

CRITIQUE - SCOTTISH KENNEL CLUB

Judge: Jenny Miller

I must thank the Scottish Kennel Club for allowing me to judge another favourite breed and awarding CCs for the first time. I had a nice entry and really enjoyed judging the breed, at first found it slightly difficult with so many varying breed types something I had not appeared to have judged or seen so much of in the past.

Minor Puppy Dog (2). **1 Stammer's Barleyarch Billbug at Lochpointer**, lovely type and outline to this stylish well developed 7 month old. I much preferred his overall balance and breed type, fraction overawed at this his first show, very smart well developed head, nice eye shape and colour with expression. Slightly arched muscular neck into good shoulders and firm short back, gradually sloping topline to a well set and carried tail, excellent shoulder and upper arm angulation, well bodied with deep chest and well placed elbows, nicely ribbed and well coated, correct muscular hindquarters, well turned stifle, good legs and tight feet, very sound free mover with drive. ***BPD.*** **2 Hawksby's Benboee Beguiling at Delahawk**, good size and shape to this 9 month old, enough strength of skull but lacking the balance in foreface. Little short of neck and not the close shoulder of 1, firm back line lacking the gradual slope to his tail. Very good depth of chest and body, would like more length back of rib and less length of loin. Well coated and in nice condition, good rear angles, stands well on nicely boned legs and feet. Moved out well with good stride.

Puppy Dog (5). **1 Stammer's Barleyarch Billbug at Lochpointer.** **2 Knowles & Glen's Wilholme I Gotta Feelin for Bessalone**, head well shaped but slightly longer in foreface and a little too much stop but with lovely eye shape and colour and well set ears. Good length to arched neck and well set into shoulders, enough front angulation lacking the chest depth of the 1st. Lovely short back and firm topline to well set and carried tail. Lovely body with well sprung ribs well back with short loin in nice condition and in well presented liver spotted coat. Good angulations front and rear with nice musculature to hindquarters. Straight well boned legs and tight arched feet. Very free mover with correct side gait and sound. **3 Benboee Beguiling at Delahawk.**

Junior Dog (1). **1 Angus' Calmerell Bederkesaer**, came 4th in Puppy Dog class, for 9 months this nicely balanced youngster was lacking so much in body weight, substance and depth of chest and body. Seeming to be lacking in ring experience or training, his movement was erratic and somewhat hard to determine once he stopped being a nutcase he showed soundness but just needing so much time and to be handled. On the plus side I liked his head shape and balance with kind alert eye, nicely placed and used ears, good neck clean and with nice arch, firm short topline to gradual fall to nice set tail carried well. Presented in nice coat. Enough bone on straight legs, feet need to tighten and strengthen.

Post Graduate Dog (5,3). **1 Hammond, Gulliford & Jefferies' Xsepshunall Merlot of Southmead**, very nice outline and overall balance to this liver spotted, lovely head, well shaped and balanced with correct shaped soft eye could be darker, broad ears well placed. Best of necks, clean moderate slightly arched into well laid muscular shoulders, firm backline and well set on and carried tail. Well sprung ribs and short loin, chest and body of good depth and substance, correctly angulated front assembly, elbows held well in on straight well boned legs with compact feet. Strong hindquarters, well muscled, would have like little more return of stifle. Excellent coat and skin condition. Moved out well with nice side gait, would have liked slightly better movement behind, sound forward action. **2 Duncan's Kavacanne Hun Toint Retreve**, slightly taller and not as overly balanced as 1. Masculine head fraction longer in foreface. Alert well set eyes and broad well carried ears, moderate neck well arched but shorter than my winner and lacking the very good forequarter angles of 1. Firm topline over a well sprung and ribbed back body with substance and depth. Deep chest not too wide with elbows well in on straight well boned forelegs with compact tight feet. Well muscled hindquarters and angulated stifle. Very nice liver and white coat in nice presentation. Positive and sound mover.

