

# CRITIQUE - LEEDS & DISTRICT CANINE ASSOCIATION

Judge: Mrs C Drysdale

I would like to thank the committee of Leeds Ch show for my invitation to judge & to my 2 stewards for their invaluable help on the day. I was delighted with my entry, which was brimming with quality especially in the Limit & Open classes, which made for some challenging decisions.

**Minor Puppy Dog (2).** **1 Sielski's Orchidstar Wotsit**, attractive puppy with a gentle head & kind expression, short coupled with a good topline & tailset. Good body & width to rib, short coupled & strong quarters; **2 Kerrane's Prince Of Poulton Percy**, super length to foreface & depth to flew, good length to neck, good topline, moved out well & has potential, just preferred the balance of 1 at this stage of development.

**Junior Dog (3).** **1 Thomas' Brainscroft Tahiti**, promising head type with a lovely dark eye, good bone, good depth to brisket, nicely angled shoulders & well muscled quarters. Moved with accuracy & kept his topline well; **2 Milligan's Redmires Storm The Stars**, neat looking dog in profile, though short in foreface. Scored in topline & tailset, ample depth to chest & good width to second thigh; **3 Delaney's Redmires Ticket To The Stars**.

**Post Graduate Dog (4,1).** **1 Adam's Barleyarch Ariat**, a well presented dog whose best is yet to come & time will be to his advantage. He has good planes to his head, eye to darken, straight front, firm in topline, true rear & moved with great coordination; **2 Brown's Pitwit Biddable Sapphire**, good head properties, ideal bone, neck flows well into shoulders, good depth to brisket, coarse coat. Just tending to lose his topline on the stack; **3 Proudfoot's Keigame Dante**.

**Limit Dog (8,1).** **1 Grant's Goosepoint Dipper from Stairfoot**, loved the outline & body properties of this mature dog, well angled shoulders, good spring to rib, strong quarters, in great bloom & a coarse coat. On the move he went with great purpose & scope & covered the ground with ease & precision. **RCC**; **2 Brown & Burns' Magregor Threesacrowd at Pothouse**, another top notch dog who has such a typical shape & balance all through, ideal bone, loved the crest to his strong neck, lovely shoulders, moving well on sturdy legs & feet & with excellent musculature. A close call, I just preferred 1's head; **3 Hawksby's Benboe Beguiling at Delahawk**.

**Open Dog (5,1).** **1 Harris' Am Gr Ch & Sh Ch VJK Myst Goes Like The Wind of Barleyarch**, balance is the word to describe this dog of many merits & he has quality stamped all over him. He has substance accompanied with elegance, his head is impeccable with great length to foreface, a chiselled appearance & a dark eye. He has lovely round bone, tight feet & his angles fore & aft equate so well. On the move he carries himself so well with great poise & such a ground covering, powerful stride. **CC**; **2 Serpa & Griffiths' Barleyarch Trumpeter**, appreciated this quality dog's sound movement & unexaggerated appearance. Lovely head & depth to muzzle, strong neck & length to upper arm. Short coupled, firm in topline & moved with great accuracy. A very pleasing dog, I just preferred the finish of 1 on the day.

**Minor Puppy Bitch (3).** **1 Rose & Gaffney's Kavacanne Vixen**, a well schooled pretty puppy, who showed to advantage. Balanced angles, head to break, short coupled & moved with ample reach & drive, covering the ground very well with such good profile movement, holding her topline; **2 Pearce's Fleetapple Winter Jasmine**, a most promising puppy with a typy outline & very appealing head, Good depth to chest & width to thigh. Not as together or settled as 1 on the move but I preferred her bone & it was a close decision; **3 Stopforth's Smilek Running Up Snowden**.

**Puppy Dog (3).** **1 Trow's Winterwell Inca Trail**, liked the overall picture of this mature puppy, she excels in body properties & has lovely forehand construction, strength in bone, gentle tuck-up, good width to second thigh, ideal tailset & moves on a lovely long stride. **BP**, **PG3**; **2 Burford's Pingarypoint Eye Candy**, attractive headed puppy with a reachy neck into well angled shoulders, short coupled, good bone & another moving with exact, ground covering movement. Just preferred the overall balance of 1; **3 Rose & Gaffney's Kavacanne Vixen**.

**Junior Bitch (5,1).** **1 Sielski's Orchidstar Xtra O'live**, a pleasing shape to this youngster, good angles, topline, tailset & good depth to brisket. Head not quite for me, but this didn't detract from her overall qualities in this class. Good profile movement; **2 Burford's Pingarypoint Eye Candy**; **3 Thomas' Knabynnus Aurora Borealis**.

**Post Graduate Bitch (3).** **1 Thomas' Brainscroft Saffron**, beautiful head to this young bitch with correct planes & a lovely eye shape & dark eye, good crest to neck leading into well angled shoulders, firm topline, short coupled & strong bone. Moved with great accuracy & power, liked her a lot & with maturity could trouble the best; **2 Heath's Barleyarch Ladybird at Pinseeker**, a very balanced & stylish bitch, gorgeous head, straight front, short coupled, tight feet, true rear, in superb condition, just lacked the verve & extension of the winner on the move; **3 Burford's Pingarypoint Hot Topic**.

**Limit Bitch (7).** **1 Lindridge's Amidala Fast And Furious**, I was taken with the overall shape of this girl who has such a well defined head with a kind expression, lovely eye shape, strength to neck, standing on great feet, well angled both ends, doesn't do herself any favours when baited but I still liked what I saw & on the move she came alive & displayed such a true & powerful movement from strong hocks. **RCC**; **2 Knowles & Glen's Wilholme Sharp N Snart at Bessalone**, good head planes to this bitch, neck flows well into well laid shoulders & good length to upper arm, good depth to chest & gentle tuck-up, liked her bone, can easily be overlooked in the stack but on the move came alive to display smooth, ground covering movement; **3 Tierney's Keigame Hustle**.

**Open Bitch (7).** **1 Brown's Barleyarch Tigernut at Graygees**, thought this mature bitch looked on top form today, thus she gained the top accolade. She has that "all of a piece" look about her from her splendid head to her excellent topline & tailset, she has well sprung ribs & good width to her thigh. On the move, she covered the ground with such a lithe, daisy cutting stride & pulled out the stops to take **CC & BOB**; **2 Lockett's Winterwell Bobbie Dazzler of Fayemm**, pushed 1 all the way & although a slightly different type, she appealed greatly as she has a superb head with such a kind expression, well angled both ends & stands over plenty of ground, good bone & moved with good propulsion, just needed a bit more tuck-up to complete the picture; **3 Thurm's Sh Ch Valger Odette**.

**Veteran Bitch (3,1).** **1 Brown & Harrison's Sh Ch, Int, Lux, VDH & Dutch Ch Gamebourne Bedazzled**, 8 years in tip-top condition with such a delightful, quality head & eye, superb front, short coupled, & moved with drive & energy. **BV**; **2 Peebles' Keigame Leading Lady**, another most appealing veteran who is very typical, pleasing body properties, good spring to rib, super topline & width to thigh & in great condition.