

BIRMINGHAM NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

Sunday 7th May 2023

It has been a huge honour to have been invited to Judge Pointers at the Birmingham National.

I would like to thank everyone for their entries. This was an appointment I had eagerly anticipated, and I was not disappointed on the day, I thoroughly enjoyed it. As a breeder, it was great to see the breed in good stead for the future. In particular, your bitches I thought to be of excellent quality.

A few areas of concern for me were barrelled ribs, lacking depth of chest and loose at elbow - not tight and close to the chest, too much air between the elbows and rib cage, this resulting in straight and wide fronts, and weak poorly muscled hindquarters and cow hocks. I would like to have seen better feet too- there were numerous cat feet and hare feet and not enough sloping patterns.

Watch your ears as some leathers were big and thick, rather than thin - moderate.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (6 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st Trueman's Bradleypoint Floki. Black and white male with a strong head and kind expression, good front and good bone, carried himself well on the move with good reach and drive

2nd Mennen and Sweeney's Joneva Just Imagine. 19 month old orange white male. Good head and kind expression, would like a little more lip, good top line and carriage on the move, still a raw young male.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (7 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st Lewis' Kanix Snapdragon at Fallowfield. Orange and white male puppy. Good head and expression, good dark eye, with a good neck into good shoulders, good upper arm, slightly heavier in bone, good depth of chest and top line, into a good hind and second thigh. He carries himself well on the move. Needs time to grow and fill out.

2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Witch Doctor. Young male with a good head and expression, excellent neck into well laid back shoulders, good bone, nice tight elbows with good depth of chest. Good topline, tail set, and tail. He uses himself well on the move

PUPPY DOG (2 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st Matthews and Adams' Carofei Wings Of Hope. Orange and white male, with a good head and expression, nice dark kind eye. A good neck into shoulders, good depth of chest, nice tight elbow, correct bone, a good topline and hind quarters. He carries himself well on the move.

2nd Hazeltine and Razzell's Clamerkin Jubilee Fly Past for Corotine. Black and white male with a good head, though I would like slightly longer fore face, and prefer a longer neck into shoulder. Excellent depth chest and tight elbows, slightly heavier in bone than 1st place male. He has a good topline, and good reach and drive on the move

JUNIOR DOG (6 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st Sillince's Davigdor Flanders Field. Orange and white male with a good head and expression, correct thin ears. With a good neck into shoulders, good depth of chest and tight elbows. He has good bone and a good topline, which he holds well on the move, and has good tail action.

2nd Webb's Tenshilling Jimmy Mack. Orange and white male. He is slightly heavier in bone than the first-place dog. He has good depth of chest, and holds himself well on the move, a good sound mover.

YEARLING DOG (3 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st Stilgoe's Glenariff Mojito Over Teisgol. Black and white male. Slightly plainer in head and would prefer a darker eye. Lighter, smaller male who is a series of graceful curves. A well muscled dog that carries himself well on the move and uses his tail.

2nd Bird's Droveboroughs The Gambit at Vinepoint. Black and white male. A good head and expression, heavier bone than first place dog, he needs time to mature.

NOVICE DOG (7 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st Sillince's Davigor Flanders Field. As above for Junior dog

2nd Hill and Hill's Kanix Sourdough. A slightly heavier puppy, heavier in head with too much throat, I would like a better topline and croup.

GRADUATE DOG (7 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st Fordon's Hawefield Auspicious. Orange and white male who needs to settle- is a bit anxious, I would like a slightly longer neck into shoulders, a tighter elbow, and better front and feet. Holds his top line well on the move.

2nd Mennen and Sweeney's Joneva Just Imagine. Good head and kind expression, would like a better front, has a good neck into shoulder. Carries himself well.

POST GRADUATE DOG (6 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st Thorpe and Bircham's Wilchrimane Adagio at Braegorse. Orange and white male. A moderate dog with a good head and expression, dark eyes, thin ears. A good neck into shoulders, and good tight skin. I would like a tighter elbow, a good top line and moves well. I would like a better second thigh.

2nd Walkling, Siddle and Siddle's Wilchrimane Kinsphere with Kiswahili. Orange and white male. This dog has a good head and expression, good neck into shoulders, I would like a tighter elbow. He is extremely over muscled which unfortunately didn't help his movement.

