

# CRITIQUE - CITY OF BIRMINGHAM CANINE ASSOCIATION

## Judge: Mrs J Byrne

Many thanks to the committee for the invitation to judge two breeds & for their kind hospitality. I found some very promising youngsters which bodes well for the future of the breed & top quality exhibits in the higher classes, I was however disappointed with the mid classes & therefore struggled to have a consistent line-up in the males. In the bitches I did not have enough cards in the top classes & so tough decisions had to be made. Thank you to the exhibitors for also giving me a numerically good entry.

**Minor Puppy Dog (2).** **1 Watling's Drysika Dasher**, two raw babies in this class. My first place had the better overall shape, promising in head, good length of neck, well laid shoulders & deep in ribs. Well angulated rearquarters, needs to settle on the move; **2 Woolley's Fayemm Get Ready for Duns**, a promising baby, gentle head with appealing expression & dark eye well balanced throughout. Has the potential to develop well. Hard to assess on the move today.

**Puppy Dog (3).** **1 Sielski's Orchidstar Wotsit**, an eye-catching young dog with a lovely head & expression. Very striking in outline, good shoulders & front with adequate width to rib, short coupled & adequate rear angulation. Moved with drive at one with his handler. Presented in good muscular condition with gleaming coat. Moved out with style to win over the bitch in the puppy challenge. Pleased to award him **BP**; **2 Langdell's Brainscroft Secret Agent**, pleasing in head with dark eye. Shoulders well laid & good bone. Has good depth to brisket & strong hindquarters. Did not have the positive movement of my winner today; **3 Rusk's Quindrew Baron Brimstone at Booton**.

**Junior Dog (3).** **1 Hopkins' Seasham Don't Stop Me Now**, a very well put together young dog. Scores in head, excellent front & shoulders, correct short back, just so very balanced throughout & hard to overlook him on the stand. In tip-top coat & condition & covers the ground well. I expect he will do very well once fully mature; **2 Delaney's Redmires A Ticket To The Stars**, very well put together & is a quality young dog. Good head type with dark eye. But unfortunately was not cooperating today & was roaching his back on the stand. Has true movement once settled.

**Graduate Dog (2).** **1 Rogers' Disglairhill Red Kite**, masculine head, with good reach of neck, deep in chest, would prefer more rear angulation. Carrying too much weight today.

**Post Graduate Dog (2).** **1 Proudfoot's Keigame Dante**, stood alone in this class & was giving the handler a hard time. Pleasing head proportions, strong topline & muscular hindquarters. Very unsettled on front movement today.

**Limit Dog (12).** I was so pleased to see a ring of quality exhibits in this class. **1 Smith's Winterwell Fowl Play**, I have judged this dog as a puppy & he has developed as I expected. Short backed with good spring of rib, well muscled & ample rear angulation. Stood out in this class for his overall balance & outline. Handled to perfection & so in tune with his handler on the move & has excellent reach & drive. Close decision for the RCC. Just needs that extra maturity to make it to the top; **2 Trow & Jowsey's Winterwell Mr Hobbs**, from the same kennel as my winner another that has that stamp of quality. He is balanced throughout, pleasing head proportions with noble appearance, strong neck & good front assembly, well boned legs & good with to second thigh. Moved with drive; **3 Stammer's Barleyarch Billbug at Lochpointer**.

**Open Dog (6).** **1 Harris' Am Gr Ch & Sh Ch Vjk-Myst Goeslikethewind of Barleyarch**, a top quality male with great ring presence. Full of substance throughout, his head is clean cut with excellent proportions & dark eye. Muscular neck & shoulders & strong front assembly. Good spring of rib, & strong rearquarters. On the move he really comes into his own covering so much ground with his powerful stride. Shown in tip-top condition & handled to perfection, a real partnership. Pleased to add to his **CCs** & my **BOB**; **2 Graham's Sh Ch Winterwell Jelly Belly with Nyliram**, another top quality dog I have done well for in the past. Lovely head proportions, soft expression with dark eye, Built on heavier lines than my winner but has that noble appearance. A dog with style & substance & so well constructed throughout. Moved with purpose maintaining topline. A very worthy Sh Ch of the breed & my **RCC** winner; **3 Serpa's Barleyarch Trumpeter**.

**Good Citizen Dog (2).** **1 Brown's Pitwit Biddable Sapphire**, unplaced in the strong Limit class, pleasing in head, strong neck & straight front, needs more rear angulation. Moved soundly once settled; **2 Proudfoot's Keigame Dante**.

