

CRITIQUE - BOSTON & DISTRICT CANINE SOCIETY

Judge: Mr J B Daltrey

What a fabulous day judging for me, with some excellent dogs and a good size ring but more importantly such amazingly sporting attitude from everyone today. Huge cheers and generous congratulations throughout the judging made for an enjoyable experience not just for me, but for those who enjoy our sport and hobby as it should be taken, that is, a good day out showing our dogs and enjoying the experience with friends and fellow fanciers.

Minor Puppy Dog (3). **1 Coghlan's Soellis Smug Doug**, the first dog of the day to be judged, and as it turned out, I could not surpass him. This outstanding young male fits the Standard to perfection in my interpretation. At just 6 months, this belies his outstanding make and shape and maturity way beyond his age but he is totally without exaggeration. He has the very cleanest and graceful of outlines, the most intelligent of heads and a superb expression. His front construction is so correct with a short and firm back, he falls naturally into a pose and stands foot-perfect covering plenty of ground as the Standard requires. In hard condition for one so young, on the move he is not only co-ordinated but so very accurate and never put a foot wrong. In very stiff competition, this young dog thoroughly deserved to take the top spot, and I took great pleasure in awarding him the **DCC & BOB**, in excellent company. I now see that he is related to my BCC winner too. **2 Morris, Stainsby, Soanes & Evans' Whistlecraft Gito**, a much more rangy type, totally different in make and shape, but with lots to offer. He has a much stronger male head than the winner with huge ears but I am sure that once he matures he will fill into himself and will finish well. He is very sound on the move, not quite the tightness of feet as the winner, but I think he shows great potential. **3 Marsh & Hoad's Winterwell Sam Spade at Kilnrae.**

Puppy Dog (4). **1 Vickers' Bryburn Atticus**, not a lot to choose here between the first two, who turn out to be littermates! I just preferred the rear action of this winner, although he tends to toe in slightly coming. He scores for head-piece, masculine with no coarseness, has good bone and shows good profile action on a loose lead. I note these first two are sons of my BCC winner. **2 Thurm's Bryburn Bacchus**, another good one here, cleaner in front action, but not quite so positive going away. I liked his hard condition and very tight and well padded feet. He is good for depth and holds a strong topline and was very well handled to maximise his attributes. **3 Marsh & Hoad's Winterwell Sam Spade at Kilnrae.**

Junior Dog (3,1). **1 Watling's Drysika Dasher**, a taller and longer cast dog here, but totally balanced with an excellent harsh jacket. A very masculine headpiece, balanced and no coarseness at this stage, he has a good topline and I preferred his tailset and rear action which gave him this class. **2 Sielski's Orchidstar Wotsit**, a totally different type but in his own way also totally balanced in outline. He is good to go over and is short and compact in body with good depth and body. I just preferred the winner for tailset and more positive and accurate rear action today.

Yearling Dog (0). No Entries.

Post Graduate Dog (3,1). **1 Milligan's Redmires Storm The Stars**, when this dog was not over-stretched, I preferred his size and shape over 2. He is strong enough in head for my taste, and I would prefer just a touch more length to muzzle. His body proportions are spot on and he is in excellent condition, compact and firm in loin. He has lovely shaped tight and well padded feet, an excellent tailset and perfect tail carriage. He moved soundly. **2 Coghlan's Soellis Manly Stanley**, lots to like here, good proportion of foreface to backskull and also very correct feet. I just felt that he really needs to fill his frame as he appears somewhat immature and is weaker in topline and with not quite the definition of rearquarters as the winner. He is sound enough on the move.

Limit Dog (7,1). **1 Smith & Reardon's Winterwell Fowl Play**, not my immediate winner on first appraisal as he was over-stretched by his handler like so many here today, making the dogs look so very straight in stifle and also somewhat unbalanced. He is a strong headed male, and I would prefer a more intelligent expression, but he is very good to go over with correct body proportions. He has good length of neck and well laid, clean shoulders and is quite compact, with good depth and strong topline. He has the very best of feet and an excellent tailset with perfect tail carriage. When moved at a slower and steadier pace this dog was fairly accurate going and was very correct coming showing some good forward reach in profile action. I feel that his best is yet to come. **2 Adam's Barleyarch Ariat**, another good one here with lots to like. I preferred his headpiece and his expression. He is another with very good depth and he too has excellent feet. On the move he is very sound going away and holds a very strong topline in profile, but his tail carriage and front action coming, in comparison to the winner, just let him down today. **3 Mann's Valger Quorum.**

Open Dog (6,1). **1 Harris' Am Gr Ch & Sh Ch VJK-Myst Goeslikethewind of Barleyarch**, here was a very stylish sort who was not my immediate winner on first appraisal, as he initially appears to me slightly untypical in the line-up but such is his quality, he's a dog who simply cannot be ignored. The more you study this dog the more he appeals, for he fits the Standard in so many ways. I really liked him for headpiece and for depth of forechest and strength in topline. Extremely well handled to maximise his many attributes, he is ultra sound on the move but I do feel that his tail carriage detracts a tad in profile action. He is such a good example of the breed and was so very close to the top award, but today I just felt that the youngster had the edge in overall flow, and so I was delighted to award him the **RDCC**. **2 Serpa & Griffiths' Barleyarch Trumpeter**, another very lovely example of this charming breed, who pushed the winner right to the wire in this class. I liked this dog very much for overall size, shape, balance and compactness. I don't think that he has quite the refinement in headpiece as the winner, not quite the depth of forechest, but he has so much else to admire. I hope very much that he makes-up, as I feel that he is totally worthy of a title. On the move his is very accurate and was in sparkling condition with a lovely textured jacket. **3 Jones' Sh Ch Barleyarch Dubarry.**

