

WEST OF ENGLAND LADIES KENNEL ASSOCIATION (WELKS) CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 2019

I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge at this well run show. I was delighted with my entry and would like to thank the exhibitors for their sportsmanship in accepting my decisions. Some points I noticed during the judging ...correct feet are becoming a rarity with catlike feet and round heavy bone creeping in, coupled with upright pasterns – this is not correct for a pointer. Mouths, overall, were good and I only found one incorrect bite in a youngster. There is quite a variation in type with some breeders producing pointers that are long in body and over angulated in stifle, which then results in untidy front movement from overreaching, weak rear movement lacking drive, and rather flat toplines without the necessary curves the standard requires.

The presentation of exhibits was excellent with the exception of two who were filthy – there is no excuse for a short-coated breed not to be clean for exhibition, and the owners of these two should be ashamed of the condition their dogs are kept in. I also found a number of exhibits to be overweight with little muscle tone, this in turn vastly affects their movement and does not give them the light athletic stride the breed requires.

That said, I was very pleased with the quality and presentation of my winners and delighted that my BOB went on to take Group 3, and the Special Beginners Winner went on to win Group 3 in the Special Beginners Group – well done.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (Entries: 4 Absentees: 1)

1st LAYTON'S JONEVA BORN TO THRILL - 6 months O/W, with lots of work in his head, dark kind eye, well angulated front construction with nice forechest & return of upper arm, deep chest and showing strength through his quarters. Came into his own on the move going soundly & showing nice reach for a youngster

2nd SMITH'S LYPAL WELL I NEVER - 6 month O/W, another nice pup with lots to like –well put together with kind expression, nice reach of neck & clean over shoulders, good depth to body, & well ribbed, slightly longer tail than 1, moved well and was also placed in the strong puppy class

3rd STOKES' MOENFAIR DANCES THE MOON INTO GUANABARA

PUPPY DOG (Entries: 13 Absentees: 2)

1st ODDIE'S SHARNPHILLY BOONDOGGLE - B/W - Do not allow the markings on this boy to distract you from his nicely moulded head with chiselling under eye, kind expression and neat ear, clean arched neck into well laid shoulders, well ribbed with nice depth and correct oval bone. Strong over loin, correct shape to croup and tail, well-muscled rear, his smooth forward reaching movement won him best puppy dog, has a bright future.

2nd WILCOX'S PIPEAWAY DREAMS AFYRE IN MERYNJEN - - O/W of lovely type, kind expression with dark pigment, excels in depth and front construction, with curves all through, oval bone and arched feet, well angulated fore and aft with strong hocks and a neat tail he used on the move. Just lost out to 1 as he was feeling the cold a little and looked tense on the stack but another nice youngster.

3rd WHELDON & EARL'S PONSONBY BLOWIN IN THE WIND AT CAITHPOINT (IMP NZL)

JUNIOR DOG (Entries: 4 Absentees: 1)

1st SIDDLE'S WILCHRIMANE NIFFLER - O/W curvy young dog with lots to like, dark eye, kind expression, well laid shoulders and good depth, strong bone and feet, balanced throughout with good quarters, won on his smooth movement

2nd SCHOLES' WILCHRIMANE TEA FOR TWO WITH ROSSGILDE - O/W lovely dark eye and expression with deep stop, nice reach of neck, again has depth and correct front construction with nice return of upper arm, well ribbed and showing strength in his rear quarters, would prefer tighter rear feet, neat tail, was giving his handler a hard time and therefore not as smooth on the move as the winner.

