Driffield Championship Show Thursday 2nd October 2009

A high quality entry presented in good order. I was looking for well constructed, balanced, free moving, healthy dogs & I feel my placings reflected this. I consider all of my winners to fall within the Standard.

Minor Puppy Dog (4)

1st Blackburn-Bennett's Lokmadi Jay Todd at Kanix, 6 months o/w, good head, kind expression, lovely neck & good topline, clean outline & super coat, moved very well both ways with good tail carriage;

2nd Barrs-Gordon's Panoply Double Dare, b/w, mature for age & in lovely condition, kind eye, balanced head, good body, well proportioned with equal angulation; 3rd Prince's Groma Shootin Star.

Puppy Dog (4)

1st Cooper's Wynbury Hawker Hector at Kanix, 10 months, forward for age, strong in head & tight all through. Would have liked more angulation in front assembly but he moved soundly with easy stride driving from well muscled quarters. BPD;

2nd Huxley's Saragresi Fame of Gold at Woodfleet, 10 months & less mature than 1 at present. Classical lines, good conformation, lovely head & eye, balanced angulation & in fit condition. Moved accurately although a little cautious, maybe due to ring conditions; 3rd Marsh's Sharnphilly Redshank for Ratchda.

Junior Dog (7)

1st Desmond's Medogold Daramoon over Kajesola, b/w of quality, kind eye, well developed head, arched neck, correct shoulder, balanced in body, good legs & feet, good tight coat & in muscular condition, moved true & displayed a controlled extended gait from the side. Good ribbing & hindquarters;

2nd Hinton's Fleurfield Flambeau, o/w of classical type, stood well over his ground with correct angulation, good lay of shoulder, ribs & tailset, deep in body, in fit condition which showed in his positive movement, a quality dog;

3rd Wilson's Joneva Regal Reflection.

Yearling Dog (8)

1st Bond's Pharises Persius, strong b/w, fits the Standard well, deep & balanced all through, good head & neck, well put together, good front assembly allowing effortless forward reach matched by strong hindquarters, obviously well exercised. A little more weight would enhance this dog's physique even more. RCC;

2nd Goode's Handsway Then There's Horris, o/w, lovely head & neck, balanced body, super topline, correct oval one & good feet. A little rangy at the moment but with time & maturity will come together. Has a very masculine outlook;

3rd Gordon's Hawkfield Sunkissed Sea.

Post Graduate Dog (9)

1st Lomax's Teddyhawks Tyler at Meldarly, I/w of more traditional type which is in the minority these days. Lots to like about him, rather tense but his quality & strength put him at the top of his class. Balanced head, long arched neck springing from well laid shoulders, body well ribbed & firm over loin, strong hindquarters, moved true using correct tail action;

2nd Smith's Lypal Pukka Tukka, b/w, not overdone & nicely made, narrower in skull, high set ear, keen but kind eye, well proportioned body, good depth & in good hard condition; 3rd Moulding's Billsborough Blue Moon.

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Limit Dog (6)

1st Gordon's Hawkfield Dapper In Black, medium sized b/w of immense quality, well worked head, expressive eye & good turn of lip, balanced all through, correct body, lovely front & bone, firm topline, ribs carried deep & long to strong loin, correct tailset & precise movement with reach & drive. CC;

2nd Boyd & Hinton's Fleurfield Flame for Glowmist, b/w, classic style, finer in build although strongly made. Looks like he could work all day. Very balanced when stacked, correct & true when moving;

3rd Prince's Groma Rock Legend.

Open Dog (9)

1st Goode's Gempoint Dark And Sharp at Handsway, quality b/w, not overdone anywhere, good handsome head, kind eye, thin ears, long arched neck & correct angulation, well ribbed body, plenty of heartroom for good stamina, moved true on an extended stride & with good open gait from the side, well placed bee-sting tail used on the move;

2nd Sillence's Sh Ch Tomlow Brief Encounter, similar to winner, balanced head, excelled in forequarters, good coat, has a more rangy appearance, very soundly made & movement was excellent, in fine condition & well muscled, should always be thereabouts; 3rd Swift's Hampsbeck Chaos.

