CRITIQUE – SCOTTISH KENNEL CLUB Judge: Mrs J Byrne

Puppy Dog (3). **1 Mann's Valger Ragnar.** A very well put together youngster. Well-proportioned and attractive head with intelligent expression and correct eye shape. Strong front assembly with shoulders well laid, short in back and has adequate rear angulation. Presented in good muscular condition with good coat texture. Moved out soundly with a good striding action, needs to tighten up but with maturity I anticipate he will have a very bright future. Close decision to take BP over his littermate. I believe he gained his JW on the day. Well done. *BP.* **2 Rose & Hunt's Pingarypoint Top Secret at Kavacanne.** Another quality youngster. Built on a larger frame than my winner but so well balanced throughout. Pleasing in head with dark eye. Shoulders well laid and good forechest with brisket down to elbow. Moved around the ring with drive and confidence, his handler getting the best from him. **3 Murray's Winterwell Whakapapa with Worlewood**.

Junior Dog (4). 1 Sielski's' Orchidstar Willy Nilly. Just out of puppy and at that raw juvenile stage, however, he has many good qualities about him. Pleasing in head which is well proportioned, muscular neck of good length and correct shoulder placement, adequate rear angulation and presents a smart outline when stacked. Shown in tip top coat condition and covers the ground well. 2 Elwood's Rievers Baron von Autumnglory. A well grown youngster. Masculine in head with good eye colour. Has good depth and strongly made throughout. He needs time to mature. Once he settled, he moved out well with drive.

Post Graduate Dog (1). **1 Angus' Barleyarch Lismore via Calmerell.** Stood alone in this class, but a sturdy male of pleasing type. Has a typical head of good proportions and kind eye. When stacked he is balanced in profile has good depth of brisket, strong topline and muscular hindquarters with good bend of stifle. Needs to steady up on the move to appreciate him.

Limit Dog (4). 1 Harris' Barleyarch Pringle JW. A top quality youngster who stood out in this class. Appealed in head with that noble expression, with correct eye shape and colour. Excellent front assembly with good upper arm, he has desired short back with good spring of rib. Well-muscled throughout with ample rear angulation. Handled to perfection and shown in super condition and moving full on with excellent reach and drive. Must have a very bright future as he still has so much maturing to come. *Res DCC.* 2 Stop-forth's Taftazini Cesar Chance with Serenymor JW. Lots to like about this young male, a finer built dog than my first placed but so balanced throughout. Pleasing head proportions with a kind expression. Clean neck, good shoulder lay with developed forechest, short backed and has good spring of rib and has a good harsh coat. Hard to fault when stacked just didn't match my winner on movement today. 3 Knowles & Glen's Wilholme Had A Lovely Time Bessalone.

Open Dog (7). **1 Bennett & Slimak's Barleyarch Firefly.** A top quality mature male of excellent breed type so solidly built and workmanlike throughout. I was drawn to him for his overall balance and outline so full of substance throughout. Super head and expression with dark eye. Well-developed forechest and strong front assembly. Good spring of rib, and strong rear quarters. On the move he came into his own covering so much ground with his powerful stride. Shown in hard fit condition and has a real bond with his handler. Pleased to award him the *DCC*. **2 Sielski's Orchidstar Bonds of Speed JW ShCM**. Of different type to my winner, but of excellent make and has an attractive overall shape. Good head proportions, soft expression with dark eye. Excellent angulation both fore and aft, a very stylish dog and soundly constructed throughout. He has strong well-muscled hindquarters which allowed him to move with purpose, maintaining topline. He is nowhere near his full potential and needs time to mature. **3 Hinchliff's Ch Goosepoint Gloster Grebe (AI) JW**.

Special Beginners Dog (1). **1 Black's Angiedale Rivellino Lad at Brandycrag.** Reserve place in the strong Limit class. A very masculine and well-made dog well off for bone and substance and has a good quality about him. Pleasing in head with noble expression. Muscular neck and strong firm body with good depth. Moved soundly with drive and handled well. *B Sp Beg.*

Puppy Bitch (5). **1 Barker's Valger Rapunzel**. A quality youngster of excellent breed type. Attractive feminine head with correct proportions and dark eye. Deep in chest with correct short back, strong over loin and has strong well developed rear quarters. Has a sound and true gait holding her topline in profile. Shown in fit condition. **2 Cox's Cushatlaw Serendipity**. A quality young lady giving a lot away in age today. Quality feminine head with lovely expression. Has good straight forelegs, firm topline and adequate rear angulation presenting a super clean outline. Performed well on the move, very together for a youngster. **3 Serpa & Peter's Winterwell Phia At Pontopresa**.