**Veteran Bitch (5).** **1 Thomas' Knabynnus Midsummer Hermia**, only just a veteran. Quality head & eye, typical of the breed, well laid shoulder, with good depth to chest, displayed good ground covering movement, shown in good condition; **2 Gardiner's Kilnrae Gretel**, it was hard to believe this girl was nearly 13 years. Appealed in head, with her regal & noble expression, had good bone & you can see she knows the ropes, still moving out well, thoroughly enjoying her day; **3 McKinstry & Uytman's Magregor Airs N Graces**.

**Minor Puppy Bitch (3).** **1 Harris' Barleyarch Playtime**, a pleasing, top quality puppy that is quite mature in her body for age. Well made throughout, good width to rib, strong neck flowing into well laid shoulders, with correct angles fore & aft. A well schooled young lady on the stand, just needs to steady herself on the move. One for the future; **2 Whitehead's Ladyhawke Jean Genie**, a real raw baby, but lots to like about this one. Promising head with sweet expression & dark eye, nice arch to neck. Good straight front assembly & correct rear angulation. Not yet at one with her handler on the move, just needs to steady her pace up.

**Puppy Bitch (4).** **1 Pudney's Pitwit Winter Glow**, another pleasing youngster. Lovely head & expression, a well balanced young lady, with an appealing outline, correct short back, well formed rearquarters. Moved soundly & very together for a youngster; **2 Harris' Barleyarch Playtime**; **3 Joy's Pitwit The Best Surprise at Mannlicher**.

**Junior Bitch (7).** **1 Trow's Winterwell Inca Trail**, stood out in this class. A super & well built young lady who is so well developed & mature for her age. Lovely in head with correct eye shape, strong neck & firm topline. Good length of upper arm & so balanced throughout. Strong hindquarters & moved with a ground covering stride. Cannot be overlooked in the line-up. I'm sure top honours will come her way soon; **2 Thompson's Redmires Bedazzled**, a sound exhibit that has a balanced outline & is of good size. Good straight front & well placed shoulders, short backed & is feminine throughout. Just needs to cooperate more to show off her best; **3 Edward's Gemma's Holiday Island**.

**Graduate Bitch (3).** **1 Sielski's Orchidstar Xtra O'live**, a mixed class here. My first was a sound youngster, her head is a little plain. Good angulation fore & aft giving her true balance. Firm topline which she held well on the move; **2 Gardiner's Malmelsa Flirty Fleuri**; **3 Edward's Kaela Sweet Imani in Jadenco**.

**Post Graduate Bitch (3).** **1 Stewart & Currie's Winterwell Dominique at Levograd**, stood alone today, but a pleasing young lady with feminine head of good proportions, correct earset. Ample depth & good rear angles. Moved well once she settled & tuned in with her handler.

**Limit Bitch (9).** A highly contested class with top quality bitches in abundance. **1 Elrington's Barleyarch Beetle at Tequesta**, had to be tip-top today to win this class, with hair splitting decisions. Lovely head & eye with that noble appearance. Good straight front & excellent shoulder placement. Deep in brisket & strong hindquarters with good width of thigh. She has substance & quality & just fills the Standard in my eye, typical of her breeding. Presented in hard muscular condition & in good coat & scores in her sound movement. Pleased to award her the **CC**; **2 Tierney's Keigame Hustle**, this solid liver bitch oozes quality & presents such a balanced outline when stacked. Excellent front assembly, with good tuck-up & correct short back. She is short coupled & has ample rear angulation. Moved so soundly holding her topline well. I would probably prefer a little more of her throughout, handled to perfection; **3 Knowles & Glen's Wilholme Sharp N Smart at Bessalone**.

**Open Bitch (8).** **1 Thurm's Sh Ch Valger Odette**, this was a quality class of bitches with close decisions. My first excelled in overall balance. She is so well made throughout with plenty of substance, & correct amount of bone. Short backed & of good depth & spring of rib. Tail well set on & carried well. Glided effortlessly around the ring. Presented in excellent muscular condition & handled well. My **RCC**; **2 Brown's Barleyarch Tigernut at Graygreens**, another quality bitch that has lots of appeal. Best of heads, with correct planes. Muscular neck leading into well placed shoulders. Well sprung ribs & muscular hindquarters with well developed second thigh. Had true movement covering the ground well; **3 Lockett's Winterwell Bobbie Dazzler of Fayemm**.

**Good Citizen Bitch (2).** **1 Gardiner's Malmelsa Flirty Fleuri**.