Minor Puppy Bitch (6)

1st Wilkinson's Flinthill Forget Me Not, 8 month b/w with star quality, balanced head, bright expressive eye, thin ears high set on clean skull, long clean neck springing from well laid shoulder & flowing topline to correct tailset, moved accurately on an even stride, good feet & oval bone, in tip-top condition;

2nd Walkling's Lokmadi Love For Lydia at Kiswahili, 6 months o/w, good conformation, forward in head for age & when the rest catches up she should be a striking bitch. Moved out well & shown in lovely condition, showing much promise;

3rd Barker's Flinthill Daisy Chain.

Puppy Bitch (6)

1st Tannahill's Wynbury Antonia, 11 month b/w, in fit condition, maturity belies her age, quality from top to toe, refined head & good neck, shoulders well laid, good topline & underline, strong movement, using her tail well;

2nd Dunne's Meadowpoint Spirit Dancer, close decision as she also has depth of quality & is of classic style. Lovely well balanced puppy, kind eye, well moulded head, well handled; 3rd MacFarlane's Sharnphilly Avocet.

Junior Bitch (10)

1st Lowe's Lowsmoor Storms River, b/w, won this very strong class on maturity & condition. Medium sized well made bitch, balanced head, high set ears, showy arched neck leading to long sloping shoulder blades, correct upper arm, good ribs, nice flow over loin & muscular hindquarters, good length to thigh, hocks well let down, moved out well with easy stride; 2nd Kiddy's Medogold Be My Baby at Millpoint, liver/w of different mould. Kind, well balanced head on lengthy neck springing from clean shoulder blades, excellent conformation all through. Although rather rangy at present when she has a few more months on her back she will be one to be reckoned with. Movement very free & covered plenty of ground with ease. A super young bitch of high quality;

3rd Callander & Hinton's Fleurfield Felicia of Shambellie.

Yearling Bitch (8)

1st Hinton's Fieldstone Fascination with Fleurfield, b/w, good balance & classic lines, balanced head, strong arched neck, long sloping shoulder blades matched by return of upper arm, well sprung ribs with depth, strong over loin, well made rear, strong stifle & short hock, enabling positive movement, in hard condition;

2nd M Be My Baby at Millpoint;

3rd Bond's Pharises Aphrodite.

Post Graduate Bitch (13)

1st Swift's Hampsbeck Persuasion, b/w, well proportioned without exaggeration, pleasing head, neck springing from good shoulder, well made body with depth all through to short firm loin, adequate rear angulation, neat tail. She has to be judged to appreciate her qualities. A sound, honest, typy bitch, moving easily & well;

2nd Cobden's Graacas Lunar Bluebell by Alozia, I/w, pleasing all through, balanced head, kind eye, crested neck & well laid shoulder, ribs carried well back to short loin, firm topline & well set tail, good sweep of stifle & turn of second thigh, accurate mover;

3rd Brown & Cockerill's Zavian Heart And Soul.

Limit Bitch (12)

1st Coggin's Medogold Bewitched to Gemrose, mature bitch of high quality, well moulded head, expressive eye, well placed ears, long arched neck leading to balanced body with equal angulation, drops well on to the hock & moved well with precise stride. In strong company but will always be a contender for top honours;

2nd Anthony's Jilony Locomotion, similar to 1 in many ways but more rangy. Eye catching bitch, good type, fits the Standard well & holds herself together both stacked & moving. Strong yet feminine & in tip-top condition;

3rd Huxley's Woodfleet Lookin' For Trouble.

Open Bitch (8)

1st Evans & Rawlings' Joneva Waiting In The Wings, well now, as soon as she entered the ring it was as if the lights had come on. Tremendous ring presence, beautiful well worked head with those lovely chiselled cheek bones, alert expression, balanced in skull & with high set fine ears, long arched neck, beautifully laid oblique shoulder blades matched by upper arm & correct oval bone, good feet, long well turned stifle & short strong hocks which gave propulsion from behind as she powered round the ring. Shown in full bloom & a credit to her breeder/owners. CC & BOB;

2nd Guy's Teisgol Phoenix at Carofel, quality throughout, well moulded head, feminine character, long arched neck, correct front & front assembly balanced by good rear angulation, deep well ribbed body, good tailset, strong well turned stifle joint dropping on to short hocks, moved accurately & covered the ground on an open stride, in fit condition. Just needs to lose a little weight to advantage. RCC;

3rd Swift's Hampsbeck Maybe Mabel.

VICKY EVERINGTON - Judge