Manchester Championship Show Sunday 22nd January 2012

A splendid entry. It is always a privilege to have the opportunity to assess so many dogs. The puppy classes were full of quality & a delight to judge, the sheer exuberance of some of these youngsters was a joy to watch. The happy Pointer character & temperament shone through in all exhibits. Also good to see that several dogs were in hard condition.

There were some beautiful classic heads with lovely expressions – also a few strong broad heads which detract from the overall appearance. The variation in type is quite prevalent. Some dogs looked impressive when standing, only to disappoint on the move. It was excellent to be given such a large ring where many dogs covered the ground with enthusiasm only to be let down by incorrect front movement & high tail carriage.

On the plus side I found some lovely dogs to go over, there is still a strong depth of quality in the breed which is a healthy sign for the future.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (8)

- 1st Tibbs' Raigmore Shine From Afar, attractive young dog with plenty of presence. Happy outgoing attitude, once settled moved well. Nice head, eye, ears & lovely lines. Super bee sting tail, shows lots of promise. BP;
- 2nd Nelis' Freebreeze Yankee Clipper, good substance for age with excellent body proportions & good depth. Strong over loin, good width of thigh. Needs to settle on the move which will come with more confidence. A very likeable puppy;
- 3rd Tuite's Belharrydogs Temple Knight at Porchet.

PUPPY DOG (11)

- 1st Mitchell's Gartarry Moonshine over Staxyll, smart young dog, lovely lines, good front, nice feet, legs & pasterns, strong hindquarters, good turn of stifle;
- 2nd Woods' Wilchrimane Let's Boogie, well balanced b/w, rangier than 1. Lots of scope, just needs time to mature. Nice head, kind eye & expression. Will go on improving & should do well; 3rd Miller's Knotdog Whatever for Shadesett.

JUNIOR DOG (16) Very strong class of quality dogs.

- 1st Evans & Pavey's Joneva Diamond In The Rough, this o/w dog exudes class & has great ring presence. Pleasing head & expression, good length of neck & well laid back shoulder, plenty of heart room, nice spring of rib & strong over loin, excellent angulation, correct tail-set, sound happy mover. A stylish young dog with a bright future. RCC;
- 2nd Welch's Moulou Minstrel at Hookwood, well made all through, plenty of depth & well laid back rib, good neck & shoulders, powerful hindquarters, strong balanced dog with all the essentials; 3rd Bell's Crookrise The Medlar at Owlspoint.

YEARLING DOG (10)

- 1st Tarling Esrews Sir Walter Raleigh, stylish b/w, good body proportions, nice head, best of feet & legs, good oval bone, well turned stifles. I feel he still needs more time to grow into himself & mature. Attractive dog with good prospects;
- 2nd Best's Shadesett Keep On Believin for Bestina, finer type than 1. In first class order, kind expression, nicely constructed. Needs more time to develop as did many in this Yearling class; 3rd Stilgoe's Teisgol Go Your Own Way.

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POST GRADUATE DOG (11)

1st Tait's Moordale Beach Comber, very appealing balanced dog, lovely lines, good eye & expression, nice topline & hindquarters, strong over loin, good width of thigh, lovely bee sting tail which he used on the move;

2nd Martin's Sunhouse Believe It Or Not, well turned out b/w, lovely head, eye & soft expression, good shoulders & spring of rib, powerful quarters, good bend of stifle, sound happy mover; 3rd Marsh's Sharnphilly Redshank for Ratchda.

LIMIT DOG (13)

1st Edmondson & Robertshaw's Crookrise Forest, compact o/w, nothing exaggerated about him, pleasant head, kind eye & correct thin ears well set on. Good depth of brisket, neat tail, sound on the move. Would just prefer more animation;

2nd Adams' Ansona Simple Simon, stylish, well balanced dog with a lot to like. Powerful hindquarters, good front, neck & shoulders, correct bone, well knit feet, nice topline; 3rd Tibbs' Raigmore Dusk To Dawn.

OPEN DOG (10)

1st Hinton's Fleurfields Flambeau, smart o/w, so well balanced, strong all through but not overdone in any department. Pleasing head, nice ears, excellent shoulders, good depth & spring of rib, powerful hindquarters, athletic & alert, fluent happy mover. CC;

2nd Blackburn-Bennett's Sh Ch Kiswahili Martin at Kanix, upstanding dog, great substance & strength, commands the ring with a presence you cannot ignore. In good hard condition, excellent muscle tone, lovely lines & good positive movement. Always one to consider; 3rd O'Neill's Hurwyn Some Might Say.

VETERAN DOG (0).

GOOD CITIZEN DOG (5)

1st Tarling's Esrews Sir Walter Raleigh;

2nd Batchelor's Groma Jesse James;

3rd Stangroom's Lappakia Oasis Dream.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (17) A lovely class in both depth & quality. Many of these puppies at such a young age found it quite overwhelming, so were hard to assess. A few wanted to play when on the move & who could blame them. I am sure they will change places in the awards on many occasions.