3rd MACKAY'S SHARNPHILLY HOT FUZZ

YEARLING DOG (Entries: 4 Absentees: 0)

- 1st PREECE & GILDING'S HARVESTSLADE CULLINAN - O/W lovely type to this boy with kind eye and expression, refined head with lots more work to come as he develops but right for his age. Well-balanced front and rear construction without exaggerations, good depth & ribbing, oval bone and arched feet, strong over loin and short hocks, neat tail of correct length which he used on the move, won on his smooth ground covering movement.
- 2nd GORDON'S HAWKFIELD AUDACITY JW (AI) - O/W heavier type all through than the winner, kind expression with good pigment, has reach of neck with well laid shoulder and return of upper arm, I find him a tad long through his body and rear angles which causes him to become untidy in front on the move.
- 3rd BURKE'S ALCAZAR BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

NOVICE DOG (Entries: 6 Absentees: 0)

- 1st SCHOLE'S WILCHRIMANE TEA FOR TWO WITH ROSSGILDE - Second in Junior and I understand this win gave him his last JW points
- 2nd SMITH'S LYPAL WELL I NEVER
- 3rd STILGOE 'S OLIVESONG CHASE THE MEMORY TO TEISGOL

POST GRADUATE DOG (Entries: 9 Absentees: 0)

- 1st O'NEILL'S TENSILLING BISCUITS JW - O/W with kind expression and wide nostrils, neat well set ear, straight front with good forechest & lay of shoulder, would prefer a little more shape to his ribcage, oval bone and arched feet, was in fit condition and moved out smoothly around the ring.
- 2nd SCALES' SHARNPHILLY MACKINTOSH OF SALOPLASS - - B/W liked the kind expression on this boy, dark eye and well set ear, arched neck into clean shoulders, tight feet, and balanced all through, moved out covering lots of ground.
- 3rd BOWEN-BROOKS' TENSILLING BLOWIN SMOKE

LIMIT DOG (Entries: 6 Absentees: 0)

- 1st MARTIN'S SUNHOUSE CHIPS AHOY - O/W masculine with melting expression and good stop, dark pigment, nice turn of lip and neat well-set ears, excellent depth and bone with tight feet, well ribbed and strong over loin, quarters and hocks, in hard condition and this showed in his movement.
- 2nd TIBBS' FYDAL BEESWING AT RAIGMORE - O/W of lovely type, refined and full of quality, kind expression with good chiselling and thin leathers, lovely clean reach of neck into well laid shoulders, excellent forechest, has depth & spring of rib, oval bone with correct pastern and tight arched feet, neat bee-sting tail, looked a picture stacked but gave his runner a hard time on the move.
- 3rd KIRBY & BRIDGMAN-LEWIS' PIPEAWAY MASTER DESIGN JW SHCM

OPEN DOG (Entries: 5 Absentees: 0)

- 1st O'NEILL'S SH CH CHESTERHOPE THRILL OF TCHASE (IMP NZ) - O/W exquisite head with kind expression, dark eye, good stop and moulding to skull, thin leathers, excels in lay of shoulder, straight front with tight feet and spring in pastern, well ribbed and strong over loin and quarters, nothing exaggerated about this boy and won on his effortless ground covering stylish movement. DCC, BOB & GROUP 3.
- 2nd O'NEILL'S SH CH TENSILLING HOME ALONE JW SHCM - O/W all male with lots to like, a worthy champion, lovely dark pigment with kind expression and deep stop, again good lay of shoulder and depth to body, oval bone and tight arched feet, ribs carried back well and strength through his loin, in fit condition with well-muscl'd first and second thigh and short hocks, correct movement coming and going using his tail well on the move. RDCC
- 3rd HAZELTINE & WELCH'S JUST WILBURT BY HOOKWOOD JW SHCM

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (Entries: 2 Absentees: 0)

- 1st HORN'S DROVEBOROUGH'S SMOOTH MOVER - O/W lovely dark eye and kind expression, nice outline when stacked and preferred his front construction to the 2nd, good bone and tight feet, moved out well covering the ground, Best Special Beginners and pleased to see he won Group 3 in the Best Special Beginners group – well done
- 2nd RAZZELL'S THE ARTFUL ARCHER OF HOOKWOOD - B/W pleasing head with dark eye and well set ear, balanced all through with nice depth, would prefer a better lay of shoulder, well-muscl'd 1st & 2nd thigh and strong hocks.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (Entries: 3 Absentees: 0)

1st STOKES' HAWKFIELD CASTASPELL OVER GUANABARA JW - Liver/white – nice outline when stacked, typical eye shade for her colour, deep stop, preferred her ear shape to 2nd, balanced angulation all round with tight feet. Moved out well but preferred the softer expression of the dog for the overall Special Beginners Winner.

