

Ladies Kennel Club Championship Show

Saturday 10th December 2011

I would like to thank exhibitors for their entries for my first appointment awarding CCs in the breed. I was very pleased with my class winners and in several classes good quality exhibits went home cardless. Some exhibits that looked stunning on the stack then disappointed on the move. There is also a tendency in some cases for heads to be over-strong giving an incorrect Pointer expression. Many exhibits were in soft condition which is disappointing when judging a galloping breed. Overall, I found a pleasing depth of quality to be evident in both sexes with the bitches being slightly more consistent in this area. I was spoilt for choice in the higher classes in both sexes. I found pleasing winners for all of my classes and I thank exhibitors for their sporting acceptance of my placings. Thanks also to my stewards who kept the ring flowing nicely. I was thrilled that my BOB, Sh Ch Ridanflight Rangiora was awarded Gundog Group 2.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (6 entered, 0 absent)

A class where they could change places as they mature. Some were carrying too much weight which spoiled their overall shape and balance and made assessment of movement difficult.

1st Goode's Handsway Perfect Storm, 8mths, b/w, an upstanding young man who moved with some style; good head, kind expression; pleasing length of neck into sloping shoulders. He is a raw baby but showing much promise; moved on a ground-covering stride with good reach and drive. He scored over 2 in his overall balance and way of going

2nd Thorpe's Jilony Flower Pot Man At Braegorse, 8 mths, b/w, a naughty young man who made it hard for his handler to get the best out of him. Head developing well with dark, kind eye. Reachy neck. Tail set on well and used correctly. Once settled he moved with reach and drive which is what won him this placing. He would benefit from more ring practice.

3rd Stilgoe's Teisgol Just By Chance

PUPPY DOG (5, 0)

1st Wood's Wilchrimane Let's Boogie NAF – 9 mths, b/w, this dog took my eye for his overall balance and type; he is raw and needs time to come together but deserved his win. Well moulded head with dark eye and kind expression. Front well angled with elbow to brisket; correct topline held on the move. Tail of correct shape and well set. He moved with purpose and drive, covering plenty of ground, to win the class.
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2nd Bell's Crookrise The Medlar At Owlspoint – 11 mths, o/w, a smart, well constructed boy. More together than 1 on the stack but not quite as free moving. He has a well moulded head with a kind expression that was slightly stronger in expression than 1; brisket well developed with correct depth. Well turned stifles. Correct oval, tight feet. He is a stylish mover but needs to settle more so that his drive and reach work together to enable him to move more smoothly.

3rd Flint's Casilex Crescendo

JUNIOR DOG (14, 1)

A class where I feel there was depth of quality which bodes well for the future of the breed.

1st Evans & Pavey's Joneva Diamond In The Rough – 16 mths, o/w, upstanding young dog that commands attention. Balanced head with soft expression; well angulated front with correct lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. He has depth and substance combined with a certain style. He moves powerfully covering the ground. In the challenge I just felt that he lacked development in his breadth of chest when moving towards me but he is a dog to watch for the future.

2nd Barrs-Gordon's Panoply Perfect Choice – 15 mths, b/w, very smart dog; good head proportions with a kind expression. He is starting to develop in body and now needs his underline to strengthen to give a more curvy shape. Well laid shoulders and return of upper arm giving him reaching front movement; when he balances this with the drive of his hind quarters he will be an impressive mover. He lost out on maturity to 1.

3rd Allen's Kanix Daniel

POST GRADUATE DOG (13, 1)

1st Theobald's Tycarreg Strangely Familyr JW ShCM – 2 yrs, b/w, this dog has a wonderful outline when stacked and on the move. Prominent forechest. Good front angulation with nice length of neck; good feet and gentle slope of pasterns. His head has good proportions with a slight dish; dark eyes with kind expression. Tail set on well and of correct shape and length. Adequate turn of stifle – good expanse of thigh. He was a clear winner in this class with his overall balance and ground covering movement. A dog with a bright future.

2nd Bradley's Teisgol King Alfred – 22 mths, b/w, balanced dog with a pleasing outline. Correct front and rear angulation leading to smooth, ground covering movement. Pleasing head with dark eye and soft expression. Stifles well angulation; tail well set and of correct shape. Won his place in a good class on overall balance and way of going.

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

LIMIT DOG (13, 0)

A strong class full of quality exhibits.

1st Adams' Ansona Simple Simon JW ShCM – 2 yrs, b/w, this young dog has a stunning outline on the stack which he holds on the move. Neck well arched into sloping shoulders; correct upper arm angulation with elbows to brisket. Head developing well with dark eye and kind expression. No exaggeration at all. Feet oval with well arched toes. Movement is precise and smooth, coming and going; would like to see a little more forward reach in profile movement to complete the picture. Considered him for top honours.

