

CRITIQUE - WELSH KENNEL CLUB

Judge: Mr I Halbert

I would like to thank the committee of Welsh Kennel Club for the invitation to judge and my two excellent stewards on the day. I was very pleased to discover the quality, particularly of the young males. Undoubtedly some future stars, both my Minor Puppy Dog and Puppy Dog are great prospects and I am sure will gain top honours in the future.

Minor Puppy Dog (5,1). 1 Adams Barleyarch Ariat. Masculine head with good length of muzzle, correct eye shape, strong neck into well laid shoulders, good coat, well angulated rear, excellent movement, maintained topline throughout. Great prospect. **2 Roden's Keigame Nasrullah.** Dark liver male another with lots of fine quality. Good head and lovely dark eye, short back with correct rear angulation. **3 Jones Barleyarch Dubarry.**

Puppy Dog (6). 1 Rose's Kavacanne Morgan it Seems. Good head and dark eye in hard fit condition, strong neck into well laid shoulders. Come to life on the move, excellent in front reach and drive for one so young. Considered for RCC in the challenge, exciting prospect. **2 Roden's Keigame Nasrullah. 3 Smith's Winterwell Fowl Play,**

Junior Dog (2). 1 Milligan's Jessophia's Oberyn Martell. 16 month old strong dog throughout. Well muscled, good head and length of muzzle, straight front, well angulated rear, held topline on the move. **2 Brown's Pitwit Biddable Sapphire.** Many of the attributes of 1. Slightly lighter in frame, excelled in head and neck.

Novice Dog (2). 1 Rose's Kavacanne Morgan it Seems. 2 Burford's Kavacanne Morgan You Know. Quality young dog only 10 months, needs a bit more work in head at present otherwise a most appealing puppy.

Post Graduate Dog (4,1). 1 Mould and Bird's Koolwaters Cream Cracker. Short back, good rear angles. Held topline throughout, didn't quite relax when standing however. 1 & 2 really close up. Both moved out well. **2 Rose & Hunt's Kavacanne Gale Force Wind.** Good dark eye and expression, strong neck into well laid shoulders, correct coat. Moved well. **3 Powell and Tarrant's Malmelsa Romancing Romeo at Pawnic.**

Limit Dog (9,2). 1 Cooke and Hammond's Seasham Super Trooper JW. Headed a strong limit class. Excellent head and earset. Well laid shoulders, good front and feet, super texture of coat, well angulated rear. His profile movement is wonderful with a long front reach and drive from rear which took him the class and also his first **DCC. 2 Whiting's Rodale Ranger Two Rodale JW Sh.CM.** An absolute picture standing with super head and long arched neck, good straight front and topline. **3 Gatcliffe's Allezweck Shamrock.**

Open Dog (8,1). 1 Malin's Sh. Ch. Heathermark Irish at Benrae ShCM. Beautiful head with darkest of eye giving a handsome and kind expression. Correct coat texture. Moved out well true fore and aft and held topline throughout. A worthy title holder. **RDCC. 2 Harris' Am GrandCh & Sh Ch Vjk-myst Goes Like the Wind Of Barleyarch.** Good neck and shoulders, excellent topline, short back, good tail set and rear angulation, very precise movement. **3 Flaherty and Reddyhough's Sh Ch Isara Kurzhaar Wieser JW ShCM.**

Minor Puppy Bitch (3). 1 Tierney's Keigame Hustle. Beautiful solid liver, perfect proportions, lovely feminine head, correct muzzle length, dark eye, short back and excellent movement. **BP. 2 Drysdale's Drysika Fast Track.** Pretty and feminine head, good depth of brisket, good front, outmoved by 1 today. **3 Sielski's Orchidstar Xtra O'live.**

Puppy Bitch (2). 1 Tierney's Keigame Hustle. 2 Lindridge's Amidala Fast and Furious. Lots to like about this lady. Feminine head and good muzzle length, long neck and correct shoulder lay, good depth of chest and well angulated rear.

Junior Bitch (5). 1 Hayes' Valger Quartz in Elfrindew. Very smart, of correct size overall, excellent head and expression, correct in neck and shoulders, short back, moved out well fore and aft. Bright future ahead. **2 Lindridge's Amidala Fast and Furious. 3 Stopforth's Smilek Sleeping at Tal-y-lyn.**

Novice Bitch (3). 1 Lindridge's Amidala Fast and Furious. 2 Hopkins' Seasham Dancing Queen. Feminine headed bitch, excellent neck and shoulders and terrific coat. Correct size was rather tense and didn't relax but a lot to like.

Post Graduate Bitch (6). 1 Gain and Dixon's Kavaccane A Vimto for Molkara JW. Headed another fine class. One I have always admired, of correct size, shown in excellent condition with smashing coat. Feminine head and good muzzle length with dark eye giving lovely expression. Strong arched neck, straight front, good depth of brisket. Moved very well. **RBCC. 2 Burford's Pingarypoint Hot Topic.** Very pleasing bitch, similar to 1, although shorter backed. Good head and neck, well handled, just outmoved on the day. **3 Roden's High High Jingle Bells at Keigame (Imp).**

Limit Bitch (14,4). 1 Rose's Kavacanne Blowin a Gale JW. Again another top quality class with so many good bitches to choose from. Short back with all the correct angles of shoulder and rear. Excellent on the move with long reach and drive **2 Drew's Cushatlaw Illustrious JW.** Good head and lovely reach of neck, short back, good front and rear, quality bitch but lost out on movement to 1. **3 Erlington's Barleyarch Beetle at Tequesta.**

Open Bitch (6,1). My first three were all beautiful and would want to own any of them. 1 Thurm's Valger Odette. Full of type and quality. Never put a foot wrong, powered around the ring with great movement and top line. Lovely head, strong neck into well laid shoulders, good deep brisket and underline. Strong rear quarters with well let down hocks. Expertly handled. **BCC and BOB.** Shortlisted in the group where she again put on a great performance. **2 Harris' Sh Ch Barleyarch Piper JW.** Beautiful bitch in top condition, oozed quality. Feminine with darkest of eyes. Moved true fore and aft. **3 Cooke and Hammond's Sh Ch Seasham Lovestruck.**