

CRITIQUE - THE WELSH KENNEL CLUB

Judge Julie Squire

Thank you for a lovely quality entry. It was as always a great pleasure to judge our wonderful breed.

I was pleased that in every class considering that entries are much lower these days, I was able to find the size and type I was looking for, hence I was delighted with both my line ups. Movement I still find very disappointing as are the many different types of heads!

Veteran Dog (1,0). **1 Duncan's Sh Ch Magregor Pukka**. A lovely dog of perfect size, shows no sign of age, in great condition, so well balanced, moves sound & true.

Minor Puppy Dog (1,0). **1 Cooke & Hammond's Seasham Super Trouper**. Just 6 mths & looking very promising, lovely size, coat short & harsh, pleasing head with good length of foreface, eyes darkening nicely, lengthy neck in to good shoulders, short back, well angulated rear, moving well in front should strengthen behind with maturity.

Puppy Dog (3,1). **1 Cooke & Hammond's Seasham Super Trouper**. **2 Powell & Tarrant's Malmelsa Romancing Romeo At Pawnic**. 10 mths l/w, very nice puppy who is at a completely different stage to 1, he has a good coat & pleasing head, short back with good topline, well angulated rear, moves well in front & profile, again needs to strengthen behind. Preferred length of upper arm of the minor puppy.

Junior Dog (3,1). **1 Staley's Keigame Chilli Bean**. Solid liver of lovely size & balance, good angles front and rear, deep in chest, short back with good topline. Moves true coming and going. **2 Roden & Woodland's Keigame Brown Sauce**. Solid liver litter brother to 1. Preferred head and size of his brother, none the less he presents a balanced picture when standing, short back, good depth of brisket, moves soundly.

Novice Dog (3,1). **1 Cooke & Hammond's Shesham Super Trooper**. **2 Rose & Hunt's Kavacanne Gale Force Wind**. This young dog is of lovely size and shown in fit hard condition. He has a balanced head and dark eyes, short backed and good topline. He moves very soundly but would prefer more angulation front and rear.

Post Graduate Dog (6,1). **1 Dymond's Friasbelle Marsh Mellow**. 2 years l/w of good size & proportions. Head is well balanced with broad high set ears, eyes could be darker but they do match the lighter liver of his coat. Good angles front & rear, pleasing bone, stands on good feet, moved soundly round the ring, in very fit hard condition. **2 Duncan's Kavacanne Hun Toint Retreuve**. 2 years l/w, lovely type, good size, balanced head with dark eyes, good length of neck in to well laid shoulders, sufficient rear angulation, moved ok, preferred rear movement of 1. **3 Hughes Sonnenberg Sealion**

Limit Dog (9,1). **1 Malin's Heathermark Irish At Benrae**. 3 year b/w, for me he is the best black & white we have seen in the breed. Lovely size & breed type. Head clean cut, not too broad with good length of foreface showing a slight roman nose in profile, eyes dark with kind gentle expression. Lengthy neck into well laid back shoulders, lovely length of upper arm, back short & firm, tail set correct, good turn of stifle with great width across the thigh. Body is deep, stands on great feet. No surprise he covers the ground with great ease, totally true coming & going. In the challenge the open dog just beat him on his full maturity & ring presence. **RCC**, quite sure he will make the first B/W champion!!! **2 Lisle Barleyarch Rolex**. 3 year l/w pleasing dog with good depth & spring of rib, good shoulder placement & turn of stifle, presents a very balanced picture in profile & his handler really does get the best out of him. Just a bit too much of him for me. Could not match the movement of 1. **3 Serpa & Griffiths Barleyarch Trumpeter**.

Open Dog (3,0). Spoilt for choice with these 3 lovely dogs, would have been more than happy to have given either of them the CC. **1 Rose & Gaffney's Sh Ch & Dutch Ch Kavacanne Toff At The Top**. 5 year l/w of lovely size & type. This is the 3rd time I've judged him & for me he now is at his very best. Fully matured & in fit hard condition, he is a delight to put your hands on. His head although a little strong in back skull it is balanced with good length of foreface, eyes are dark and his ears are high set & close fitting. Neck long, leading in to good shoulders, upper arm long, super front, body deep, back short & strong, lovely turn of stifle with good width across the thigh. Moves with such reach & drive keeping his lovely shape in profile. Delighted to award him the **CC & BOB**. **2 Tarrant's Pawnic Saxon**. 4 year l/w What a lovely dog, spot on for size & breed type, gorgeous head with kind gentle expression, good front & shoulders & rear to match, moves true on a free & easy stride. Very much deserves his title, hope its not long in coming. **3 Graham's Sh Ch Winterwell Jelly Belly With Nyliram**.