Junior Bitch (6). 1 Barker's Valger Rapunzel. 2 Drysdale's Drysika Foxtrot. A very developed youngster, well off for substance. Good head proportions just preferred the expression of my winner. Strong straight front assembly and well placed shoulders and good upper arm. Plenty of depth to chest and well sprung ribs, excellent hindquarters with correct amount of angulation. Very sound on the move with good reach and drive and holds her topline well. 3 Galloway & Anderson's Torranpoint Gilda From Alayglow.

Post Graduate Bitch (5). 1 Whitby's Wilholme Sisko. A class of very mixed types, my first was a smart upstanding bitch well up to size yet balanced throughout. Good front and shoulders and matching rear angulation, well off for bone. Tip top coat and condition. Really came into her own on the move and totally in tune in with her handler. 2 Barker's Radstorm Legal Eagle at Barkersdream JW. Built on a smaller frame than my winner but oozes breed type. Really liked her head and expression. Clean over neck, firm body and ample turn of stifle. Has good feet and strong hocks. Moved soundly with reach and drive. 3 McCafferty's Richtig Raoghnailt at Thorscrag.

Limit Bitch (12). Without a doubt my best class of the day with not enough cards to go around. **1 Rutherford's Cushatlaw Charisma of Dappledele.** She caught my eye immediately and fulfilled my expectations on going over her. Beautiful feminine head with correct proportions and kind eye. Good straight front and excellent shoulder placement. Deep in brisket, elbows tight in and strong hindquarters with good width of thigh. She has substance and quality yet has an elegance about her and totally fits the breed standard. She was on top form today to win this quality class, with her hard muscular condition and effortless gait, such a free and positive mover. Pleased to award her the CC & BOB. **2 Waddell's Magregor Wiff Waff**. A super headed bitch with dark eye and a gentle expression, full of breed type and quality. Excellent front assembly, of good depth and correct short back. She is short coupled and strong over loin and has ample rear angulation and strong hocks. She comes alive on the move with such sound and ground covering action, which secured her award in the challenge. Still only a youngster with lots of time on her side. *Res BCC.* **3 Mann's Elfrindew Lacey To Valger JW**.

Open Bitch (6). **1 Trow's Ch Winterwell Inca Trail JW**. One I judged as a youngster and as expected she reached the top. A quality workmanlike bitch from every angle. Very appealing head, best of shoulders and front with matching rear angulation, muscular hindquarters with well-developed second thigh. She has plenty of depth and well off for bone and substance. Goes well with tidy and precise movement. A very worthy Champion of the breed. 2 Harris' Sh Ch Barleyarch Playtime (AI) JW. Another quality bitch full of breed type, soundly constructed throughout. Very clean in outline with excellent body proportions, with nothing overdone. Short in back with balanced angles fore and aft. Covered the ground freely and with drive. Presented in in super coat and excellent muscular condition as always from this kennel. **3 Cox's Sh Ch Cushatlaw Irresistable JW ShCM**.

Veteran Bitch (2). 1 Thurm's Sh Ch Valger Odette. A top quality bitch I have done well for before. She has great breed type and substance. Lovely head and with feminine expression. Clean over neck and best of front and shoulders, correct short back and of good depth. Still has a good coat and well-muscled condition. At eight years, she still moves like a youngster covering the ground with total ease and enjoys her job. A beautiful bitch throughout, a credit to her owners.

Special Beginners Bitch (4). 1 Garvey's Richtig Roma. Pleasing bitch of good breed type, strongly made throughout. Good head proportions with lovely expression, clean over neck and has well developed forequarters. Has true movement and shown in fit hard condition. 2 McCafferty's Richtig Raoghnailt at Thorscrag. Built on a smaller frame than my winner, has a pleasing outline when stacked. Not as feminine in head. Nicely made front assembly, short in back and adequate rear angulation. Very sound and confident on the move. 3 Gibbon's Kavacanne Cheeky Vimto at Faubourg.