CITY OF BIRMINGHAM CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW Sunday 1st September 2019

Many thanks to the Committee for my invitation to award CCs in the breed for the first time and for their kind hospitality. The ring was nice and large and it was easy to give the exhibits a chance to show off their movement to advantage.

I found some excellent up and coming youngsters which bodes well for the future of this lovely breed and I had many top quality exhibits in the higher classes. Temperaments were excellent and I found the breed in very good order. In some classes, the quality was very high and I did not have enough cards and tough decisions had to be made. Thank you to the exhibitors for giving me such a numerically good entry.

VETERAN DOG (4)

1st Evans & Pavey's Sh Ch Joneva Diamond In The Rough JW. Top quality o/w dog with the best of heads, ample stop and very well proportioned. Muscular neck, good depth to chest, lovely outline when stacked and so well balanced throughout. He belies his 9 years of age with his stylish and ground covering movement, a credit to his owners. Over the moon that he topped the Gundog Veteran Group.

2nd Harrison's Sh Ch Millpoint Heat Wave JW ShCM. Another top quality veteran, strongly made throughout. Attractive head, nice arch to neck, best of fronts with correct amount of bone, well made over loin and adequate rear angulation. Moved out soundly with drive. Presented in tip top condition.

3rd Watkins & Davies' Sh Ch Hurwyn Law N Order JW.

PUPPY DOG (2)

1st Layton's Joneva Born To Thrill. I was really taken with this quality o/w youngster. He has a quality head and expression and good eye colour. Excellent front assembly and with strong pasterns. He is already so balanced throughout with matching angles. Moved out with precision holding his topline well. I am sure he will go on to make a top quality adult. BP and went on to take Puppy Group 2. Well done.

2nd Smith's Lypal Well I Never. A pleasing youngster but not as well developed as my winner. Pleasing in head with kind expression. Clean over neck and has good shoulder lay and straight front assembly. Nicely angulated hindquarters and moved out true, needs time.

JUNIOR DOG (10)

1st Oddie's Sharnphilly Boondoggle. A very stylish and eye-catching b/w youngster of excellent type. Masculine in head with good proportions and pronounced stop. Best of fronts, deep in chest, well ribbed and has very sound and striding movement both out and back. Presented in excellent order. Will take time to reach his full potential.

2nd Lowe's Lowsmoor Crazy For You. Built on larger frame than my winner, a quality o/w youngster. Excels in head with ample stop and good eye colour. Very sound in front, well developed hindquarters with good width to thigh. Good topline and correct tailset. Moved soundly covering the ground well.

3rd Horn's Droveborough Smooth Mover.

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YEARLING DOG (10)

1st Smith's Sniperay Lord Lambourne via Tzaziki. A very promising I/w dog. He has the most super head with kind eye and expression. He won this quality class with his overall sound construction and balance. Best of shoulders and front, strong, well muscled hindquarters and moves so soundly with driving rear action and lashing tail. Shown in tip top condition.

2nd Jamieson, Macara & Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Peri Peri with Glenfinnan. A very well made youngster of good bone and substance and balanced outline. Clean over neck, well laid shoulders and good return of upperarm. Well muscled hindquarters, moved with long striding action. Pushed my winner all the way, preferred the head on my first place.

3rd Lowe's Lowsmoor Crazy For You.

GRADUATE DOG (6)

1st Lowe's Lowsmoor Crazy For You.

2nd Flint's Casilex Cognac. Excellent head proportions with kind expression. Correct angulation both fore and aft well sprung ribcage, elbows tight in and good turn of stifle. Very well made throughout, not as positive on the move as my winner.

3rd Horn's Droveborough Smooth Mover.

POST GRADUATE DOG (10)

1st O'Neill's Tenshilling Biscuits JW. Stood out in this class, for overall breed type and balance. o/w dog with very pleasing outline, has good depth, strong over loin and good bend of stifle and correct tailset. Excels on the move with good reach and drive holding topline well and has nice lashing tail action.