Limit Dog (8,1). **1 Graham's Winterwell Jelly Belly with Nyliram**, of nice shape and balance with good depth and substance. Holds correctly balanced and shaped head well on moderate well muscled clean slightly arched neck set in sloping shoulders, a short firm gradual sloping back to well set on tail. Very good forequarters well angulated, chest with depth and with elbows held well in at side. Well sprung ribs well back with short slightly arched loin. Presented well in nice flat liver spotted jacket. Correct strong rearquarters, well muscled and with good return of stifle and short hocks. Strong straight well boned legs and compact tight feet, really put the effort in on the move which won him the class. Very sound and free with good forward action and drive from behind covering the ground well. **2 Barnett's Puddledub Poit Dhubbh**, liked the overall outline and balance of this smooth coated well presented liver and white. Lovely head shape and balance with soft expression from darkish eyes and broad well set and carried ears. Good neck and clean sloping shoulders, slightly longer in back and not as firm is inclined to drop topline on the stance. Correctly angulated front and rear with good musculature to hindquarters, nice depth of chest and body with substance, well ribbed. Nice boned legs and tight feet, moved soundly with good stride and ground coverage. **3 Wright's Crumleigh Magic Max.**

Open Dog (2). **1 Drysdale's Ch Barleyarch Farthing at Drysika**, very stylish and all round balanced noble dog of good size and proportions. Having had the opportunity to judge this dog before and award him highly today he did not disappoint, I thought he stood out for breed type and had everything I was looking for. Really liked his clean-cut well worked and balanced head with good skull, alert well placed intelligent eyes of good colour, broad well set on ears, muscular clean and slightly arched neck into long sloping shoulders and firm short back to well set on and carried tail. Beautiful skin condition and flat liver and white ticked coat in lovely condition over a body with depth and substance, deep of chest not too wide and with elbows held in, sprung ribs well back to short loin with slight tuck. Correctly angulated forequarters, muscular broad hips, well turned stifle and short hocks, good straight boned legs, well padded round feet, very powerful free co-ordinated mover, really covered the ground and was very sound both ends. No hesitation in awarding the ***DCC & BOB.*** **2 Tulleth, Galloway & Anderson's Alayglow Um Um Raicher**, 4 years old liver spotted in excellent coat and condition. A very well balanced dog with a nice outline, not quite the build of my winner and was a finer breed type. Nice masculine head, clean and well shaped, expressive well set eyes, strong long neck into long sloping shoulders, excellent angulation of shoulder to upper arm and with depth to chest. Firm short back gradual slope to tail. Deep body with substance, well sprung ribs, short loin with slight tuck. Muscular hindquarters with well angulated stifle and short hocks. Not the bone density of my winner but with straight legs and tight compact feet. Very sound positive and free mover with drive and throw covering the ground well. ***RDCC.***

Veteran Dog (3). **1 Duncan's Magregor Pukka**, this very well built 8 year old fits the Standard well and is the type I like. Super head and expression from dark eyes, strong arched neck holding head well, firm short backline and nice tail. Lovely body and ribs with depth and substance, good skin and smooth textured liver and white spotted coat. Nicely angulated front and rear with good musculature throughout. Well boned legs and tight compact feet, with strong hocks made for a very sound and free striding mover. **2 Brown's Montalba Maurice**, slightly taller this 8 year old but balanced throughout giving a nice picture on the stance. Head masculine not as typical or correct as 1, nice dark eye and kind alert expression, good neck well shaped and set into sloping shoulders and a firm short back to nice tail. Well bodied with good angles front and rear, the rear being well muscled. Nice depth of chest and body well ribbed back with short loin. Straight well boned legs and arched feet, another free striding mover who was sound. **3 Bliss' Keigame The Charmer.**

