

CRUFTS 2017

Saturday 11th March 2017

My thanks to the Committee for their invitation to judge at this prestigious show, and to my efficient stewards, Derek Allsop and Jackie Cooley. Thanks to the exhibitors for a lovely entry.

My general observations of the breed: There were too many broad, flat skulls and short forefaces. Too many 'gay tails', it totally spoils the outline. I also observed some very small teeth when checking dentition. I was very pleased with my class winners and the BOB put up a super performance in the big ring.

VETERAN DOG (10)

1st Gordon's Hawkfield Dapper In Black JW. A favourite of mine, super head and expression, long neck set into good shoulders, ribs carried well back, well angulated quarters, moved very well, didn't look 10 yrs young.

2nd Adams' Sh Ch Ansona Simple Simon JW ShCM. Gave him BP last time I judged him. Loved his well balanced outline, pleasing head and expression, lengthy neck and well placed shoulders, well turned stifle and neat hocks, good on the move.

3rd Alcorn & Lynn's Sh Ch Afterglow Bareface Lie At Kanix ShCM. Balanced outline with well chiselled head, nice eye and expression, good depth to chest and well angulated quarters, moved very well.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (2)

1st Best's Bestina Balbenach. Super headed youngster with pleasing expression, looks good in profile, lengthy neck, good shoulders, bone and feet, deep in body with ribs well back, correct tail and set, moved with confidence and drive. Promising puppy.

2nd Bird's Medogold Burn Baby Burn At Vinepoint. In a larger mould than winner, well boned, good legs and feet, moved well.

PUPPY DOG (10)

1st O'Neill's Chesterhope Thrill Of T Chase. So well balanced from head to tail, stylish youngster, not overdone in any way, good head and shoulder placement, good length of body and stood four square, well turned stifles enabling him to move soundly and with drive. BP.

2nd Walkling's Flavio Del Almojon. Another nice dog, slightly bigger in build, strong in neck with good lay of shoulder, good ribcage, well angulated quarters, moved well.

3rd Adams' Millpoint Simply Smashing. Slightly lighter in build than the winners and needs more time to mature.

JUNIOR DOG (7)

1st Watkins & Davis' Ansona Aladdin. Good looking dog with a good head and eye, long neck leading to correct shoulder placement, nice front, deep ribcage, good over the loin, moved soundly with enthusiasm.

2nd Dyer & Oddie's Sharnphilly Secretariat. Very pleasing young dog in a smaller mould to winner but still has all the attributes that I admire. Smart head and body shape, stands well and really puts his all into moving.

3rd Cummings' Kanix McCrea Of Severnhills. Good outline, well bodied, not the movement of the first two.

YEARLING DOG (9)

1st Marsh's Ratchda's Rock Thrush. This young dog took my eye on his overall shape and outline, nothing overdone but everything right and in its place, super head and expression, clean neck and laid back shoulders, good bone and feet and turn of stifle, correct tail and set, moved really well when he settled.

Res CC.

2nd Luke & Hinton's Fleurfield Jim Beam. In a larger mould than winner but not as clean in outline, pleasing head and eye, good in neck and shoulder, ample bone, good feet, went well.

3rd Coggins & Adams' Droveborough's DCI Lewis At Gemrose. Well balanced dog, nothing overdone, didn't move as well as winner.

POST GRADUATE DOG (18)

1st Lidgley's Meadowpoint Spirit Of Life JW. This dog really looked the part. Loved his head and expression, strong neck with good lay of shoulder, good ribcage and strong over the loin, well boned with good legs and tight feet, moved round the ring with drive and enthusiasm.

2nd O'Neil's Tenshilling Home Alone JW. Slightly shorter and smaller with a pleasing head and eye, deep in brisket and well angulated quarters, moved very well.

3rd Wilson's Bonnygate Master Ghillie. Similar in type to the second, but lighter in frame, pleasing outline when stacked, moved well.

MID LIMIT DOG (10)

1st Timothy's Anniezu Magic Moments. Looks good in profile, pleasing head and expression, good neck and shoulders, true in front, covered the ground well.