2nd Tobin & Moss' Davigdor Corn Master. Well chiselled head with good stop and kind expression, neat thin leathers. Good arch to neck, well laid shoulders, of good body depth and well angulated behind, unhappy on the move today.

3rd Fox & Stilgoe's Olivesong Chase The Memory to Teisgol.

LIMIT DOG (9)

1st Adam's Millpoint Simply Smashing JW ShCM. Was really drawn to this quality b/w dog. Lovely head with dark eye, kind expression and well defined stop. Long arched neck, has good shoulder lay, well sprung ribs and correct rear angulation with strong hocks. Presents a very smart and balanced outline when stacked. Moves out well with precision at one with his handler but not as enthusiastic in the challenge.

2nd Martin's Sunhouse Chips Ahoy. Another quality male, heavier built than first place but has a super outline. Masculine in head with good proportions and adequate stop. Good shoulders, deep in chest, very well conditioned and moved with drive. Pushed my winner all the way.

3rd Watkins & Davies Ansona Aladdin.

OPEN DOG (5)

1st O'Neill & O'Neill's Sh Ch Chesterhope Thrill Of T Chase (Imp). Top quality o/w dog will a most attractive head, dark kind eye and lovely pigment. Excellent front with good return of upperarm, and just the right amount of rear angulation When stacked he has the most super and balanced outline which commands attention. Moves out soundly and has a flowing stride around the ring. Show in excellent order to win the CC.

2nd Macara, Jamieson & Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Legend at Cromasaig. Another o/w top quality male, built on a larger frame than my winner but full of breed type. He is very well put together with good oval bone. Excellent forehand with a firm topline, short coupled and strong rear quarters with good angulation. He moved with drive and purpose with correct tail carriage to take the Res CC.

3rd O'Neill's Sh Ch Tenshilling Home Alone JW.

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GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME DOG (2)

1st Flint's Casilex Cognac.

2nd Tregaskis' Moenfair Sanguineum Luna. Masculine in head with kind expression. Strong neck and good shoulders, good rear angulation. A steady mover, still needs time to mature fully.

VETERAN BITCH (4)

1st O'Neill's Tenshilling Viva Las Vegas JW. Attractive bitch with good head shape. Lovely shoulders and front, has good depth and well ribbed back. Strong hindquarters and has good width to thighs. Shown in fit condition for her age. Moving out positively and covering her ground well. A lovely veteran.

2nd Brooksmith's Nightgold Blackavar. This sound and well balanced 8 year old bitch did not show her age. Very pleasing head, clean neck and sound front assembly with good depth to brisket. Very steady on the move and enjoying her day.

3rd Stangroom's Lappakia Wannabe A Lay Dee.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (7)

1st Rose's Ridanflight Ramble. A lovely class of youngsters. My winner was a promising youngster built on flowing line. Very pretty head, kind eye, shoulders well laid and good straight front. Everything in the right place for her age and has overall balance. Moved very steadily for such a baby. BPB.

2nd Lathwell's Ridanflight River Song at Tinchitamba. Litter sister to my first place and another well constructed young lady. Again very pleasing in head with good eye colour. Already has good depth and spring of rib. Nicely angulated behind just not as steady on the move.

3rd Welch's Hookwood Cupid.

PUPPY BITCH (4)

1st Tibbs' Raigmore Worth The Wait. A lovely headed o/w bitch, very pretty and liked her expression. Good shoulders and front, with neat feet, well ribbed back and has adequate rear angulation. Presented a smart and well balanced outline. Just needs to settle on the move.

2nd Hall's Gartarry Sweet Dreams. Another o/w with a beautiful head and kind dark eye. Pleasing topline, good depth to chest and short coupled with correct rear angulation. Not as well developed as my winner, moved confidently for a youngster.