Minor Puppy Bitch (5,2). **1 Bliss' Kacela Sweet Malaika**, charming 6 months old liver and spotted with a lovely outline and balance for one so young. Not my type of head and I hope it develops further, good skull but lacking balance and strength of foreface. Nice eye shape and alert. Had the best shoulder to upper arm angulation of the class, sloping firm held backline on the stance and move. Lovely body depth and substance, presented in a great coat texture, would like more depth of chest, nice straight well boned legs and tight feet, free and sound steady mover. **2 Cox's Cushatlaw Irresistable**, much more breed type in head shape and balance with lovely expressive eyes, good neck length into well set sloping shoulders with good angles to upper arm. Not standing well and losing any firmness in her topline, for 8 months I would need to see more depth in chest and body with more substance, straight forelegs but lacking in bone, enough return of stifle, tight feet. Still able to move with good stride and sound using tail well. **3 Tait's Benboee Bring It On.**

Puppy Bitch (7,1). **1 Knowles & Glen's Wilholme Sharp N Smart at Bessalone**, I really liked this youngster as she finished up my ***BP*** but her liver and white ticked jacket has patch colour markings that detracts and it is only on going over her that you get the true picture. Pretty feminine head well developed, super expression from lovely eyes well shaped, correct broad ear. Well muscled and arched neck into clean sloping shoulders, correct short firm back over a body with lovely weight, super ribs sprung well back and with great depth to chest and brisket, elbows well in and standing well over straight nicely boned legs and tight feet. Well muscled quarters, good return of stifle, lovely second thigh down to short hocks giving a free driving action. Shown and handled well to get the best from her on the stance and the move which was free and sound; **2 Tudor's Torranpoint Peppercorn**, smart liver and white ticked presented in good skin and lovely coat. Sweet feminine head well worked and balanced, I think I preferred this head to that of my winner, carried on good arched neck of length into clean sloping shoulders, enough upper arm but lacked depth of chest. Good short firm backline, well bodied and ribbed back, nice strong quarters and correct return of stifle, would have liked more strength of bone, straight legs to neat arched feet, very sound both ends and had good striding ground coverage. **3 Duncan's Cushatlaw Irresistable.**

Junior Bitch (2). **1 Duncan's Kavacanne Gale Storm**, very smart balanced outline looks every bit feminine. Correctly proportioned head, lovely dark eye colour and well held broad ears. Super musculature to arched neck of length smoothly into well laid shoulders and a firm short backline to a well set on white tail which she used well. Nothing overdone but with lovely substance and depth of chest, brisket and body with sprung ribs well back into short loin. Presented in super liver and ticked coat in lovely condition. Well angulated front and rear which was well muscled, neat hocks well placed and well boned, straight legs and compact feet, sound effortless action with reach and drive, one to watch for the future. **2 Galloway & Anderson's Alayglow Hasina**, taller lady, not as balanced as my winner, well held head, good breadth of skull but longer in foreface, eyes set well but need to be darker, strong neck and well set into shoulders with good angles to upper arm. Nice depth of chest and brisket, well bodied with substance, sprung ribs a little short making for length in loin. Well presented and in lovely condition her liver and white spotted coat. Straight legs would like more strength of bone compact feet, moved out well not the stride of my winner but sound.

Post Graduate Bitch (8). **1 Hammond's Seasham Lovestruck**, I was lucky enough to judge this lady sometime ago as a puppy and thought she was fabulous then, today she has not changed my mind, I'm still lovestruck. Has grown and developed having all over balance, and I did consider her for top honours. Beautiful feminine balanced attractive head, such lovely expression and well placed ears. Length of neck well arched and muscled set well and cleanly into sloping shoulders, firm short backline to well set and carried tail. Correct shoulder to upper arm angulations, with lovely depth of chest, deep brisket and elbows held well in. Lovely depth of body with good weight and well sprung ribs well back with short loin slightly arched. Texture of her liver and white ticked coat was excellent and her skin in nice condition, lovely straight strong well boned forelegs and compact tight feet, well muscled back, croup, stifle and thigh, really stands well over the ground just a fraction wide at front today. Really effortless well co-ordinated mover, sound with good driving action from the rear and throw from the front. Another I will watch with interest. **2 Lockett's Winterwell Bobbie Dazzler of Fayemm**, lovely looking in side profile and showed overall balance. Loved her head shape and alert expression, lovely eyes well placed with of colour. Super neck length and strength well laid back to angulated shoulder into a short firm backline and nice tail set on correctly. Substance and depth to a well ribbed back body with nice loin. Good upper arm and depth of chest, elbows well in on straight correctly boned legs and compact feet. Good rearquarters well turned and muscled. Presented in attractive liver ticked jacket in nice condition. Covered the ground with good side stride but was much closer behind than my winner. **3 Waddell's Magregor Fluffernutter.**

