone and substance. 2 Towns & Lay's Soellis Slick Rick, litter brother to 1 and needs to develop in front, good angles, lighter all through.

Puppy Dog (5,1). **1 Adam's Barleyarch Ariat**, beautifully balanced head and correct eye size and shape, he has a good neck and well laid shoulder leading into good withers, correct forearm angulation which enables him to reach forward. Good depth to chest, short back strong over the loin and powerful hindquarters, excellent tail and set, correct coat, moved out well with his handler. One I am sure is destined for top honours. No hesitation in awarding him **BP**. **2 Roden's Keigame Nasrullah**, heavier in head than 1, good length of neck, short coupled, would like a slightly better flow from neck into shoulders, moved well. **3 Proudfoot's Keigame Dante**.

Junior Dog (4). **1 Mann's Valger Quorum**, beautifully balanced dog, with excellent head, good eye and correct coat, excellent neck and shoulders with good proportions, moved with drive and purpose. **2 Rose's Kavacanne Morgan It Seems**, slightly taller than 1 but good length to body, well balanced with a good head and eye, correct in all departments. **3 Roden's Keigame Nasrullah**.

Post Graduate Dog (4). **1 Brown's Pitwit Biddable Sapphire**, standing this dog was balanced with a good head and eye, correct proportions of a nice size. **2 Tudor's Indijazz Xperience at Brocador**, bigger all over than 1 and heavier in head. Good shoulders and topline, proud of his tail on the move. **3 Wilkinson's Zarozinia Beinn An Oir**.

Limit Dog (11,1). Strong class, I was literally nit-picking. 1 Brown & Davies' Gamebourne Dark Indulgence, solid liver dog, upstanding and balanced, looked as though he could do a day's work. He has an excellent clean cut head and good eye, long sloping shoulders with a deep chest, short back and powerful hindquarters. Straight front with good forearm angulation enables him to cover the ground. Good coat texture. Pleased to award him the *DCC*. 2 Cooke & Hammond's Seasham Super Trouper, another really nice dog who is balanced all through, correct length good in front well angulated. Unlucky to meet the winner. 3 Serpa & Griffiths' Barleyarch Trumpeter.

Open Dog (6,1). 1 Mann & Roden's Sh Ch Valger Nearco from Keigame, one I have judged before and gave the RCC to and once more he gained the *RDCC*. Lots to like about this balanced dog. He is a good size with correct length stands over his ground well and is clearly a worthy Ch. He is well constructed all through and has passed on a lot of his attributes to his progeny. 2 Rose & Gaffney's Sh Ch Kavacanne Toff At The Top, another balanced dog, correct size, with good legs and feet, deep chest, good movement. 3 Lisle's Barleyarch Rolex.

Minor Puppy Dog (3). 1 Sielski's Orchidstar Xtra O'live, at 8 months this bitch is obviously more mature than the other two and therefore more together. She is well balanced with a good neck and shoulders, good length to body and correct angulation. Moved OK. 2 Burke's Indijazz Sansa to Alcazar, needs time, at only 6 months lots to like about her. Good body proportions. 3 Jones' Indijazz Queen Cersei.

Puppy Bitch (3). 1 Tierney's Keigame Hustle, I loved this little solid liver bitch, she has a beautiful head and eye with good length to neck and well laid shoulder, short back, well angulated all through, moved out well but could not match the dog puppy on ring presence. 2 Haran & Waddell's Magregor Shneeball, another balanced bitch all through, just needs time, she has a good neck and shoulders with a lovely head and eye, good coat. 3 Drysdale's Drysika Fast Track.

Junior Bitch (4,2). **1 Schoneville's Balvenie Bella**, smaller bitch, she has a good rear which she uses to advantage. Just needs time. **2 Lindridge's Amidala Fast And Furious**, unfortunately this bitch went lame. She has a lovely neck and shoulders balanced all through.

Post Graduate Bitch (12,2). **1 Cox's Cushatlaw Irresistable**, balanced bitch who is just coming into her own, lovely head and eye, good coat, excellent neck and shoulders, good topline, she creates a lovely picture on the move with reach and drive. Delighted to award her the *RBCC*. **2 Burford's Pingarypoint Hot Topic**, another nice bitch unfortunate to meet the winner. Well balanced with a good head and eye level topline, well angulated, moved out well. **3 Whitehouse's Kazanpaul Creme De La Crème.**

Limit Bitch (11,3). Very strong class and anyone of these 4 could have been the winner, it was that close. **1 Brown's Barleyarch Tigernut at Graygees**, I loved this bitch, she is so well balanced and creates a lovely outline on the stack. Correct proportions to head with lovely eye, excellent neck and shoulders, level topline which she maintained on the move, pulled out all the stops to win this class. In the final run in the challenge she just decided she had done enough and lost her animation, such a pity. **2 Mann's Valger Phoebe**, this bitch was so unlucky to meet the winner, she has lots to like about her, well balanced all through loved her head and expression, correct in all proportions, her time will come. **3 Elrington's Barleyarch Beetle at Tequesta**.

Open Bitch (7,1). **1 Thurm's Sh Ch Valger Odette**, what can I say about this bitch, she is lovely, balanced, correct size, lovely neck and shoulders, correct coat, on the move she excels and powers around the ring with correct footfall. She is shown to perfection and at one with her handler, I was delighted to award her the *BCC & BOB*. **2 Squire's Sh Ch Taftazini Wilshee Wyn Too**, similar remarks apply to this bitch, balanced all through, unlucky to meet the winner. **3 Haran & Waddell's Sh Ch Magregor Fluffernutter**.