2nd Alcorn & Lynn's Afterglow Bare Face Lie At Kanix Sh.CM – 2 yrs, l/w, another impressive young dog that commands your attention due to his balance and style. Head of good proportions; would prefer a darker eye. Arched neck into sloping shoulders; upper arm correctly angulated with elbows to brisket. Balanced body proportions with excellent turn of stifle. Correct oval feet with arched toes. Moves with power and style but was a little erratic at times as he is moved at quite a fast pace. A quality dog that has a bright future.

3rd Kirby's Haramander Shabby Chic ShCM

OPEN DOG (9, 2)

A quality class.

1st Hinton's Fleurfields Flambeau – 3 yrs, o/w, a truly balanced dog. Superb lay back of shoulder into correct upper arm angulation. Brisket to elbow. Well developed body proportions. Head showing slight dish with good ear set. Movement was a joy to behold – ground covering in an effortless style; great rear drive and front reach. Tail well set and carried correctly. This dog commanded attention and was my DCC winner. I believe this was his 3rd CC.

2nd Rose & Robinson's NZ Ch Robwyn Dreams Are Free At Ridanflight (Imp) – 6 yrs, o/w, stylish dog that appeals in type and balance. Well moulded head with dark eye and kind expression. Good length of neck into sloping shoulders – correct front and rear angulations. Well turned stifles. Tail well set and correctly carried on the move. Just lost out to 1 on ease of movement. A classy dog. RCC.

3rd O'Neill's Hurwyn Some Might Say JW

VETERAN DOG (3,0)

1st Wilcox's Sh Ch Pipeaway Zonic Tonic for Merynjen JW ShCM – 7 yrs, o/w, a real favourite of mine. Balanced head with dark eye and kind expression. A fully mature male with strong body, well sprung ribs. Lengthy neck into well sloped shoulders. Correct return of upper arm – a balanced, symmetrical outline. Moved well with reach and drive. A worthy champion.

2nd Wilson's Bonnygate Imperial Choice ShCM – 8yrs, b/w, another well balanced, fully mature boy. He is totally unexaggerated and balanced all through. Super head with kind expression; well angulated front and rear. Lengthy neck. Good feet and pasterns. Just lost out on the move as he was not moving as well in front as the class winner on the day. A dog that I have admired from ringside for several years.

3rd Bedson & Earl's Shanandi Hot Pepper At Bolaney

GOOD CITIZEN SCHEME DOG (4,1)

1st Stilgoe's Mr P R & Mrs D E Teisgol Go Your Own Way JW – 21 mths, b/w, well moulded head with good, dark eye and kind expression. Shoulder correctly sloping with brisket to elbow. Moved ok but would prefer a lower tail carriage to balance the picture.

2nd Brown's Mrs A Teisgol Carioca – 22 mths, b/w, similar remarks to above apply. Pleasing head and expression and overall balance. Moved ok.

3rd Edens' Dalens Super Trouper

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (16,3)

Large class full of promising babies. Some that went cardless could be placed on another day as puppies change so much over time.

1st Fleming's Carmandine Kimono Of Glenariff – 6 mths, o/w, caught my eye as she entered the ring. Feminine head with dark eye. Good forechest evident and body developing correctly. Well set ears of correct shape and length. Long neck into good shoulders. Neat, well set tail used on the move. Balanced stacked and held her shape on the move – will watch her future with interest. In challenge for BPB she was tired and did not move as well as she did in the class.

2nd Wilberg's Kanix Ellen – 7 mths, o/w, balanced young lady with a mature head. Well angulated front with brisket to elbow. Body strong with well sprung ribs. Tail of medium length and good shape. Moved with reach and drive. Well handled. I preferred the rear angulation and overall balance of 1.

3rd Brooksmith's Nightgold Blackavar

PUPPY BITCH (6,1)

Nice puppies but handlers need to take care that they do not over-stack and over-move their exhibits as it spoils their overall balance and shape.

1st Siddle's Wilchrimane Fame 'n Fashion – 9 mths, o/w, stylish bitch who is handled and presented to advantage. Mature head with dark eyes and kind expression. Arched, lengthy neck into sloping shoulders. Neat, oval feet. Ribs well sprung with brisket down to elbow. Moved with style and precision, at one with her handler. Beat her litter sister in 2nd over her slightly better balance when stacked. BPB and BPIB.

2nd Woods' Wilchrimane Let's Dance At Penbro – 9 mths, b/w litter sister to above; same remarks apply. Stunning head and expression. Moves with some style and was well handled. Just would like to see her come up slightly on her legs to balance with her length. Very promising puppies.

3rd Shaw's Astonpark Fuel For Life

JUNIOR BITCH (11,4)

Another class where I feel there was depth of quality which bodes well for the future of the breed.

1st Siddle's Wilchrimane Ice Crystal – 17 mths, o/w, smart young bitch. Feminine, balanced head with dark eye and kind expression. Reachy neck into sloping shoulders; brisket down to elbow. Body well ribbed and balanced. Well turned stifles and tail well set on; used well on the move. True series of graceful curves – considered for top honours; her day will come.

