

City of Birmingham Championship Show Sunday 1st September 2013

An excellent entry on this, one of my favourite breeds.

Classic heads are not frequently found, but there were more of them in the bitches. Front action with too much lift & flapping pasterns were the downfall of a lot of otherwise good exhibits.

You will all know that I like to move dogs a lot as a class or in groups because then it is possible to compare lines & shape held on the move – & judging is all about comparison, & the Pointer is very much about lines & symmetry.

I thought the bitch line-up was a pleasure, full of lovely bitches who had topped good classes.

VETERAN DOG

1st Penwest Palomedes, almost 8 years, quality b/w built on flowing lines, correct bone & feet, excellent head & expression, very good rear action. Could be a little cleaner in front action. Used his tail well.

PUPPY DOG A pity there were no minor puppy classes.

1st Coralwood Kanix Mr T, 10 months o/w, stood away here. Tall dog, well constructed, excellent movement. Just a touch long in the loin. Masculine head of good type. At a rather angular teenage stage but no denying him BP;

2nd Tomlow Déjà Vu, 11 months b/w, curvy lines & correct bone & feet. Good head which is just a little strong in the backskull. Excellent nostrils. Not as firm as 1 in movement or topline but has lovely quality;

3rd Gempoint Coco Chanel.

JUNIOR DOG

1st Kanix Garfunkel, 16 months, excellent Pointer characteristics in head & lines. I might prefer just a little more leg for perfect balance & a slightly darker eye but scored decisively in head, feet & movement;

2nd Hookwood Only Me, 16 months, stylish, clean lined dog who makes a good picture in profile. Excellent stride. I would prefer more work in the head & his feet were weak. Very well shown;

3rd Leascliffe Luis.

GRADUATE DOG

1st Hurwyn Law 'N' Order, b/w, lovely lines & excellent movement. I would prefer a little more work in the head. Athletic & on good lines, very smooth clean mover, excellent limbs, superb condition;

2nd Wilchrimane Xsytin, o/w, his handler did nothing for him but on the move he looked a different dog with lovely lines. A little plain in head but all Pointer in lines & movement. With good handling could do very well;

3rd Tenshilling Makin Whoopee for Aurichalcum.

POST GRADUATE DOG

1st Royal Velvet, l/w, scopy, athletic movement at both ends won him this class. Excellent head type & correct in bone & feet. Still not yet fully mature in body but great style;

2nd Gartarry Moonshine over Staxyll, o/w, looked my winner as I loved his lines & style on the move. Very good head, curvy lines. Couldn't match 1 in front on the move & that decided the issue;

3rd Hawkfield Sunkissed Sea.

LIMIT DOG

1st Tycarreg Strangely Familyr, not the biggest of dogs but full of Pointer type & moving well. Best head in the class, good skull, foreface with some work under the eyes & lovely expression, one of the best heads of the day. Stylish & sound, good tail. RCC in a close decision;

2nd Kanix Fate Of Brent, beautiful lines in this young dog & stylish on the move. Not the chiselling in head of 1 but I loved his lines & carriage, full of Pointer character;

3rd Raigmore Dusk Till Dawn.

OPEN DOG

1st Sh Ch Joneva Diamond In The Rough, lovely symmetry & lines, carrying himself well. Beautiful expression & open nostrils, stylish on the move, combines quality & type with masculinity, just had the edge over the Limit winner to take the CC;

2nd Sh Ch Kiswahili Martin at Kanix, 6 years, clean moving dog, very good lines held on the move, excellent head type. A little heavier all through than 1;

3rd Tenshilling I Get Around to Dappleline.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME DOG

1st Moenfair Choirboy, b/w, good type & style. Still narrow all through but holds his lines well;

2nd Teisgol Carioca, more mature in body & has a very good head. Tail carriage & rear movement could be better but in lovely form;

3rd Lappakia Oasis Dream.

VETERAN BITCH

1st Prosperity My Fair Lady, 9 years o/w, in hard condition. A little plain in head. Good lines but now flattens a little on the move. Correct bone. Obviously still loves her day out, lashing her tail on the move.

PUPPY BITCH Difficult class, the minor puppies at a great disadvantage & some good ones not happy in the ring needing more socialising.

1st Braithwaite Ever Thus at Flinthill, 10 months b/w, easy winner on maturity & style on the move. Quality in head & eye, correct bone. Toes in a little but has promise. BPB;

2nd Teisol Trinara, 6 months, needs to come up on the leg to balance but she moved well & is generally well constructed. Has promise;

3rd Hurwyn Rock On Ruby.

JUNIOR BITCH Three top class bitches at the head of the line.

1st Symitry Tickled Pink, 14 months, wonderful lines & curves & what stride & style on the move. Has Pointer qualities in the head & expression. Should have a great future;

2nd Shadesett Serendipity at Sunhouse, I loved this o/w bitch, ultra sound & stylish, carrying herself well. Just a shade heavier than 1 but full of Pointer type. Like 1 has a good future I should think;

3rd Tenshilling Rumour Has It Fyldefair.

GRADUATE BITCH

1st Fydal Ava, beautifully stylish o/w who pleased standing for her type & had all the Pointer style & character on the move with accurate movement. Beautiful head, full of character, correct in bone & feet & tail. A delight to see on the move;

2nd Wilchrimane Maggie Mae, l/w, combined type with correct movement which was not always the case in this class. Type & quality all through. 1 just a little firmer in topline on the move & just had my preference for femininity but these two stood away here;

3rd Nightgold Blackavar.

POST GRADUATE BITCH

1st Tenshilling Viva Las Vegas, well made & sound on the move, carried herself well. I would prefer her just a shade more feminine but she scored in chest & upper arm to win this;

2nd Flinthill Golden Thyme at Zebec, appealed more in head being a little more feminine but she needs more chest for her age. Stylish & true on the move but just a little wider in front. Won this place on her topline over another good bitch in 3

3rd Tenshilling Rags To Riches at Fyldefair.

LIMIT BITCH Excellent class, top five all appealed greatly.

1st Kanix Calypso by Kiswahili, despite a tail which is carried higher than the ideal, I loved her lines & movement. Excellent head type & very good lines held on the move. Excellent stride, full of type & quality. In the challenge strode out with style to annexe the RCC from her litter sister;

2nd Wilchrimane Lets Dance at Penbro, b/w, excellent mover, good head type. Preferred leg length & curves of 1 but she was a really good mover & held her outline;

3rd Tenshilling Do It Again.

OPEN BITCH

1st Sh Ch Wilchrimane Ice Maiden, outstanding bitch for movement & lines held on the move. Pointer type & character standing & moving. With the DCC winner she made a beautiful pair. Has star quality. CC & BOB;

2nd Sh Ch Kanix Chilli, beautiful bitch, sound & stylish, full of quality, very appealing head type;

3rd Sh Ch Raigmore Let It Shine.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME BITCH

1st Kiswahili New Edition to Jakobstown, o/w, appealed most for outline in this class & had good stride but her front action is uncoordinated;

2nd Jilony Heaven Cait Wait for Fyldefair, liver, standing could have won the class but picking her feet up on the move. Not the tail carriage of 1;

3rd Pipeaway Laura Louise at Lappakia.

MR FRANK KANE - Judge