2nd Hinton & Lennox's Mursbrae Theodore By Fleurfield JW. Longer in foreface than winner, lengthy neck and good shoulders, failed in front to the winner, moved ok.

3rd Rayner, Spinks & Pringle's Freebreeze Over The Top At Spinray. Neat, well balanced dog with no exaggerations. Not as deep in body as winner.

LIMIT DOG (23)

1st Luke & Hinton's Fleurfields Jack Daniels. Built in a finer mould than his brother, well balanced in outline with a super head, neck and shoulder placement, deep through the body and well angulated quarters, went really well, using his tail on the move.

2nd Siddle's Wilchrimane C'mon Norbert. Another super dog that fits the standard well, liked his overall balance from nose to tail, covered the ground well.

3rd Weaver's Anniezu Lovely Day. Balanced outline with pleasing head, good stop, neat in ear, deep enough in brisket, moved well.

OPEN DOG (14)

1st Fowler's Sh Ch Royal Velvet. Has always been a favourite of mine. Loved his head and expression, deep stop, correct shoulder placement, ample bone and good legs and feet, well muscled quarters and neat hocks. On the move he covered the ground on a lengthy stride and never put a foot wrong. Delighted to award him the CC. Well done.

2nd Harrison's Sh Ch Millpoint Heat Wave JW ShCM. Another super dog, shown in top class condition, clean lines with a superb head, so well balanced fore and aft, correct bone and good legs and feet, true, positive mover.

3rd Watkins & Davies' Sh Ch Hurwyn Law N' Order JW. Built in a smaller mould than the two above but looks good in profile, would prefer a longer neck, moved well.

FIELD TRIAL DOG – no entries

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG DOG (2)

1st O'Neil's Ch Hurwyn Some Might Say JW. Looking well for 9 yrs and still looks like he could do a days work.

2nd Olsson's Int Sh Ch King Woodwelike Scandiaca. Upstanding dog, well off for bone, moved well.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME DOG (9)

1st Saunders' Teisgol Double Trigger. Moved much better in this class. Liked his make and shape, balanced outline with no exaggerations.

2nd Tregaskis Moenfair Spicewood Summer. Similar to first, good head, legs and feet.

3rd Brown's Teisgol Carioca. Not overdone in any department, good body proportions, moved well.

VETERAN BITCH (14)

1st Naden's Wychwood Midsomer Dream. Ten and a half yrs young. Loved her head and pleasing expression, good all round construction, moved very well, covering the ground with ease.

2nd Mason's Freebreeze As You Like It ShCM. Similar in type to winner, in super condition, pleasing head, not quite the movement of the winner.

3rd Cardiff's Prosperity Sheer Elegance. More old fashioned type than first two, in great condition, good body shape stacked and another good mover.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH – no entries

PUPPY BITCH (8)

1st Harrison's Millpoint Simply Scrumtious. Very mature for age, good conformation, nice in outline with pleasing head and eye, well off for bone, well bodied and deep in brisket, strong over the loin, good legs and feet, moved well.

2nd Fleetwood's Millpoint Simply I Catching. Very similar to litter sister, not quite the same work in head as winner, but lots of time to develop, good depth of brisket, presents a pleasing outline.

3rd Hazeltine & Welsh's Hookwood Busty Babs. Heavier type than second, clean in outline with good body shape, preferred the front of the second. Moved well.

JUNIOR BITCH (13) A super class full of quality. Hard decision between the first two.

1st Elrington's Ansona Cinderella JW. Very feminine with beautiful head, deep stop and dark eye, lengthy neck and good shoulder placement, nice length of body, good over the loin, well angulated quarters, moved with drive covering lots of ground.

2nd Dyer & Oddie's Sharnphilly Makybe Diva JW. Same remarks as winner apply, both these young bitch were a pleasure to judge and it was a case of splitting hairs, both should gain their titles when mature.

3rd Wilkinson's Stocksfell Total Eclipse. Slightly longer cast than winner. Pleasing head, good front, legs and feet, moved soundly.