2nd Evans & Pavey's Joneva Hazy Hazy Dream – 16 mths, o/w, stylish young bitch who excels in front construction. Her lay back of shoulder and return of upper arm are excellent. Well moulded head with good work in it; moved with purpose and style; would prefer a lower tail carriage to complete the picture. Close up to 1.

3rd Macmanus' Luneville Strawberry Moon

POST GRADUATE BITCH (24,6)

Largest class of the day with many quality exhibits left unplaced. I was spoilt for choice! In choosing my winners I had to nit-pick and my focus was on balance and lack of exaggeration. Several that impressed on the stack disappointed on the move. The first three could change places on another day as all are lovely examples of the breed.

1st Siddle's Wilchrimane Ice Maiden JW – 17 mths, o/w, another stylish exhibit from this kennel, litter sister to winner of JB and similar remarks apply. Moved with style and precision to take this excellent class over two other impressive bitches in 2 & 3. Another from this kennel whose future I will watch with interest.

2nd Bedson & Earl's Caithpoint Sugar Babe - 19 mths, o/w, really took my eye on the first go round for her balance and correct movement. Balanced head with good length of foreface; dark, expressive eyes. Best of fronts with brisket down to elbow. Superb rear angulation with impressive expanse of first and second thigh. Moved with reach and drive, covering the ground. She is a slightly longer cast bitch than 1 and will take a little longer to finish but then she will trouble the best. Lost out on overall maturity but it was close.

3rd Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Cara Anne

LIMIT BITCH (10,3)

Another lovely class. My first two were of different types but equally well made – a hard decision.

1st Macmanus' Crookrise Moondance At Luneville – 5 yrs, o/w, took my eye for her type and femininity; a series of graceful curves. Beautiful, well moulded head with a soft expression; long neck into sloping shoulder; well ribbed body. Stifles well turned and tail of correct shape and length, carried well. Moved smoothly on a good stride using her tail.

2nd Elrington, Green & Cannon's Ansona Lucy Lockett – 2 yrs, b/w, close up to 1. A different type of bitch but very sound and stylish. Pleasing head and expression; lengthy neck into well angled shoulders; excels in front construction. Well developed body proportions with adequate turn of stifle. Well set tail used on the move. Just preferred femininity of 1 – a very close decision and her time will come.

3rd Rose's Ridanflight Rochelle

OPEN BITCH (9,1)

The depth of quality in this class was impressive.

1st Rose's Sh Ch Ridanflight Rangiora – 5 yrs, o/w, bitch I have admired from ringside and I was not disappointed going over her. She is so balanced and flows from the tip of her nose to the tip of her tail; a true series of graceful curves. Head well moulded but not exaggerated; soft expression. Lengthy neck flows into well laid back shoulders. Brisket to elbows. Well ribbed body with correct substance all through. Slightly arched loins giving a correct topline which was maintained on the move. Smooth, ground-covering movement; true coming and going. Feminine and aristocratic. CC, BOB and Group 2.

2nd Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch Lokmadi Martina At Kanix – 19 mths, o/w, who is stylish in outline and on the move. Less mature than class winner. Head well developed with good eye and expression; lengthy, clean neck leading to sloping shoulders. Brisket well developed and level with elbows. Slightly sloping pasterns and correct oval feet. A strong mover who covers the ground smoothly - was handled to perfection to bring out the best in her. RCC.

3rd Tibbs Sh Ch Ir Ch Raigmore Let It Shine JW CW '10

VETERAN BITCH (4,0)

1st Knowles' Sh Ch Dovehayes Facsimile JW ShCM – lem/w, 8 yrs, a real favourite of mine. Totally unexaggerated and feminine; well moulded head with melting expression. Well laid back shoulder with correct return of upper arm; brisket to elbow. Lengthy, clean neck. Well turned stifles. Moved with reach and drive belying her years with an ever-wagging tail. A worthy champion.

2nd Preece's Sh Ch Pipeaway Nellie Melba Of Harvestslade - o/w, 8 yrs, another classy bitch who is so feminine and balanced on the stack. Correct front and rear angulation; tight knit, oval feet. Super head with dark eye and kind expression. Well bodied and fit. Preferred front action of 1.

3rd Macmanus' Crookrise Arran At Luneville

GOOD CITIZEN SCHEME BITCH (5,1)

1st Preece's Haramander Diamond Lil Of Harvestslade – o/w, 3 years, lovely balanced head with dark eye and kind expression. Well bodied with good turn of stifle. Moved well.

2nd Brooksmith's Smartbay Vintage Gold – o/w, 4 years, pleasing head and expression. Good slope of pastern; sloping shoulders. Moved well but not as clean in front action as 1.

3rd Davis' Maharolo Creme Catalana

CAROLINE WALKING - Judge