

Ladies Kennel Association Champ Show Friday 12th December 2008 NEC, Birmingham

I found the quality of the exhibits to be of a very high standard & in the larger classes many who I would have liked to place had to go cardless.

When I left the show after judging I felt really upbeat about the future of the breed & would urge future breeders to look at the winners at this show & carefully consider the many attributes that we look for in this beautiful breed.

On the downside there were three points that struck me that could do with attention. Firstly feet, I found quite a few exhibits with flat splayed feet & some with tiny cat shaped feet, they should be oval with well knit arched toes & well cushioned underneath. Secondly ears, a few exhibits had low set long thick ears, & lastly I found a few harsh long coats. Just a few points to consider when breeding.

Minor Puppy Dog (8)

- 1 Simmons' Galema Highlander, b/w, sweet head with kindly expression, well laid back shoulders, when settled moved soundly with style;
- 2 Tibbs' Raigmore Dusk Till Dawn, b/w, sweet head & expression, pleasing overall shape. Not quite as settled on the move as 1;
- 3 Whitstance's Esrews Serious Lord Jack.

Puppy Dog (7)

- 1 Sellin & Aurichaclum's Lord Beckett of Castlepoint, o/w, very stylish, nicely dished head, kind pleasing expression, long arched neck & well laid shoulders, deep brisket, good tailset, moved soundly with style holding himself well on the move. BP;
- 2 Goode's Handsway Then There's Harris, o/w, of nice quality, lovely body shape & tailset, moved well when settled. Preferred the skull shape & feet of 1;
- 3 Williams & Rose's Kanix Ace at Ridanflight.

Junior Dog (10,2)

- 1 Hamilton's Hawkfield Lets Get Rowdy, b/w, lovely body shape, brisket well laid down, tail well set, nice skull shape, pronounced occiput & kind expression, moved soundly with style, one to watch for the future;
- 2 Warford's Hampsbeck Newton Pride, b/w, pleasing body shape, neck & shoulders. Smaller ears than 1 but I preferred the skull shape of 1. Moved well & soundly;
- 3 Wilkinson & O'Neill's Hurwyn Some Might Say.

Post Graduate Dog (20,4)

- 1 Smith's Lypal Pukka Tukka, b/w of lovely style & quality, moved soundly, holding his topline on the move, strong body, good depth of brisket, lovely neck set into well laid back shoulders, good feet;
- 2 Edmondson & Robertshaw's Crookrise Floyd, b/w, lovely quality, nice head & eye, kindly expression, moved soundly & well. Not quite as much body as 1;
- 3 Prince's Groma Rock Legend.

Limit Dog (16,3)

- 1 Speakman's Whipspan Namatjira, o/w, lovely long neck, flowing topline & well set tail, good head & eye, oval feet with well arched toes, moved soundly with style & vigour;
- 2 Groma Rock Legend, b/w, nicely dished head, kind eye & expression, good body shape, nice feet, moved well with drive. Preferred the tail carriage of 1;
- 3 Udale's Freddie Flintoff.

Open Dog (7,3)

- 1 Simmons' Sh Ch Crookrise Macawley at Galema, b/w, looking at his very best, gleaming coat, bright eye, moved with strength vitality & a lovely head carriage, lovely shape with very good topline & tailset. CC;
- 2 Wilberg & Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch Kiswahili Martin at Kanix, o/w, another lovely dog, pleasing head & soft expression, super body shape, topline & well set tail, moved well with style & vigour. Unlucky to meet 1 in top condition. RCC;
- 3 Goode's Handsway Sultan Of Swing.

Minor Puppy Bitch (4)

- 1 Preece's Haramander Diamond Lil of Harvestlade, o/w, nicely dished head, good dark eye & kind expression, good length of neck, well laid back shoulders, very nice body shape, topline & tailset, moved well when settled. A promising puppy;
- 2 Fallan's Medogold Velvetini, b/w, pleasing head & expression, well turned stifle, tail well set, moved soundly when settled. Preferred the topline of 1. Another promising youngster;
- 3 Curran's Raigmore Dawn Run at Breezemoor.

Puppy Bitch (4)

- 1 Turnbull's Bonnygate Krystal Roses at Beridew, b/w, very stylish & striking youngster, lovely neck, shoulders, topline & tailset, brisket well laid down, sweet head with kind eye, moved soundly with style & vigour, one to watch in future;
- 2 Anderson-Rowell's Wyndhead Mette Marit, o/w, very nice puppy, nice head & eye, sweet expression, lovely long neck. Preferred the topline & tailset of 1;
- 3 Blowers' Bonnygate Karriage Queen.

Junior Bitch (14,4)

- 1 Smith's Hawkfield Lets Cause Truble, b/w, lovely type & quality, sweet head & soft expression, good body shape, held her topline well on the move, moved soundly with style, nice feet, gleaming coat;
- 2 Welch's Hookwood Blonde Bombshell, o/w, nice head with gentle soft expression, good length of neck & width of thigh, moved soundly with style holding herself well on the move;
- 3 Mason's Freebreeze As You Like It.

Post Graduate Bitch (25,6)

- 1 Collins' Penwest Palba at Sobranya, o/w, very nice shape & tailset, good head shape, pleasing dark eye, long neck, good shoulders & topline, nice width of thigh, good arched toes, moved soundly with style, very nice bitch;
- 2 Milford's Haramander Tangerine Dream, o/w, really nice bitch, lovely topline & tailset, good head & expression, long neck, good shoulders, moved soundly holding her topline well;
- 3 Aden's Wychwooh Midsomer Dream.

Limit Bitch (18,4)

1 Macmanus' Crookrise Moondance at Luneville, o/w of lovely type & quality, lovely head shape, dark eye & kindly expression, nice length of neck, shoulders well laid back, nice topline & tailset, good turn of stifle, strong lithesome body, nicely arched toes, moved soundly with style, holding her topline well on the move. RCC;

2 Williams & Rose's Ridanflight Ruahine at Kanix, o/w, lovely type, showing & moving soundly using her tail on the move, shoulders well laid back. Preferred the topline of 1;

3 Barker's Flinthill Jenny Wren.

Open Bitch (12,2)

1 Grime & Byrne's Ansona Fool Britannia at Enryb, b/w, what a beautiful bitch, lovely head & eye, long neck, well laid back shoulders, love her body shape, width of thigh, topline & tailset, good feet with arched toes, moved beautifully & really showed her socks off. CC & BOB, very worthy winner;

2 Blackburn-Bennett's Chesterhope North 'N' Breeze at Kanix, o/w, lovely bitch of nice type & quality, good head, eye, neck, shoulders & body shape, tail well set, good feet & pasterns, very strong & stylish mover. Unlucky to meet 1 looking at her best;

3 Macmanus' Crookrise Arran at Luneville.

FRAN BARR - Judge