JUNIOR BITCH (9)

1st Harrison's Millpoint Sound Wave. Really liked this youngster, very attractive in head with well-defined occiput and good fine leathers. She is so well developed in body for age with ample oval bone yet not overdone. She has lovely overall balance on the stack with well angulated stifle and stood on strong hocks. She has such sound movement with good extension and lovely tail action. My Res CC and Best Junior. 2nd Oddie, Dyer & Coles' Sharnphilly Serendipity. Pleasing feminine head with good stop and kind expression. Well laid shoulders with sound front assembly, good rear angulation and neat arched feet. Of different type to my winner but a bitch built on flowing and elegant lines and full of breed type. Carries herself well on the move with a free ground covering stride.

3rd Anthony's Jilony Iris.

YEARLING BITCH (8)

1st Harrison's Millpoint Sound Wave.

2nd Maber, Welch & Hazeltine's Sharnphilly Toggi with Hookwood. Nowhere near as mature as my winner but has an overall good outline with balance. Shoulders well laid, true front, good bend of stifle and a sound mover. Needs time.

3rd Lowe's Lowsmoor Half A Sixpence.

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GRADUATE BITCH (6)

1st Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Gartarry High Society at Spinray JW. Pleasing in head with good chiselling and kind eye. Good straight front and well placed shoulders. She has very good body proportions with good angulation fore and aft and is so very well constructed throughout. An exceptionally sound mover using her tail well.

2nd Stangroom's Lappakia Wannabe A Lay Dee. A pleasing veteran in good condition. Lovely head and expression, clean over neck and has correct body depth. Good bone and feet, she went much better in this class, covering the ground well.

3rd Lowe's Lowsmoor Half A Sixpence.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (5)

1st Tobin & Moss' Davigdor Bee Wyched. A very pretty headed I/w bitch with good pigmentation. So soundly made throughout, with neat front assembly and good depth to brisket. Strong well made hindquarters and hocks well let down. Presents a balanced outline with good oval bone. Moves soundly but lacked some confidence.

2nd Watkins, Phillips & Gordon's Hawkfield Audacious (AI) JW. A taller built bitch built on flowing lines of different type to my winner. Very feminine in head with kind expression. Strong front assembly with shoulders well sloped, has adequate rear angulation. Moved out well.

3rd Webster & Goodwin's Pennystone Sunny Daze.

LIMIT BITCH (12)

1st BLackburn-Bennett & Macara's Kanix Pertunia at Stargang. This was my star of the day. O/w bitch that has a great quality about her, with the most pleasing head proportions and lovely expression. Good reach of neck, excellent front assembly with elbows tight in. Good depth of brisket, very firm body and has a super outline. Excellent mover with great rear drive and in total harmony with her handler, a great partnership. Shown in tip top muscular condition to win the CC and take BOB. Lovely to see her take Group 3.

2nd Siddle & Siddle's Wilchrimane Pirouette. Another bitch that has an excellent and balanced outline. A little plain in head for me, but has good eye colour and fine leathers. She is very well made throughout with sound front and strong hindquarters. Such a sound mover holding her topline well with good lashing tail action.

3rd Westaway's Ridanflight Raisen.

OPEN BITCH (11)

1st Blackburn-Bennett & Macara's Kanix Naughty Nancy. B/w bitch that stood out in this class for her overall balance and flowing lines. Very feminine in head with kind eye. Best of fronts with good return of upper arm. She is of a lovely make and has a good overall balance and shape. Moved with reach and drive with good tail carriage.

2nd Lowe's Lowsmoor Shiralee JW. A bitch of good size and pleasing type. Feminine head with lovely kind eye. Clean over neck and good shoulder lay. Well sprung ribs and strong loin. Well turned stifle and neat arched feet. Found her very sound on the move.

3rd Martin & Martin's Sh Ch Sunhouse Cheerio.

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GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME BITCH (6)

1st Oliver & Oliver's Asterope Lightening Star via Teisgol JW ShCM. Unplaced in the highly contested limit class, but a very nicely made b/w bitch. Lovely head with good eye shape. Plenty of depth to body, with well sprung ribs, correct topline and tail well set on. Moved out and back well, in great condition and very well handled.

2nd Lappakia Wannabe A Lay Dee. Repeat.

3rd Fox & Stilgoe's Alcazar Bewildered of Dappleline.

JEAN BYRNE - judge

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