SCOTTISH KENNEL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW Sunday 20th May 2018

Such a pleasure to judge my favourite breed at this level. Found some exciting prospects for the future and was delighted to go over some quality dogs. I found some dogs that looked stunning stacked were let down with erratic movement; I'm sure another day and outside venue that would all change. The hall did the dogs no favours light not good and very dark corner some of the younger dogs were not confident with the noise. Lovely atmosphere prevailed and thank you to the exhibitors for the sportsmanship shown on the day. Delighted to hear my BOB had made the cut in a strong group and the Best Vet not only won the group, but was awarded Reserve Best Vet in Show. Well done to these dogs and their owners.

PUPPY DOG (4)

1st Burke's Alcazar Bohemian Rhapsody B/w youngster, nice size and well balanced with excellent topline, good bone and tight feet, shoulders well angulated with good ribbing and nice croup well muscled and moved out soundly using tail pleased to award him Best Puppy.

2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Audacity (AI). O/w, classic headed boy, lovely soft expression, strong neck into good shoulders, strong bone and tight feet, strong sound mover, looked well stacked close up. 3rd Hazeltine & Welsh's Hookwood Lennox.

JUNIOR DOG (5)

1st Bell & Maddox's Luneville Dazzling Diamond. O/w. Just at that raw stage but everything in place, nice head and strong neck, good short back, well angulated fore and aft, moved well for handler. Strode out well.

2nd Gerrard's Carmandine Count On Me. Liked this boy, good dark eye, nice head and with good sloping shoulders, stood well, good depth of chest, used tail well on the move.

3rd Gerrard & Galloway's Sharnphilly Santorellie With Carmandine.

POST GRADUATE DOG (5)

1st Adams' Millpoint Simply Smashing JW ShCM. B/w. Eye catching boy, classic head with soft expression, good neck and well angulated shoulder, strong topline kept well on the move, good depth of chest, well muscled quarters, strode out well for handler, covering the ground with an easy stride.

2nd Luke & Hinton's Fleurfield Jim Bean. L/w. Classic boy, gorgeous head and dark eye, strong bone and tight feet, strong neck and good depth of chest short coupled and tail straight off back, which he used to his advantage.

3rd Radcliffe's Sniperay Jhambiri.

4th Tobin & Moss' Davigdor Corn Master.

LIMIT DOG (3)

1st Macara, Jamieson's Kanix Legend At Cromadsaig. O/w. A stallion of a dog, best of heads and ring presence, had that look at me expression, looked a picture stacked, and didn't disappoint when asked to move, flew round the ring with his handler. Well angulated fore and aft, good topline and deep chest, well off for bone, close up to top awards today.

2nd Tibbs' Fydal Beeswing At Raigmore. Smaller compact boy, excellent front and tight feet, well let down in brisket. Best of heads, keen eye, spanking condition, in good company today, moved so soundly. 3rd Mackay's Fleurfield Steals The Dream ShCM.

OPEN DOG (7, 1)

1st Martin & Martin's Sunhouse Anything Goes JW ShCM. B/w. Headed a strong class here, any of these could exchange places. Gorgeous chiselled head and dark eye, strong neck into good shoulders, strong bone and tight feet, nice compact body and depth, topline kept well on the move spanking condition, moved out so soundly, covering the ground well. Well muscled quarters and turn of stifle. Delighted to award him the CC, his third.

2nd O'Neil's Sh Ch Chesterhope Thrill Of The Chase. O/w. One I have admired from ringside, and didn't disappoint, a lovely boy to go over. Loved his head and eye, good reach of neck and good depth of chest, good tuck up, well ribbed. Nice topline, kept well on the move, strode out well for his handler, covering the ground with an easy stride. Awarded RCC.

3rd Marsh's Ratchdas Rock Thrush.

VETERAN DOG (2)

1st Welsh's Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Moolou Minstrel At Hookwood. B/w. My goodness, these two showed the youngsters how to move. Lovely boy, best of heads, look at me attitude, strong neck and best shoulders and depth, well off for bone, stood and moved soundly, spanking condition, handler certainly got the best out of him, delighted to hear he had won the Veteran Group, then was awarded Reserve Best Veteran in Show, delighted for this team, thoroughly deserved.