1st Clark & Rawlings' Hawkfield Spinayarn over Indicium, classy b/w, good body proportions, caught the eye right away. Nice topline & turn of stifle, quite feminine & attractive, good depth for age, handled to advantage, good mover;

2nd Stilgoe's Teisgol Lucky Chance, sweet puppy, lovely eye & expression, well constructed all through, strong hindquarters, good width of thigh, nice depth & good front, positive mover; 3rd Walking's Kanix Edwina by Kiswahili.

PUPPY BITCH (18) Strong class with some lovely puppies & not enough cards.

1st Woods' Wilchrimane Let's Dance at Penbro, smart b/w, very feminine, lovely head, soft expression, nice neck & shoulders, good front, excellent feet, arched toes, stylish happy mover;

2nd Anthony's Jilony Texas Rose, finer type than 1. In top condition, pretty head, melting expression, has all the essentials. Just needs time to mature. Classy confident mover; 3rd Tannahill's Wynbury Ailsa.

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JUNIOR BITCH (17)

- 1st Macmanus' Luneville Strawberry Moon, appealing youngster, lovely lines, strongly made all through but retains her femininity. Attractive on the eye, neat tail, very positive mover;
- 2nd Rankine's Tenshilling Rags To Riches at Fyldefair, pleasing head, good stop & wide flared nostril, powerful hindquarters & nice width of thigh, correct oval bone, true positive mover, good animation; 3rd O'Neill's Tenshilling Viva Las Vegas.

YEARLING BITCH (13)

1st Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Chili, stylish o/w with class & presence, I loved her overall attitude with lots of vim & vigour. Pretty head, great reach of neck into well laid back shoulders, nice lines, well ribbed body, good feet & legs, lovely tail, good size, not overdone in any department. A happy purposeful mover who covered the ground well. This elegant youngster should go far when fully matured;

2nd Whitham's Penwest Pride of Sedgekirk, excellent substance & depth of brisket, compact, strong hindquarters, good muscle tone, correct bone, has all the essentials with lots to like about her; 3rd Harrison's Millpoint To Have N To Hold.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (19)

1st Booth's Galema Iona, striking b/w, true Pointer character, alert & outgoing. Pleasant head, beautiful eye & expression, lovely wide flared nostril, very feminine, pleasing all through, good depth & spring of rib, strong over loin & an excellent mover;

2nd Rankine's Jilony Heaven Can Wait for Fyldefair, really sound bitch, good substance & body proportions, well constructed all through, nice head, neck & shoulders, well balanced, no exaggeration in any department, true positive mover;

3rd Cooper's Keepersfield Mama Mia.

LIMIT BITCH (14)

1st Wilkinson's Flinthill Forget Me Not JW, super b/w, lovely head, kind eye, correct ear-set, good front, neck & shoulders, ribs carried well back, excellent hindquarters, good muscle tone, nice expanse of second thigh. Athletic in make & shape but not overdone. Neat well set tail, moved freely covering the ground with ease. A lovely bitch combining strength with style. CC & BOB;

2nd Turnbull's Bonnygate Krystal Roses at Beridew, very feminine, graceful flowing curves, in first class order. I liked her muscle tone & hard condition. Good angulated quarters, nice depth & spring of rib, lovely eye & soft expression, positive mover with plenty of animation;

3rd Elrington, Green & Cannon's Ansona Lucy Locket.

OPEN BITCH (16)

1st Tibbs' Sh Ch/Ir Ch Raigmore Let It Shine, attractive o/w, not big in stature but very eye catching with clean lines. Pretty head & kind eye, good body construction, nice feet & legs, sloping pasterns, very stylish, good on the move. RCC;

2nd Rose's Sh Ch Ridanflight Rangiora, lovely bitch, so well balanced, good head, soft expression, nice reach of neck into good shoulders, strong over loin, neat tail, strongly made all through, great substance, positive happy mover;

3rd O'Driscoll's Fowington Six In The City.

VETERAN BITCH (3)

1st Cooper's Fleurfields First Star over Keepersfield, smart b/w, in first class order, very agile & athletic for her age, a credit to her owners, has all the essentials, excellent mover;

2nd Macmanus' Crookrise Arran of Luneville, one I have always liked. Looking good for her age, compact & balanced, pleasing head, covers the ground well.

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GOOD CITIZEN BITCH (7)

1st Tannahill's Wynbury Ailsa

2nd Blowers' Bonnygate Karriage Queen of Deadaway, appealing b/w, nice head, neck & shoulders, good body proportions, neat & compact with a lot to like. Just a little loose in front movement; 3rd Brooksmith's Smartbay Vintage Gold.

JULIE ORGAN - Judge

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