

Crufts 2012

Friday 9th March 2012

Thank you all for my wonderful entry, to my stewards who were the best thank you. An honour to be invited to judge our lovely breed. Thank you to the exhibitors for the sporting atmosphere. On a minus side, I think that front angulation is still a problem, we are seeing brisket well above the elbows, short necks, no extension in front on the move, and we are seeing more over angulation in the hindquarters. My biggest surprise were heads, there were some strong skulls others with no work, eyes with no expression. On a positive note, coats have improved greatly since I judged last. Pleased to see my Best of Breed still showing and moving well to take 4th in the Gundog Group, well done.

VETERAN DOG (10, 3)

1st Wilcox's Sh Ch Pipeaway Zonic Tonic For Merynjen JW. Well balanced O/W, matching back and front. Good deep body, short coupled and not overdone in any way. Balanced head. In the best of condition, well muscled hindquarters which he used well on the move.

2nd Isherwood's Sh Ch Symitry Russian Roulette. Very similar to first in type, very balanced just a little lighter in body. The best of hindquarters. He showed his bright and happy temperament when on the move. Two worthy champions.

3rd Mason's Aurichalcum The Renegade. 10 years old, a credit to his owner, in top condition and well muscled. Well boned dog, moved with purpose.

SPECIAL PUPPY DOG (13, 1)

1st O'Driscoll's Gartarry Moonlight Flit To Fowington. O/W, loved his balanced head and bright eye. He is a nice size with an outline of curves in the right places. Has a good body and couplings leading to well muscled hindquarters used well to drive off, keeping shape on the move. Should have a bright future. 2nd Mitchell's Gartarry Moonshine Over Staxyll. Litter brother to first, not quite as mature at the moment, but a lot of similar remarks apply. Found his movement sound. Two nice youngsters.

3rd Flint's Casilex Crescendo. B/W dog, heavier than the first two, having a balanced head and the kindest of eye, good neck leading into well laid back shoulders, deep brisket to elbows, correct shaped bone, in excellent body and coat, not as together as first two on the move.

SPECIAL JUNIOR DOG (14, 1)

1st Welch's Moulou Minstrel At Hookwood. Very honest, well made b/w, not flashy, head balanced with kind expression, good bone, body and a correct shaped tail which he used as he kept his shape on the move.

2nd Eden's Dalens Super Trouper. B/w, nice lines, best of shoulders, deep well sprung ribs moved well.

3rd MacManus' Luneville Harvest Moon. This b/w has the most appealing head and eye, well ribbed body carrying the right amount of weight, moved out positively.

YEARLING DOG (17, 1)

1st Best's Shadesett Keep On Believin For Bestina. Gives his handler a hard time. 20 months b/w dog that flows through nicely. Not a heavy dog, loved his head with a defined stop and pronounced occiput, good neck into well placed shoulders, ribs well let down to elbow, a bit more weight would be to his advantage. Covering plenty of ground when he settled, found his bright, outgoing, kind temperament very pleasing.

2nd Harrison's Millpoint Top Hat N Tails JW. B/w built on heavier lines than first, looking the part when stacked. has the kindest of expressions, well placed shoulders, deep and well ribbed body and well back. Not the lightest on the move.

3rd Siddle & Oddie's Chesterhope Watch My Step At Wilchrimane (Imp NZ). O/w that moved out well when handler moved at the right speed. Bigger and rangier than first and second, not as together.

GRADUATE DOG (12)

1st Weston's Teisgol Buraco. 2 year old b/w that I liked a lot. Balanced and well built. Head shape well proportioned. Has the kindest of expression. Correct body shape, well muscled hindquarters using his hocks to drive off. Good tail action on the move making a pleasing picture.

2nd Brown's Teisgol Carioca. Litter brother to first. Similar remarks apply just preferred first in hindquarters. Two nice youngsters.

2nd Atkin's Hawkfield Mischief Maker For Guanabara JW ShCM. Not a big dog but balanced, in good order, moved with purpose and drive, would have liked better feet.

POST GRADUATE DOG (20, 3)

1st Weston's Teisgol Buraco.

2nd Martin's Sunhouse Believe It Or Not JW ShCM. Liked his size, well boned and balanced, has the best of shoulders, short coupled. In hard condition covered the ground well.

3rd Marsh's Sharnphilly Redshank For Ratchda. A good headed dog, arched neck into well placed shoulders, with good bone leading to nice feet, not driving as well as first or second.

MID LIMIT DOG (12) The movement in this class was not the best. Some in front and some in rear.

1st Adams' Ansona Simple Simon JW ShCM. A stylish dog with lots to like, right amount of body and condition, good hindquarters and second thigh, would prefer a little more bone.

2nd Eden's Esrews Black Tuxedo At Dalens JW. B/w, heavier built than first. Head balanced, good shoulders and body, just preferred hindquarters of winner.

3rd Gordon's Hawkfield Sunkissed Sea. O/w, liked this dog for his overall type, correct bone shape, has the best of feet and pasterns, not moving as well, still deserved his place on type.