Good Citizens (1). **1 Beverley's Bryburn Artemis of Vinita**, I thought that this puppy was absolutely lovely despite standing here alone. She has a really feminine and well balanced head, her shoulders are well laid and she is great for depth and compact in body. She holds a good topline on the move and is very accurate going away, just needing time to firm up in front action.

Minor Puppy Bitch (5). **1 Ellis' Soellis Fannie Annie**, a clear winner here for me, and I see now that she is litter sister to my BOB. So many of the same remarks apply to her as her brother, yet she appears that much more like a young 6 month baby than he does. I really was impressed by her, what a fabulous litter to have two such super youngsters in the ring. She is totally feminine and very balanced in outline, a sound and steady mover in all directions. BPB, without hesitation. **2 Ottaways' Nalapound Red Glory**, here was very raw but totally balanced youngster who needs schooling and practice but her quality could not be ignored. She has a good shape and feminine head, if as yet her ears look slightly too long, she is very good for depth of forechest and is very sound on the move. **3 Angus' Indijazz Against All Odds.**

Puppy Bitch (4). **1 Beverley's Bryburn Artemis of Vinita.** **2 Harris' Barleyarch Playtime**, an exemplary headpiece to this very stylish bitch. The overall make and shape is good, balanced and in proportion but today she was determined it was not to be her day. She was totally un-co-ordinated and unsettled on the move and subsequently paid the price. **3 Lockett's Fayemm Remember Me.**

Junior Bitch (4). **1 Trow's Winterwell Inca Trail**, here was a bitch with great depth and substance, big ribs, excellent bone a very long and well angulated forehead. She holds a good topline in profile, if a wee touch proud of her tail at times, but she was the most accurate and fluid mover and won this class with some to spare. **2 Pudney's Pitwit Winter Glow**, a very different type here, with not quite the flow through the neck and shoulders of the winner. I also feel that she needs time to drop and fill her frame. She scores in the head department, good shape and excellent balance of foreface to backskull, if a touch lighter in eye than ideal. She came alive in profile action to take second spot here. **3 Pearce's Fleetapple Winter Jasmin.**

Yearling Bitch (5,1). **1 Pudney's Pitwit Winter Glow.** **2 Thompson's Redmires Bedazzled**, a very well made bitch who I thought might have initially been my winner here. She scores in body proportions and is compact and has good depth. On the move she fell into pacing mode and paid the price. **3 Pearce's Fleetapple Winter Jasmin.**

Post Graduate Bitch (5). **1 McDougall's Robincroft Charleston**, an up to size bitch who is extremely good to go over. I really liked her feminine and well balanced head and kind expressive eye. She scores in depth and overall outline. On the move she is sound, excelling in profile action. **2 Chandler's Koolwaters Ritz**, the best and harshest coat of the day. I loved the size of this bitch, but felt that she was a touch down on the pasterns and just 'pipped' by the winner in profile action. **3 Salter's Kavacanne A Sprite.**

Limit Bitch (5). **1 Hayes' Valger Quartz in Elfindrew**, a very stylish and compactly built bitch which looks a classical picture in profile. I really liked her head and her very expressive dark and correctly shaped eye. She is good for depth and has a good harsh coat texture. On the move she powers away, is a little untidy in front, but very good in profile, reaching and driving with purpose. In the challenge she just lost out to the open bitch (which I see is her half-sister!) on topline but thoroughly deserved the **RBCC**. **2 Schoneville's Balvenie Bella**, this bitch has lots to like and was very close up here and pushed the winner hard. I liked her too for size and her compact body proportions. For me she is not quite so elegant in head, but scores in condition and musculature and was very good on the move. **3 Hinchliff's Goosepoint Eiderdown.**

Open Bitch (7,2). **1 Thurm's Sh Ch Valger Odette**, just beginning to show her age a wee touch around her lips and cheeks, but she is so very feminine, this bitch has to be gone over to be fully appreciated. She is so very balanced, is correct for size and had the best rearquarters of the day for me. She was in tip-top, hard muscled condition and this really showed in her accurate movement both ways. She holds a lovely topline and showed very good extension in profile action. I was delighted to award her the **BCC**. **2 Squire's Sh Ch Taftazini Wilshee Wyn Too**, a favourite of mine who won the RCC as a youngster when I judged the breed at the WKC. I am delighted to see that she fulfilled the early promise that I saw then. My opinion of her remains, she fits the Standard so very well. Today I just felt that the winner had the edge on front action. **3 Brown's Barleyarch Tigernut At Graygees.**