2nd WEBSTER & GOODWIN'S PENNYSTONE SUNNY DAZE - O/W – a little plainer in head than 1 but has nice dark pigment and a kind eye, decent reach of neck and straight front with tight feet, a little wide in front on the move and not quarters not as strong as the winner.

VETERAN BITCH (Entries: 5 Absentees: 0)

1st DRAKE'S ANSONA QUEEN OF HEARTS AT CLAMERKIN SHCM - B/W lovely type, pleasing head with dark well-set eye and deep stop, well made curvy girl with no exaggerations and showed her socks off to win this class BV.

2nd ISHERWOOD'S PIPEAWAY SATIN FIRE WITH SYMITRY - O/W of very similar build to the winner, again lovely head with kind eye, flows all the way through her outline with good depth and substance but remaining feminine, moved true coming & going with a lashing tail.

3rd PERKINS' SH CH LUNEVILLE HONEY MOON AT BRENT SHCM

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (Entries: 5 Absentees: 0)

1st HARRISON'S MILLPOINT SOUND WAVE - O/W heavier build all through than the 2nd and quite forward for her age, pleasant head with sweet expression, lovely lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, has strength all through with good bone and feet, well-schooled and moved out positively coming and going.

2nd TIBBS' RAIGMORE WORTH THE WAIT - O/W very feminine baby, loved her for type, melting expression, nice work in head for age, arched neck into well-constructed front, everything in the right place with correct pasterns and a super tail, not as forward as the winner yet but her time will come.

3rd GORDON'S HAWKFIELD FLIBBERTIGIBERT

PUPPY BITCH (Entries: 12 Absentees: 0) Lovely class.

1st SCALES' SHARNPHILLY QUINTESENSUAL - B/W who I had not seen before but she impressed me on the first run around and hands on she didn't disappoint, exquisite head with dark pigment and superb front construction, everything just flowed through her body and although she gave her handler a bit of a hard time at the end of the class I had seen enough to award her the class and Overall Best Puppy. I am sure she will have a bright future

2nd DYER, ODDIE & COLE'S SHARNPHILLY SERENDIPITY - B/W I understand she is litter sister to the winner and similar remarks apply, again super outline with correct construction all through, well-schooled and moved positively around the ring – just preferred the slightly curvier topline of the winner.

3rd BLACKBURN-BENNETT'S KANIX PETUNIA AT STARGANG

JUNIOR BITCH (Entries: 11 Absentees: 2)

1st ODDIE'S SHARNPHILLY HELLO DOLLY - O/W pretty head with soft expression, would prefer a slightly smaller ear, on the stack this bitch has a lovely reach of neck into good shoulders, nicely balanced body proportions without exaggeration, good feet, legs and pasterns with low hocks, moved true away and back but was just losing her topline a little on the move.

2nd WILKINS' WILCHRIMANE ICED WHITE FOR LOTTIEBOO - O/W sweet head with pleasing expression, nicely balanced body with substance but still remaining feminine, could drop a fraction in depth but that may come with age, oval bone with arched feet, moved well covering the ground.

3rd BASTIN'S WILCHRIMANE MINT JULEP TO JAROBEDÉ

YEARLING BITCH (Entries: 8 Absentees: 1)

1st PREECE & GILDING'S HARVESTSLADE LESEDI LA RONA - O/W litter sister to my yearling dog winner and similar remarks apply, she is the feminine version of him and full of type, lovely outline when stacked with the refinement I was looking for in this class, everything in the right place and nothing overdone with her, athletic light movement with the correct amount of reach and drive, pleased to award her the class.