LIMIT DOG (7)

1st Alcorn & Lynn's Afterglow Bare Face Lie At Kanix ShCM. L/w dog, all Pointer. Head with plenty of work, well shaped bone and feet, well placed shoulders, deep body, well sprung ribs going well back, correct rear angulation. Well let down hocks which he used to move with ease around the ring keeping his outline at all times to be awarded the RCC. Am sure his day will come.

2nd Walkling's Kiswahili Catcher In The Rye ShCM. Liked this o/w for his head and expression, having the right amount of weight and muscle, just lacking the front extension and movement of first.

3rd Lavery & McNab's Gideon The Profiler ShCM. This l/w dog is well put together, moved well. Just not the head of first or second. Carrying a bit too much weight over loin.

OPEN DOG (14, 2)

1st Rose & Robinson's Sh Ch/NZ Ch Robwyn Dreams Are Free At Ridanflight (Imp NZ). O/w that today came into the ring with that sparkle, alert, relaxed aura about him. Not once did he stop saying 'look at me', with that never ending tail wagging. Where do I start? This dog's head impressed me with its total balance and shape, having a kind expressive eye, ears set on well, long muscular neck, with the right amount of angles front and rear. Carrying the right amount of body which was well proportioned and chest down to his elbows. Having the best oval bone, pasterns and feet. Moved around the ring as if he owned it which he did today. CC, BOB, Gundog Group 4.

2nd Hinton's Sh Ch Fleurfields Flambeau. O/w honest dog of nice size and proportions. Good bone shape, well set on tail which he used well on the move. Shown in best order.

3rd Harris' Scobec Man About Town. O/w dog flows from nose to tail, liked him a lot. More weight would be an advantage, had the best of hindquarters. Having pointer type. Showed well.

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG DOG (6, 1)

1st Westron's Aurichalcum Lord Beckett Of Castlepoint. Never seen this dog look better. Loved his true pointer character, alert, looking like he was fit for purpose, well bodied, muscled and went with ease.

2nd Marsh's Sharnphilly Redshank For Ratchda, 3 Westaway's Penwest Palamedes. B/w dog, good size, balanced, having nice head and body shape, just not moving out as well today. Liked him a lot.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG (14)

1st Brown's Teisgol Carioca.

2nd Eden's Esrews Black Tuxedo At Dalens JW.

3rd Atkin's Hawkfield Mischief Maker For Guanabara JW ShCM.

VETERAN BITCH (18, 3)

1st Guy's Sh Ch Teisgol Phoenix At Carofel JW. This lady topped a nice class, never seen her look better, or move with purpose like she did, B/W not a big girl but well put together, flows through well in excellent condition.

2nd Preece's Sh Ch Pipeaway Nellie Melba Of Harvestslade. Love this bitch, total balance, well proportioned head, good bone with deep body, not the vigour of first today.

3rd Lowe's Lowsmoor Echo Falls. Well put together in good order flows through nicely. Three nice ladies.

SPECIAL PUPPY BITCH (18, 2)

1st Barford & Booth's Kiswahili You Live In Me For Protanto. A nice class of youngsters at different stages. Thought that everything today was right on this young lady to top this class. Found her balanced, of correct size, her head well proportioned, bright and kind expression, clean neck, well sprung deep rib going well back. Having correct shape bone, loved her hindquarters, well turned stifles with muscle and second thigh, hocks well let down. Used tail on the move keeping a nice outline. Made her BPIB over a nice dog puppy.

2nd Fleming's Carmandine Kimono Of Glenariff. An o/w baby but could not be denied her place, a nice picture of curves. Thought her head is well developed for age showing plenty of work, ears well set, good front, deep body, tail well set on, carried level. Moved on well made hindquarters.

3rd Walkling's Kanix Edwina By Kiswahili. Pretty o/w, pleasing head, correct body, well muscled hindquarters which she used well.

SPECIAL JUNIOR BITCH (17, 4)

1st O'Neill's Tenshilling Viva Las Vegas. Winning this good class today, this o/w looked the part, very together, well built and boned. Good body shape, short coupled, hindquarters which have good expanse of first and second thigh, having good shaped tail used well on the move, handled well.

2nd Turton's Tanglebrook Madrilen. B/w different to first, more rangier at this stage, head balanced, long arched neck leading into correct shoulder. Like her body and rib, driving off well made hindquarters. Nice youngster, not as mature as first.

3rd Perkins' Luneville Honey Moon At Brent. Liked this pretty o/w a lot, having curves in all the right places, having a typey head and pleasing eye and expression. Just needing time and to settle on the move. Three nice girls.

YEARLING BITCH (20, 4)

1st Bedson & Earl's Caithpoint Sugar Babe. A new one to me loved her overall shape and balance she flows through so well, nice size, balanced head, arched neck, excellent shoulder placement, correct bone and shape, short coupled. Strong hindquarters with width and muscle. Tail set well on moved with drive and reach, like her a lot.