Limit Bitch (9,1). **1 Drysdale's Barleyarch Tracker at Drysika**, nearly 3 year old and maturing nicely. Slightly bigger frame but with super outline and well balanced and stands well over herself. Loved her sweet well worked and proportioned head, good jaw and lovely dark eyes with alertness. Strong moderately long arched neck with strong well laid shoulders and firm level slightly sloping topline to her short back, well set tail carried well. Body of great substance nothing overdone with ribs well sprung and back with good loin and slight tuck. Lovely presentation to her liver ticked coat of good smooth texture and skin in lovely condition. Well angulated shoulder to upper arm with correct width and good depth of chest, brisket. Straight well boned legs and tight arched padded feet, excellent musculature and return of stifle with good length and strength of hock. Powerful forward action and sound with sound driving push from the rear. **2 Coe & Pitman's Pitwit Leeona**, very similar shape and size to my winner also with lovely balance who presents a nice outline on the stance. Very attractive well work and proportionate head, alert dark eyes and good broad high set ears. Muscular moderately long and arched neck set strongly into well laid back shoulders, another with firm slightly sloping short back and nicely set tail. Well bodied and coated attractive liver ticked in nice condition, good ribs and substance with depth to chest, brisket and body with good line to slight tuck at loin. Lovely forequarter and rear angles with good musculature, nice strong straight boned legs and tight feet, very sound free mover with good side stride and sound both ends. Just preferred the type of 1. **3 Towns Lay's Indijazz Truly Scumptions.**

Open Bitch (6). **1 Rose, Morris & Evans' Sh Ch Kavacanne Toff Act To Follow**, really stunning bitch of lovely size and shape, has improved with maturity and has a lovely balance, very feminine but full of strength and elegance. Beautifully presented liver ticked coat in lovely condition fitting body well. Very attractive and balanced head, lovely eye colour and kind expression, head held well on moderate neck set into laid back shoulders with good angulations to upper arm. Firm short strong back sloping into well placed and carried tail. Great body with depth and well sprung ribs, nice loin and slight tuck up, body well muscled. Nice depth of chest, correct width with elbows held well in on straight strongly boned legs and tight compact feet. Firm hindquarters with musculature and excellent bend of stifle and short strong hocks. Powerful mover and very sound with good stride and ground coverage. ***BCC.*** **2 Taylor's Koolwaters On Moonlight Bay at Pelenrise**, very smart balanced outline and of good size, solidly marked coat with some ticking. Most beautiful balanced well developed feminine head and dark eyes. Straight short back slight slope to tail. A body with substance and depth perhaps today carrying a little too much weight which made my class decision. Lovely sprung ribs well back and good loin and slight tuck. Very well angulated front with good depth of chest and rear well muscled and angled with good return of stifle and short hocks. Moderately boned straight legs and compact well padded feet. True mover so sound with good drive and powerful stride. ***RBCC.*** **3 Trow's Sh Ch Winterwell Tootsie Roll.**

Veteran Bitch (1). **1 Brown's Montalba Millie Chillum**, nice breed type to this slightly bigger bitch, very well presented in a good liver ticked coat. Nearly 8 years in very hard condition for her age. Quality head well defined with nice eye shape and set with good colour and nice held and set ears. Clean throat, strong neck of good length into clean shoulders and sloping backline set well. Well ribbed and bodied with substance and depth, lovely angles front and rear, nice straight well boned legs and feet. Strong rearquarters well muscled, nice return of stifle. Good mover positive and sound both ends.