Veteran Bitch (2,1) **1 Gardiner's Kilnrae Gretal**. 11 years l/w what a lovely old lady, still keeping a great shape, lovely head with gorgeous eyes & expression, good angulation for & aft, moved soundly.

Minor Puppy Bitch (5,0) **1 Ellis Soellis Dirty Gertie**. 8 month l/w, loved her size & bone, balanced head with eyes darkening nicely, super neck & topline, good front & shoulders, good turn of stifle with width across the thigh. Little shy to start with but settled, moved well. **2 Whitehouse's Kazanpaul Creme de la Creme**. Another lovely 8 month puppy. lovely feminine head, well balanced with good angulation fore & aft, lovely smart dark jacket, moved well. Liked her very much, just preferred the little more bone of the 1st. **3 Roden's High High Jingle Bells at Keigame**

Puppy Bitch (8,2) **1 Gain & Dixon's Kavacanne A Vimto to Molkara**. 11 month l/w, gorgeous puppy, loved her size & bone. Head well balanced, long neck, super front & shoulders with strong quarters to match. She has a short harsh dark coat that gleamed with condition. Her movement was spot on, she just shouts quality, loved her. **BP**. **2 Drew's Cushatlaw Illustrious**. Another quality puppy of a different type. Pleasing head, long neck, very well balanced all through. Not in the best of coats at the moment. **3 Heath's Barleyarch Ladybird At Pinseeker**

Junior Bitch (0)

Novice Bitch (2,0) **1 Gain & Dixon's Kavacanne A Vimto to Molkara**. **2 Gardiners Malmelsa Flirty Fleuri**. 10 month l/w pleasing head with sweetest of expressions, looked nice shape stacked but was carrying a little too much weight for me. Moved well behind but needs to settle in front.

Post Graduate Bitch (5,0). **1 Brown's Barleyarch Tigernut At Graygees**. 2 years l/w, lovely bitch shown in fit hard condition, correct size & of good type. Good front assembly, deep in chest & good shoulder placement with correct length to her upper arm. Pleasing bend of stifle. Gentle feminine head with soft expression & dark eyes. Really pleasing bitch, moved well. **2 Duncan's Kavacanne Gale Storm**. Splitting hairs with these two. Lovely bitch, looks really good in profile & is not disappointing to go over, very balanced through out, she has a lovely head. She just lost out on front being just a bit wider. Moved soundly. **3 Hughes Sonnenberg Seaholly**.

Limit Bitch (5,0). Five cracking bitches in this class, really did have to split hairs. **1 Hammonds Seasham Lovestruck**. 2 year l/w. Very much like the style of this bitch. Her feminine head pleases greatly with the darkest of eyes. She has good well laid back shoulders with long upper arm & a more than good turn of stifle. Sound on the move with a lovely long forward stride. Presented in tip top condition, her coat is short & harsh. For me she just needs a little more time to mature & finish in body. **2 Rose's Kavacanne Blowin A Gale**. Young bitch of correct size, lovely type. Balanced head with dark eyes, slightly rounder in skull than 1st. Gorgeous front & shoulder angulation, short back with good level topline, lovely turn of stifle. Moves absolutely true coming & going. **3 Lockett's Winterwell Bobbie Dazzler Of Fayemm**.

Open Bitch (10,3). **1 Rumney's Keigame Sweet Melody**. 7 years l/w. What a lovely well balanced bitch, not overdone in anyway. She is a gorgeous shape in profile with everything just flowing in to each other. Head is balanced with good length of foreface, eyes dark with a kind gentle expression. Neck flows into her shoulders which are well laid back with long upper arm, body is deep, firm short back with loin wide, tail set spot on. Well turned stifle with thighs strong & well muscled. Moved true coming & going & keeps her shape well in profile. Delighted to award her the **CC** her 2nd, keeping going for the 3rd. **2 Halbert's Sh Ch Valger Odessa At Marimay**. Liked this bitch as a puppy & is now just reaching her best, not always willing to play ball but today was the best I've seen her show. Ultra feminine head with dark eyes, neck long, shoulders good, not quite the length of upper arm of winner, ribs deep & well sprung, lovely rear angulation. Shown in fit hard condition. Moved well with good reach & drive, **RCC**. **3 Thompson's Redmires Talk Of The Catwalk**.