2nd Dolman's Flinthill Golden Thyme. Lots to like about this o/w, well shaped head with lot of work in it, having lots of Pointer characteristics, good body shape, just not the hindquarters of first.

3rd Siddle's Wilchrimane Ice Crystal. O/w good overall shape, nice bone, deep body, moved out well, could carry more weight to advantage.

GRADUATE BITCH (20, 2)

1st Siddle's Wilchrimane Ice Maiden JW. Today was her day, looking really well, right amount of body and muscle. Pleasing in head, arched neck into well laid shoulders, good bone, feet and pasterns, well ribbed body, short coupled body. Good width of hindquarter with second thigh. Hocks well let down, good tail shape, stylish on the move to take the CC.

2nd Lewis' Ridanflight Rodzynka. B/w. not as mature as first, built on nice lines, well shaped head nice eye, strong hindquarters, with good tail set keeping a nice outline on the move, moving with purpose. Should mature well liked her type.

3rd Fairbairn & Madigan's This o/w has a pleasing head with kind expression, arched neck into well laid shoulder, excellent body shape and rib, in hard condition, preferring hindquarters of first and second, nice type.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (11, 1)

1st Blowers' Bonnygate Karriage Queen Of Deadaway (ai). B/w, not a big bitch and nice to go over, having good angles front and back, having a well ribbed and deep body, having the best of tails, in hard condition, honest type.

2nd Cooper's Keepersfield Mama Mia. B/W similar to above having a nice head and expression, preferred first in hindquarters.

3rd Weaver's Anniezu Everlasting Love. Well made o/w good bone and body shape.

MID LIMIT BITCH (11, 2)

1st Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Chilli. O/w, kindest of expressions having nice bone shape, pasterns and feet, carrying right amount of body, well muscled hindquarters, well shaped tail, moved out well.

2nd Lowe's Lowsmoor Storms River (ai). B/w, liked her type and balance, and flowing lines, well ribbed to strong hindquarters, moved out well with lashing tail.

3rd Rose's Ridanflight Rochelle. O/w, just the type I like, having lots of working in her head and a kind expressive eye, having a long muscular neck into well laid shoulders, her brisket well let down to elbow, good oval bone, short coupled, well muscled hindquarters. Giving handler a hard time on the move.

LIMIT BITCH (11, 5)

1st Elrington, Green & Cannon's Ansona Lucy Lockett. B/w, looking on top form, balanced head, well ribbed, short coupling, went with style covering the ground with ease. Easy class winner.

2nd Drake's Clamerkin Crystal Lace JW. O/w, lots to like, not quite shape and angles of winner, shown in hard condition.

3rd Smith's Hawkfield Lets Cause Truble JW. B/w with true Pointer head and eye, having a well set on ear, balanced all through, using her well shaped tail on the move. Carrying too much weight today.

OPEN BITCH (20, 6)

1st Hinton's Sh Ch Fieldstone Fascination With Fleurfield. B/w, totally balanced, well built with graceful curves, excellent shoulder and forearm, deep in brisket to elbow, short coupled with well turned stifle. Well muscled quarters, well carried tail on the move, worthy champion, giving her the RCC from a strong bitch line up. Not quite the drive of the CC winner.

2nd Wilkinson's Flinthill Forget Me Not JW. B/w, found her full of Pointer type and character having balanced head, well shaped body and spring of rib, moving well off strong well made hindquarters, hock well let down, carrying herself well on the move with strength and speed always alert.

3rd Howes' Sh Ch Medogold Double Dizzy JW ShCM. B/w that flows from head to tail in top order, looked the part in the stack. Gave her a first CC as a junior not so long ago, did not keep her shape or move to her advantage today.

FIELD TRIAL BITCH (4)

1st Huxley's Ch Woodfleet Siennarain. 7 year old l/w, never seen her look better, carrying right amount of body, in hard muscular condition, moved with purpose and drive can see her doing a good day's work.

2nd Blowers' Bonnygate Just A Madam For Deadaway. O/w, a bitch that looks like she can do a good day's work having well shaped bone, in good body condition.

3rd Curran's Raigmore Dawn Run At Breezemoor.

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG BITCH (3)

1st MacManus' Crookrise Arran At Luneville. O/w, lots to like about this lady having a balanced head and nice eye, excellent bone and shape, moved well, credit to owner.

2nd Vizhanyo's H/Ro/Int Ch Kopaszhegyi Furge Ella [ATC AJ01144HUN]. O/w, well bodied and muscled, showing Pointer characteristics, well handled.

3rd Doroba's I / Pl / Sk / Slo / Cz / Ro / Hu / D Gr / Sk Ch Fila Brzezowianka (FCI) [ATC AM00254POL].

GOOD CITIZEN BITCH (12)

1st Blowers' Bonnygate Karriage Queen Of Deadaway (ai).

2nd Nelis' Freebreeze Reflected Glory. B/w, balanced head, well ribbed, loved her outgoing character and alert temperament.

3rd MacManus' Crookrise Moondance At Luneville. O/w with the most classic of heads, well shaped body and bone. Just not moving as well as first or second today.

John Evans - Judge