

Midland Counties 25th October 2009

My thanks to exhibitors for a super entry both in quality and numerically. I was disappointed in the classification in view of the size of the entry as I would have liked to have had a few more classes enabling me to present more cards to deserving exhibits who went cardless. Quality was very much in evidence in the higher classes, especially in bitches.

Some movement gave cause for concern, wide front assemblies resulting in being out at the elbow, weak pasterns displaying a rotating and pinning action. Straight stifles along with hindquarters that lacked strength through absence of muscle. These faults prevent correct smooth ground covering action and powerful hind driving force that is so necessary and required in the breed.

PUPPY DOG:11, 3)

1st Barker's Flinthill Monty Don. 8 month b/w, although raw at present, shows promise. I liked him for his type and construction, head developing well, dark eye, nicely rounded lip, good in front having required depth of chest, once he got into his stride moved well. BP.

2nd Williams & Rose's Ridanflight Revelation. Clan cut b/w, a lot more mature and compact than one, well ribbed standing on straight front, head of pleasing proportions with dark eye, correct rear angulation, moved with drive round the ring.

3rd Hamilton & Gordon's Hawkfield Loves A Scoundrel.

JUNIOR DOG: (7)

1st Tibbs' Raigmore Dusk Till Dawn. Heavily marked b/w, balanced head shape, soft expression, clean in neck and shoulder, neat correct feet, longer cast in body, shows his lovely carriage on the move with a steady and true action which won him his placing.

2nd Yeo's Thorncross Cornish Crusade At Trexon. B/w ticked, pleasing head with kind eye, good turn of lip, fine leathers, a neat and compact young dog with good bone, deep in brisket, loved his muscular condition and strong hindquarters, correct tail set and action on the move.

3rd Theobald's Kiswahili Kai At Tycarreg.

POST GRADUATE DOG: (14, 2)

1st Anthony's Jilony Just Amazing JW. B/w, so ttypy of this kennel, well worked head, dark eye, good reach of neck into correct shoulder assembly, short couplings, good sweep of stifle, short hocks, well let down, gave him drive, shown in top condition, won this class on his balance and positive ground covering movement.

2nd Hamilton's Hawkfield Lets Get Rowdy JW ShCM. B/w, larger built than one, of good type and construction, attractive head with defined stop, depth to muzzle, desirable length of foreface, deep in brisket, muscled hindquarters showing good width of thigh, purposeful movement.

3rd Kirby's Haramander Shabby Chic.

LIMIT DOG: (17, 2)

1st Beesley's Birchleith Barbican Beau. On first moving the class my eye was instantly drawn to this b/w dog's super head carriage, well held topline and correct use of tail, effortless smooth easy movement with lovely length and powerful stride, so well balanced, honest type, possessing many characteristic attributes, pleasing head, kind soft expression, strong, straight front, good depth of chest, correct length of stifle, well muscled through first and second thigh, very well presented and handled, was delighted to award him the CC and BOB and see him shortlisted in the Group.

2nd O'Driscoll's Fowington Five Bob Note. B/w, similar in type and displaying many of the qualities of one, well shaped skull, good in forequarters, deep chest, displaying good spring of rib, well coupled, developed and muscled rear, good expanse of thigh along with low set hocks gave him strength to power round the ring, not a lot to differentiate, felt one had slightly better topline and sweep of stifle and had the edge on the day. RCC.

3rd Drake's Clamerkin Crystal Mountain JW.

OPEN DOG: (13, 2)

1st Westaway's Penwest Palamedes. B/w of honest type, delightful head and eye, well bodied all through displaying strength of bone and body, deep brisket, short coupled, powerful hindquarters, generated driving motion, good tail length and set, retained topline on move, shown in hard muscular condition.

2nd Wood's Stockend Jameson. Sound b/w, clean in outline and balanced throughout, liked his type and compact body proportions, kind expression, well developed soft lip, depth to chest, strong over loin, well defined muscled hindquarters, short low set hocks, neat tail set on well, preferred head carriage and smoother action of one on the move.

3rd Swift's Hampsbeck Chaos ShCM.

PUPPY BITCH: (13, 5)

1st Hall's Gartarry Chiff Chaff. Just over 6 months, this o/w has potential, pretty head breaking well, pleasing body shape, good reach of neck, well held topline, strong over the loin and hindquarters, moved a little erratic which I forgave as other attributes compensated.

2nd Wilkinson's Flinthill Forget Me Not. B/w, attractive head with lovely eye and expression, good oval bone, well laid back shoulder and depth of brisket, strong in body and rear quarters, another promising youngster.

3rd Edmondson & Robertshaw's Crookrise Free And Easy.

JUNIOR BITCH: (16, 2)

1st Martin's Sunhouse Believe In Me. Appealing headed b/w with good muzzle depth and dark eye, mature in body with plenty of bone and substance, true in front, strong hindquarters, well turned stifle, scored on her steady and even movement.

2nd Stilgoe's Teisgol Aquarius. Eye catching b/w, another youngster who showed strength in body, balanced appealing head, soft eye and expression, muscled back end, moved well, preferred length of stride of one.

3rd Smith's Raigmore Dawn Chorus.

POST GRADUATE BITCH: (28, 5)

1st Westaway's Penwest Philana. Compact liver/white, good body shape and balance, clean neck, slightly arched into good shoulder placings, well ribbed through to couplings, developed hindquarters showing strong expanse of thigh, neat tail used in action, moved soundly, an honest type of bitch not overdone or exaggerated.

2nd Edmondson's New Moon Do Vale Carvoeiro At Crookrise (Imp Prt). Really liked this b/w of type and quality with an outline showing flowing lines, most attractive head, good length of foreface, correct topline, depth of brisket, ribs carried well back, well turned and length of stifle, initially unsettled but got into her stride and moved well.

3rd Rayner & Spink's Spinray Miss Saigon.

LIMIT BITCH: (18, 2) What a class, found this one of the hardest decisions of the day. First and second had many similarities and could change places on another day.

1st Tibbs' Raigmore Let It Shine JW. Balanced and ultra feminine o/w with lovely dark points, head of equal proportions with most melting eye and expression, clean neck into good lay of shoulder, straight front and correct feet and pastern, well ribbed, strength in rear assembly, hindquarters well developed and muscled, good set and length of tail, moved with sound positive action retaining her topline. Res BCC.

2nd Rose & Williams' Ridanflight Rangiora. Another super o/w of type and quality, chiselled balanced head, most expressive kind eye, long clean neck into well placed shoulders, good topline finishing with well set tail, clean flowing outline both standing and on the move.

3rd Crawte's Bestina Black Opal At Leascliffe JW ShCM.

OPEN BITCH: (16, 3) My two winners portrayed similar characteristics, both so feminine combining compactness with desirable strength to body, gentle curves and flowing lines, nothing coarse or overdone in either. Close decision, felt on the day first projected a little more precision and symmetry in stance and on the move.

1st Huxley's Woodfleet Siennarain. Classy liver/white shown in muscular condition, lovely bitch to go over, has the length of foreface often lacking in the breed, fine leathers set well, good length of neck, true front with neat correct feet and strong slightly sloping pasterns, clean through the shoulders, firm topline, well let down hocks, sound movement using neat tail to advantage. BCC.

2nd Evans & Rawlings' Sh Ch Joneva Waiting In The Wings JW. Quality b/w, appealing head with soft expressive dark eye, very soundly constructed, good depth to chest, ribs well expanded, straight front, correct feet, oval bone, neat in body proportions, handler projects this bitch to advantage both on the stack and moving.

3rd Siddle's Wilchrimane Dark Silk.

Ann Turnbull - Judge