2nd Bell's Crookrise The Medlar At Owlspoint JW ShCM. Cracking boy sound as a bell, good head and eye, strong neck and good bone, good depth and well angled fore and aft, sound movement, covering the ground easily.

PUPPY BITCH (7)

1st Watkins, Phillips & Gordon's Hawkfield Audacious (AI). This was a lovely class of promising puppies, a good omen for the future of the breed. O/w, arrived at the class by the skin of her teeth. Such a mature girl, loved her head and soft expression, strong neck and compact body with good depth of chest, showed her socks off for her handler, best of shoulders, an exciting prospect.

2nd Norbury's Medogold Ramalam. L/w, another good, mature bitch, classic lines when stacked and moved out soundly, excellent head and dark eye, strong bone and feet. Nice short coupled and strong topline, very sound and spanking condition, close up.

3rd Radcliffe's Sniperay Smitten.

JUNIOR BITCH (5)

1st Hinton & Lennox's Keepersfield Christelle With Fleurfield. B/w, feminine girl, most beautiful head and darkest of eye. Looked a picture stacked and moved out so soundly using her tail well, best of shoulders and good turn of stifle, spanking condition, very eye-catching.

2nd Tibbs' Sharnphilly Esada At Raigmore. Nice mature girl, best of heads, classic head, good depth of brisket, nice depth of chest and good short hocks, strode out well with well muscled quarters. 3rd Huxley's Verum Ventulus Celtic Rose.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (10) What a lovely class.

1st Hewitt's Droveboroughs Miss Marple. Caught my eye, light I/w, good head and dark eye, strong body and good depth, well off for bone, best of quarters and shoulders, moved soundly, looked like she could do a days work.

2nd Tobin Moss' Davigdor Bee Wyched. L/w, smaller, compact bitch in spanking condition, didn't like the ring or noise but collected herself enough for her placing. Beautiful head and dark eye, strong bone, short coupled and strong quarters, ground covering stride.

3rd Faulder & Jones' Fleurfield Heavens Hill.

LIMIT BITCH (5)

1st Martin & Martin's Sunhouse Cheerio. O/w, speckled eye catcher, her classic head and darkest of eyes, strong neck and depth of rib, well laid back shoulders and good ribbing, moved so soundly with her handler covering the ground well, excellent condition, close up for top awards.

2nd Norbury's Medogold Milkshake At Heartbury JW. Another nice girl with best of heads good length of neck and good shoulders nice nice topline and strong quarters moved well for handler. 3rd Barker's Flinthill Fidelity.

OPEN BITCH (11, 3)

1st Evans & Pavey's Sh Ch Joneva Mrs Bridges JW. Eye catching b/w heading a quality class of girls here today, splitting hairs with a few. Feminine girl pulling out all the stops with her looks at me attitude, looked a picture stacked and covered the ground well on the move. Well laid back shoulders and good turn of stifle, nice bee sting tail which she used well on the move. Just took my eye. In full bloom, couldn't be denied. CC BOB & Group shortlist.

2nd Elrington's Sh Ch Ansona Cinderella JW. B/w. Another feminine bitch, close up and showed her socks off, nice head and eye, clean neck and well angulated fore and aft, excellent condition and moved well for handler, good compact body and depth of chest. Looked a picture stacked.

3rd McGilp's Sh Ch Ridanflight Ruby Tuesday At Forthburne.

VETERAN BITCH (3)

1st Radcliffe's Sniperay Star Turn. B/w. Lovely girl, full of herself, showing well for her handler, excellent condition, and good depth and strong quarters, which she used well on the move. Best of heads and sharp eye, nice class.

2nd Fairbairn & Madigan's Misperros Jumanji Of Camelfair. O/w. Eye catching girl, soft eye and lovely head, best of shoulders and compact body, looked well standing and strode round the ring with purpose. 3rd Anderson Rowell's Wynhead Mette Marit ShCM.

NORMA ELLIS - judge