2nd COLLINS' SAREGRESI VENTULUS LEMON DROP (IMP HUN) - Lemon/white who has an appealing head with lots of work in it, good stop and wide nostrils, fine ears, a neat little bitch with deep chest and correct front construction, oval bone and tight feet, spring to ribcage, and strength through her topline, again nothing exaggerated in her angles and her movement was true coming and going.

3rd MATTHEWS' MEDOGOLD TARTINI WITH SONHAM JW SHCM

NOVICE BITCH (Entries: 5 Absentees: 0)

1st LOWE'S LOWSMOOR HALF A SIXPENNY - Lemon/white – reserve in the strong puppy class, sweet head with lots more work to come, quite mature in body with clean neck and shoulders, tight arched feet and good pasterns, moved more positively to win this class and preferred her reach on the move to 2nd

2nd FOX & STILGOE'S ALCAZAR BEWILDERED OF DAPPLELINE - B/W – pleasant head with kind eye, she is shorter coupled than the winner and does not have her reach of neck, she is balanced in her angles and has short hocks and a correct tail, moved ok but not the extension of the winner.

3rd BATCHELOR'S SHARNPHILLY CARTE BLANCHE TO KIELDERPOINT

POST GRADUATE BITCH (Entries: 14 Absentees: 1)

1st TIBBS' SHARNPHILLY ESCADA AT RAIGMORE JW - B/W lovely head with good mouldings and turn of lip, arched neck and well-constructed forequarters, well-ribbed and nice sweep of stifle, stands on good legs and feet, strong and positive on the move.

2nd SIDDLE'S WILCHRIMANE PIROUETTE - O/W of similar make and shape to the winner although a little closer coupled, appealing pretty head of good type, scores in front construction with a curvy outline, depth and spring of rib, again good legs and feet, moved around the ring with drive.

3rd PERKINS' BRENT HOTOHOUSE FLOWER

LIMIT BITCH (Entries: 8 Absentees: 0) Lovely class

1st BLACKBURN-BENNETT'S KANIX ORIENT AT STARGANG - O/W attractive head with good proportions, dark eye and nice turn of lip, appeals for outline when stacked with correct construction all through, oval bone and tight feet, she was fit and accurate on the move and covered the ground well, pleased to award her the RCC.

2nd BLOWERS' FYDAL BLOWN AWAY TO DEADAWAY - O/W of slightly finer build than the winner, ultra-feminine head with lots of work, kind dark eye, has lovely front construction and stands on good legs and pasterns, well ribbed, good muscle tone and she floated around the ring with a very accurate footfall – close decision.

3rd SKINNER'S BONNYGATE MISS QUIZ AT JUENNERFLY

OPEN BITCH (Entries: 7 Absentees: 1)

1st MARTIN'S SH CH SUNHOUSE CHEERIO - O/W – I first saw this girl as a raw puppy and I would have loved to have taken her home – she has fulfilled her potential and is of such lovely type, full of curves and flows from nose to tail. Ideal size and has very pretty head with soft melting expression, arched neck, super lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, excellent spring of rib, lovely quarters with nice sweep to stifle, oval bone, tight arched feed of correct shape, and low strong hocks. Nothing is exaggerated and she moved with enthusiasm and drive holding her topline well to take this strong class. Delighted to be able to award her the CC, a very worthy champion.

2nd WHELDON & EARL'S CAITHPOINT HERE AND NOW - O/W another who appeals greatly for her overall construction, type and presence, again she has a flowing outline full of curves, balanced on the move with good reach & drive. She was in fit condition and this showed in her accurate movement.

3rd HARRISON'S MILLPOINT HOPES N'DREAMS JW SHCM

RACHEL PHILO - Judge