LIMIT DOG (14 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st Henshaw and Goodchild's Sharnphilly Vice Versa with Peteshe. Black and white dog. A harmonious male who is a series of graceful curves, excellent head with chiselling and excellent expression, good eye, thin ears, wide nostrils. A good neck into shoulders and lay of shoulder. A good upper arm, good angle and depth of chest with tight elbows. He has a correct topline which he holds well on the move, good hind quarter with lovely short hocks. When under control on the move he reached well and drove from behind. He had an easy harmonious gait. I would like a lower tail carriage. A very correct proportioned dog. My dog CC winner on the day.

2nd Thorpe and Bircham's Amiryck Get Up And Run at Braegorse. Orange and white male. Good head and expression, lovely dark eye. He has good neck into shoulder, good depth of chest and was a series of graceful curves. Slightly longer cast male, good carriage on the move with good reach and drive action, he uses his tail well on the move. I would like a tighter elbow. He is a stallion of a dog that i would seek out as a stud.

OPEN DOG (3 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st Oddie's Sharnphilly Boondoggle. Black and white male of moderate size. Good bone, he is a series of graceful curves, a plainer head with gentle expression, excellent dark eye, with correct thin ears. He has a good neck into shoulders, correct upper arm with good tight elbows, I would like more sloping pasterns. A good underline, good topline and good tail. He is a good strong mover with correct reach and drive, uses himself well on the move. My Res CC winner on the day.

2nd Blair's Twinhoe Vittorio. Orange and white dog. Lovely head and expression, good neck into shoulders. Stands slightly out at elbow. A series of graceful curves. This dog moves well, but I would prefer a much lower tail carriage.

VETERAN DOG (3 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st O'Neill's Tenshilling Home Alone. Orange and white male. Beautiful head and expression with lovely dark eyes, thin ears, wide nostrils, good neck into shoulders and nice tight elbows, good bone. A series of graceful curves and a good, graceful mover with correct tail carriage.

2nd Henshaw and Goodchild's Penbro Under Pressure with Peteshe. Orange and white male. He has a lovely head and expression. Would like a more mature body.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (6 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st Collins and Collins' Collholme Angelique. Orange and white bitch with a feminine head. A good neck into shoulder, good upper arm, depth of chest and good tight elbow. A good top line. I would like a better croup. She uses herself well on the move and uses her lovely short tail well on the move too.

2nd Klaiber's Hawkfield Scandalous. Orange and white bitch. Good head, slightly shorter neck into shoulder, good topline on the move and uses her tail well.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (6 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st Nelis' Freebreeze Special Effects. Eye catching young Orange white bitch. A very feminine head and expression, lovely dark eye, thin ears, excellent neck into shoulder, good upper arm and depth of chest. A series of graceful curves, she holds her top line well on the move, which flows onto a correct lovely short tail which she uses well on the move also. She has good reach and drive movement. My puppy of breed on the day.

2nd Macara and Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Sooty at Stargang. Black and white bitch. Feminine head with a slightly short muzzle, good dark eye, thin ears, good neck into shoulders, good front, slightly heavier in bone than the first-place bitch. She has a bit too much skirt on her under line. She holds her topline well on the move and uses her tail well, with lovely short hocks, has good ground covering movement.

PUPPY BITCH (10 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st Booth's Lundgarth Jubilee. Orange and white bitch. Feminine head, good dark eye, good neck into shoulder, good upper arm. I would like a tighter elbow and more sloping pasterns on her. She moves well and is very light on her feet. A very good second thigh, and lovely correct short tail she uses well on the move.

2nd Guy's Carofel If I Had Wings. Orange and white bitch with a very feminine head and lovely dark eye, good neck into shoulders. I would like a tighter elbow. A good topline which she holds well on the move. She uses her tail well on the move too.

JUNIOR BITCH (6 Entries, Abs: 3)

1st O'Neill's Tenshilling To Sir With Love. Orange and white bitch. Very pretty, a feminine bitch with lovely dark eye, good neck into shoulders, good front, good bone. Her carriage on the move could have been better, good tail on the move.

2nd Oddie's Sharnphilly Sugar Plum. Lemon and white bitch. Plainer in head, a good neck into shoulder, she is a slightly longer cast bitch, lovely hindquarters and thigh. On the move was loose in the elbow and her tail carriage was slightly high.

YEARLING BITCH (3 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st Bond's Joneva Azelia Banks. Orange and white bitch. Lovely feminine bitch, good neck into shoulders and lovely front, held her topline well on the move and used herself on the move effortlessly, very settled young bitch, with good tail carriage.

