

CRITIQUE – SCOTTISH KENNEL CLUB

Judge: Mrs P M Smith

Firstly, thank you to the committee for my invitation to judge at their show and to all the exhibitors for their entries in these challenging times of restrictions being upon us all.

I have looked forward to the appointment for a long time and greatly enjoyed my day with this wonderful breed that I have known for a very long time. I didn't know any of the dogs presented to me and was pleasantly surprised on looking through the catalogue that there were several who were placed were related.

There is quality in the breed particularly in the bitches of which breeders must be proud.

Puppy Dog (3,1). 1 Brown's Montalba Mister Teatime. 10 months, compact body, deep ribbed & short backed. Has good eye shape and colour. Quarters fore and aft pleasing for a puppy. Correct bone and feet moved out well. **2 Wetton & Morris' Kavacanne Bolt From The Blue.** 11 months, not as short in back as winner and rather tucked up, not relaxing into the day. Movement could be more precise but still only a puppy.

Junior Dog (2). 1 Sielski's Orchidstar Bolts Of Speed. Has excellent muscle tone throughout his developing structure. His overall construction enabled him to move around the ring with purpose. Has correct shaped feet. Has a good head correct mouth. Shoulders set well into short back. Good ribs. Really nice specimen. **2 Hill's Ceilloch Russian.** 12 months, needs time to mature. Is longer in back than winner. Has a pleasing head and eye. Feet need to tighten. Not as precise in movement as winner.

Graduate Dog (4,1). 1 Collins' Barleyarch Hoopla at Forestpoint. Smart youngster who has a great head and eye ears set correctly. Correct mouth. Compact in body with deep ribs correct topline held on the move. Feet could be tighter. Moves out and round with purpose. **2 Peebles & Hammonds' Seasham The Groover.** At the immature stage and would prefer stronger bone. Great quarters fore and aft. In fit condition enabling him to move well. **3 Mackenzie's Shielvalley Toby.**

Post Graduate Dog (3). 1 Mann's Elfrindew Endrick to Valger. 2yrs. My notes say love him and I certainly found him an excellent representative of the breed. In great fit condition his overall outline is pleasing with deep ribs laid back. Ample bone and feet of correct shape. Head is wonderful on handling it. Has correct mouth eye shape and colour. Ears set on correctly. Has a great expression. His body is very pleasing and, on the move, holds his topline well. powers round the ring with drive. His air of confidence and presence really made my day, and I was thrilled to award him **CC and BOB** which I later found out was his 2nd CC. Surely his 3rd is not far away. He has a lot to offer the breed. **2 Schoneville's Balvenie Double Diamond JW.** A very workmanlike dog who has a good coat and correct feet, but shoulders could be better set. Short backed. Moved ok. **3 Mackenzie's Shielvalley Toby.**

Limit Dog (2). 1 Brown & Burns' Magregor Pop The Dom over Pothouse. Only a youngster and certainly has time on his side. Stands on good feet and bone with great quarters fore and aft. Very muscled in fit condition. Head has the desired construction with correct ear and eye set. Correct mouth. A very laid back lad but moves out well when asked. **2 Knowles & Glen's Wilholme Had A Lovely Time with Bessalone.** Heavier set all through, head has correct lip and expression. Stands on good feet. Well-muscled body. Not quite the movement of winner.

Open Dog (6). Excellent class. 1 Thurm's Sh Ch Bryburn Bacchus JW ShCM. ShCEx. Classic outline starting with his beautiful head with correct features showing masculinity but no coarseness. Correct mouth. Front angulation is correct flowing into good, ribbed body. Great quarters showing muscle. Loved his movement showing true stride and enthusiasm. Pleased to award him **RCC. 2 Mann's Valger Ragnar JW.** Similar to winner in outline and movement. Head is pleasing and masculine with desired features correct mouth. good bone and body with angulated rear. Moved well. Feet could be tighter. **3 Sielski's Orchidstar Bonds of Speed.**

Veteran Dog (1). 1 Wilkinson's Zarozinia Beinn An Oir ShCM. Enjoyed his day out in fit condition. Stands on good feet but found him to be narrow in front which showed on his movement. Body of good depth and fitness. Rear quarters have width.

Special Beginners Dog (2). 1 Scott's Solwaypoint Indiana at Essenpoint. Good muscle tone, coat in good order. Has compact body, smaller in stature. Correct shape feet. Good rear quarters. On the move I found him to be rather erratic on his front. **2 Mackenzie's Shielvalley Toby.** Smaller in size, front rather upright and found him to be long in the back. Moved around ok.