YEARLING BITCH (14)

1st Norbury's Medogold Milk Shake. Another lovely bitch, well balanced from head to her well set tail, good body properties, well balanced head, pleasing to go over, moved very well and covered the ground with ease.

2nd Siddle's Wilchrimane Florencino. Attractive head, good neck, true in front, good shoulders, shorter in body than winner, moved well.

3rd Onion's Wilchrimane Tapestry. Litter sister to second and very similar, she too has a lovely head and a good body shape, when settled moved well. Was a bit unsettled on the stack.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (17)

1st Siddle & Kruger's White Squall Seasyde Ice Tea. Had to be good to win this strong class. She won on body shape and outline, super head and expression, lengthy neck and well angulated shoulders, good ribcage and loin with strong quarters, good legs and feet, moved really well with drive.

2nd Cooper's Carmandine Cover Girl By Fleurfield. Another super bitch, similar in type to winner, beautiful head and expression, so well balanced, brisket well let down, well turned stifles, moved well covering lots of ground.

3rd Fleetwood's Tyremy Southseaspice ShCM. Different type to winner, being a bit stronger all round, attractive head, nice eye and expression, good body shape.

MID LIMIT BITCH (11)

1st Vaughan's Teisgol I Am What I Am. Very good bitch, appealing head, dark eye, good expression, pleased in neck and shoulders, very good body shape, stifles well turned, neat hocks, moved very well.

2nd Bond's Joneva Asterea JW. Longer on the leg than winner and not as appealing in head, good body shape and outline, well muscled quarters, moved really well.

3rd Smith's Fydal Bedazzle. Well chiselled head with pleasing expression, super outline, well balanced, well angulated quarters, moved well.

LIMIT BITCH (12)

1st Mackay's Federica Fanfare At Woodglade. Loved her head, deep stop, nice and eye and expression, lengthy neck flowing into correct shoulder placement, well boned and good feet, well muscled hindquarters, moved really well covering lots of ground, good tail and set used on the move. Pleased to award her Res CC. Should gain her title.

2nd Radcliffe's Sniperay Star Turn. Built on lighter lines than winner, pleasing head with dark eye and good expression, looked good in profile, moved very well with enthusiasm.

3rd Reynolds' Pipeaway Cara Mia At Sanselmo. A shade smaller than winner but so balanced in outline, lovely head, lengthy neck, good length of back, tail well set, good legs and feet, moved well.

OPEN BITCH (7)

1st Dyer's Sh Ch Sharnphilly Juici Cuture JW. What a stunning example of the breed and can see why she is the breed record holder. So well put together in every department and on the move she has carriage and style. She never stops showing and must be a joy to own. For me she was the total package, was pleased to award her 39th CC and BOB and she did a great performance in the Group. Well done.

2nd Stuckey's Sh Ch Medogold Coralie Of Pendan JW ShCM. Another super well balanced bitch built on flowing lines, feminine head, good neck and laid back shoulders, well muscled quarters, good tail and set, not quite as good on the move as winner.

3rd Brooksmith & Adams' Sh Ch Medogold Kiss N Tell JW ShCM. Litter sister to second and very similar, although she is slightly heavier built, she was well handled and moved well.

FIELD TRIAL BITCH (1)

1st Anderson-Rowell's Little Owl Scandiaca For Daledancer. Looked like she could work all day. Feminine head with dark eye, good in body and deep enough, moved very well.

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG BITCH (1)

1st Olsson's Sunhouse I Am What I Am JW ShCM. Upstanding well balanced bitch. Looks as if she can work all day. In super condition.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME BITCH (11)

1st Vaughan's Teisgol I Am What I Am.

2nd Blower's Fydal Blown Away To Deadaway. Balanced in outline, liked her head and expression, good legs and feet, well set tail, went well.

3rd Roberts' Fanmatrix Oh What A Night. In a larger frame than second, well boned, good front assembly, well angulated quarters.

GORDON PIMBLETT - judge