2nd Booth's Lundgorth Everest. Orange and white bitch. Pretty feminine head, good neck into shoulder. She is slightly wide in front, I would like a tighter elbow, on the move was very unsettled and wasn't happy, coming toward you broke at her wrist on the move.

NOVICE BITCH (8 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st Klaiber's Sharnphilly Gingerbread. Orange and white bitch, bigger boned bitch and slightly longer cast, I would like a tighter elbow. She carries herself well on the move.

2nd Bush and Bush's Piasharn Demelza. Liver and white bitch. A finer, smaller bitch with a pretty, feminine head. She moves well and is very light on her feet, with good carriage.

GRADUATE BITCH (8 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st Siddle and Siddle's Wilchrimane Piri Piri. Very eye-catching Orange and White bitch, extremely feminine with a well chiseled head with excellent expression and eye, lovely thin ears, and a lovely crested neck into shoulders, excellent placed shoulders and lovely long angled upper arm, with tight elbows, her body is a series of graceful curves, excellent underline and well muscled hind quarters and correct second thigh, with short hocks. She carries herself well on the move with lovely, graceful reach and drive and a lovely short tail.

2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Black Swan. Solid Black bitch. She has a very classical well chiselled head, lovely eye and expression, lovely thin ears, good neck into shoulders. She could be slightly tighter in elbow, but she is a lovely series of graceful curves. A good topline and strong hind quarter, with good second thigh and short hocks. This girl carries herself well on the move and uses her short tail well. Very elegant eye-catching bitch.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (10 Entries, Abs: 3)

1st Dunn's Caithpoint Kora at Meadowpoint. Black and white bitch. A very feminine bitch with good head and expression with a lovely dark eye. Has an excellent neck into shoulders. She has a very good front, fore chest, and upper arm, excellent depth of chest with a good topline. She is a series of graceful curves and has good strong hindquarters. On the move she is extremely light on her feet and moves effortlessly with good reach and drive, with an excellent short lashing tail. Lovely bitch.

2nd Stilgoe and Oliver's Teisgol Heaven Sent. Black and white bitch. A very feminine head, good neck into shoulders and a good front. A shorter bodied bitch, who moves well.

LIMIT BITCH (18 Entries, Abs: 4)

1st Oddie's Sharnphilly TikTok to Riwood. Very feminine medium sized black and white bitch with a very pretty head. Black eyes, thin ears, and good neck into shoulders, excellent top line and series of graceful curves, she has good strong hindquarters with excellent second thigh, and lovely short hocks. This bitch is a very strong mover, with an effortless reach and drive action that could go all day. She is a pleasure to watch going around the ring. I would love an inch or 2 more in size on this lovely bitch. This is my well-deserved Res bitch CC

2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Happy. Lemon and white bitch with beautiful breed type, excellent head and expression and neck into shoulders. Another lovely bitch, that is a series of graceful curves, with good bone and depth of chest, excellent topline and hind quarters, uses herself well on the move having good reach and drive. She breaks a little in the wrist on the move if not under control.

OPEN BITCH (5 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st Siddle and Siddle's Wilchrime Frankel. This Orange and white bitch is very harmonious and fills one's eye instantly, she owns the ring. She has a beautiful expressive head, with chiselling and a dark eye with beautiful correct thin ears. Excellent neck into shoulders and a correct front. She is a series of graceful curves, with a excellent topline that continues into her short tail, that she carried and used well on the move. She has a well muscled hind and second thigh, has excellent reach and drive and covers the ground effortlessly. This bitch is all class and doesn't put a foot wrong. She was my Bitch CC winner on the day and Best of breed.

2nd Webb's Tenshilling The Wanderer. Orange and white. A moderate bitch with a feminine head good dark eye, good neck into shoulders, good front with correct tight elbows and good depth of chest and top line, good hindquarters, carries herself well on the move.

VETERAN BITCH (6 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st Lowe's Lowsmoor Shiralee. Orange and white. A very elegant and harmonious girl, lovely expressive head, good neck into shoulders. She is a series of grace full curves; she has beautiful carriage using her tail the whole time. My best Veteran of breed

2nd Neli's Freebreeze Easy Virtue. Black and white bitch. A lovely head and expression. Good neck into shoulders, good depth chest, underline, and body. She loved her day out moved around the ring using her tail the whole time.

DIANE O'NEILL (New Zealand) - judge