Puppy Bitch (9,1). 1 Mann's Valger Symphony. Again, I find my notes saying Love her! Fits the bill with a beautiful head showing a great eye and expression. Bone and feet very pleasing body has depth with ribs back. Muscled well. She has great ring presence for a pup and moved well with real enthusiasm. Pleased to award her Best Puppy in breed. I would love to own one like her and will certainly watch her career. **2 Waddell's Magregor Glitter Muff.** On looking at her breeding found she is half-sister to winner. Very much similar to winner with a feminine head, found her to be correct all through her body and in pleasing condition. She moves around the ring with sure footfall. A few more indoor shows to settle her will help. **3 Read's Keigame Signe.**

Junior Bitch (5,2). 1 Filby & Brown's Winterwell That'll do for Desjiem. Beautiful youngster balanced and strong yet having that femininity about her. Head is correct with good eye nose ear set. Fore and aft she is set correctly having ribs well back. Moves out and around very well. **2 Schoneville's Balvenie Eye Candy.** Moves well but found her to have a dip in topline. Good in head and coat texture. **3 McCafferty's Thorscrag Arora.**

Novice Bitch (3,1). 1 Tait's Benboee Bee's Knees. Found her to be bigger in stature and a little long in back. Has correct head properties with a correct mouth. Feet of good shape. Could have moved with a surer footfall. **2 Brudenell-Pryke's Puddledub Pilis.** Has a good overall shape but found her a little short in depth of chest. Not as confident as winner.

Graduate Bitch (8,2). 1 Hammond's Seasham I Love To Boogie. Beautiful size and shape to body. Correct through skull with correct eye shape and mouth. Good lip and ear set. Feet of correct shape. She moves out really well and thought she was very nice indeed. **2 Tait's Benboee Bee's Knees. 3 Barker's Valger Rapunzel at Barkersdream JW.**

Post Graduate Bitch (9,1). 1 Roden's Keigame Queenie. This was a very good class of quality bitches. Love her style and outlook. Nothing overdone on her shape being balanced all through. She has a classic head with correct mouth. Correct in front and rear quarters enabling her to move around with ease. Has correct feet and topline. I see she is sired by a Valger dog whom on looking through my awards I did this kennel well. **2 Harris' Barleyarch Pakora.** Moved round the ring with a freestyle and ease of stride. Good coat and stands on correct feet. Loved her overall outline and quarters. A little heavier in body than the winner but a lovely specimen. **3 Lockett's Fayemm Forever Together.**

Limit Bitch (5). 1 Waddell's Magregor Canoodle. Just a youngster but a good specimen of her breed. Fabulous outline really liked her body shape. Feet correct with good pasterns. She has a lovely eye and a good head showing true type. Once she settled into her movement, she moved true. **2 Sielski's Orchidstar Jenga.** Same mould as winner but a tad smaller through. Very unlucky to meet winner. She held her topline and style well on the move showing muscle tone through body. **3 Drew's Archerpoint Native Dancer.**

Open Bitch (6). 1 Elrington's Barleyarch Dorito at Tequesta. CC. 2 Roden's Jacofraze Desire from Keigame. RCC. Well, what can I say except these two bitches really had to thrash it out for first place. They are very similar in outlook, and both can certainly move well when I gave them ample opportunity to show their gait. Body of correct stature and have the muscle tone to carry them well. When it came to my decision, I just preferred the head and expression of winner but have to say they are a beautiful pair and number 2 was very unlucky to meet the winner. Both owners should be proud of their charges. A real pleasure to judge. **3 Lockett's Fayemm Remember Me.**

Veteran Bitch (3,1). 1 Thurm's Sh Ch Valger Odette VW. My note says exquisite, and she certainly is belying her 10yrs of age. Fits the standard so well and is so sound on the stack and certainly is on the move. In excellent condition. Has a beautiful head with correct mouth. So balanced all through her body with correct feet and coat. Really loved her and thank you for exhibiting her it was a pleasure to judge such a sound girl. **2 Stewart & Currie's Int Sh Ch Winterwell Dominique at Levagrad ShCM.** Sound 7yr old in fit condition. Compact body. Not as correct in front as winner.

Special Beginners Bitch (1). 1 Brudenell-Pryke's Puddledub Pills.

Good Citizen Bitch (1). 1 Barker's Barkersdream Who Dares Wins. Just a youngster that needs to mature. Lovely shape to body. Correct quarters, needs to drop to elbow. Moved out ok.