

CRITIQUE - CRUFTS DOG SHOW

Judge: Mr LA Wilks

My last set of CCs and a very special stage in which to award them. A pleasant atmosphere around the ring all day and generous applause to all class winners.

Thanks to everyone for their entry. So difficult to assess my favourite breed as many could not be here for legislative reasons. Pleased with my winners, but overall, I must say movement was pretty poor and quality was lacking in both dogs and bitches. The stand out dogs and bitches we had years ago, seem to have gone with the tails. Dogs seemed to be heavy and lacking elegance and bitches lacked substance. My Best Puppy reminded me of times gone by and so really topped the lot, that must say something if you think about it.

Veteran Dog (7). 1 **Coackley's Charmorloe Bach's Symphony**, liver and white medium sized dog, good head, neck and shoulder and tail well set. Moved freely and with drive. 2 **Ottaway's Plumhollow Top Hat**, heavier set than winner, but well balanced in body and of good make and shape. Not fully relaxed on the move and a bit stilted. 3 **Read's Wilholme Edwardian Dream**, another of good type. Nice and clean in outline, but no animation on the move.

Minor Puppy Dog (2). 1 **Morris, Stainsby, Soanes & Evans' Whistlecraft Gito**, flashily marked liver and white dog. Good head, neck and shoulder and kind eye. Wouldn't want him to be any heavier. Nice free mover. 2 **Cook & Lamb's Brooke Will Do It through Milcook**, liver and white but darker shading. Needs to develop in forechest, but early days. Little bit shy on handling, but moved well.

Puppy Dog (3). 1 **Morris, Stainsby, Soanes & Evans' Whistlecraft Gito**. 2 **Jenkins & Holland's Kavacanne Manhattan**, breeding that proved dominant throughout the classes. Dog of medium good size, good head, neck and shoulders, but movement not as good. 3 **Cook & Lamb's Brooke Will Do It through Milcook**

Junior Dog (2). 1 **Sielski's Orchidstar Wotsit**, very flashy liver and white, good for size, clean in head and shoulder, strong level back, well let down at the back and good positive movement. 2 **Langdell's Brainscroft Secret Agent**, heavier dog, powerful and well muscled, perhaps too much so, strong in head and looked sluggish on the move.

Yearling Dog (5). 1 **Lord's Richtig Rambler**, took my time looking at this dog. Correct for size and nice to look at. Reminded me of a dog from years ago, 'Coramor'. Clean head, neck and shoulder, kind expression and enough rear angulation to propel purposefully around the ring. Although only young, felt he showed enough to award **DCC & BOB**. 2 **Thomas' Brainscroft Tahiti**, elegant and amply muscled and of good type. Unlucky to have met 1 in this class. Movement could have been tidier. 3 **Jackman's Navigareamor Hardtoport**, much the same remarks apply. Coat I felt was soft and movement not so positive.

Post Graduate Dog (3). 1 **Wilkinson's Zarozinia Beinn An Oir**, almost solid colour. Strong well made dog, but not overdone. Clean in all the angles and drove out with positive stride. 2 **Tudor's Indijazz Xperience at Brocador**, another well up to size. Was wider across the shoulders and this was evident when standing and on the move. 3 **Burford's Kavacanne Morgan You Know**, pleasing enough dog, but not of a quality to trouble the winner.

Limit Dog (6). Thought long and hard about this class. Was very disappointed. Had to consider my placings carefully. Felt that all dogs were heavier and too short in structure. 1 **Rose & Hunt's Kavacanne Gale Force Wind**. 2 **Rose's Kavacanne Morgan It Seems**. 3 **Rutherford & Cox's Cushatlaw Fog On The Tyne**.

Open Dog (6). 1 and 2 lovely dogs of good make and shape. Clean in head, neck and shoulder. Strong enough but not overly so. Both moved well and touch and go, 2 was knuckling over and just could not get it right. 1 **Rose & Gaffney's Sh Ch & Dutch Ch Kavacanne Toff At The Top, RDCC**. 2 **Barnett's Sh Ch Puddledub Poit Dhuhb**. 3 **Hawksby's Benboe Beguiling at Delahawk**.

Field Trial Dog (1). 1 **Dymond's Int Sh Ch, Dutch, Lux & Bel Sh Ch Friarsbelle Marsh Mellow**, strong powerful dog well up to size. Powered round the ring and every inch a working dog. Best FT and remarkably winner of the BNSC gamekeepers overall.

Good Citizens Dog (4). 1 **Rusk's Booton Yrandes**, solid liver dog. Well up for size and a bit soft on coat. However, sound, solid movement took him the top spot. 2 **Drew's Pitwit Stalking Game**, liver and white ticked, good make and shape and a little overweight which affected movement. 3 **Prior's Booton Imperial**, very much all dog and a little too much all over.

Veteran Bitch (8). 1 **Harris' Sh Ch Barleyarch Pixie**, not a strong veteran class. 10 years young and must have been a looker earlier on, A Kennel I have always done well and again today. Beautifully balanced, gorgeous head, neck, shoulder and level back. Moved soundly over the ground. Delighted to award **BCC**. 2 **Rose's Sh Ch & Dutch Ch Kavacanne Toff Talk**, another strong kennel, similar remarks apply and put in a strong challenge, just preferred the final picture of my winner. 3 **Peebles' Keigame Leading Lady**, again a quality bitch belying her age.

Minor Puppy Bitch (1). 1 **Angus' Indijazz Against All Odds**, full coloured liver bitch. Longer cast but balanced and good profile. Moved with reach and drive.

Puppy Bitch (5). 1 **Ottaway's Nalapound Red Glory**, just a baby 8 months old. Really taken with her and the more I looked the better she got. Has it all. Super head, neck and shoulder, strong back, well defined rear end, lovely reach and drive and expression to melt. She came really close to the top spot and I wish her all the luck for the future. I would take her any time. **RBCC & BP**. 2 **Davies' Brozack Blodwen**, nice puppy and longer cast than 1. Sound all over, but movement not so good. 3 **Gibbon's Kavacanne Cheeky Vimto**, flashy liver and white and looked good in profile. Movement was a bit wayward and let her down.

Junior Bitch (3). 1 **Rose & Gaffney's Kavacanne Vixen**, feminine bitch of lovely make and shape. Beautiful balance and just right for bone. Easily best mover in class and in consideration in challenge. 2 **Gillen's Kavacanne Prancer**, similar to above. Excellent consistency from this kennel. Movement not so precise. 3 **Stopforth's Smilek Running Up Snowdon**, heavier in build and much shape in frame. Not so feminine, but balanced and in proportion.

Yearling Bitch (5). 1 **Burford's Pingarypoint Eye Candy**. 2 **Smillie-Gray's Navigareamor Booby Hatch at Oakberrow**, both of good type, make and shape. Not a lot to choose between them, but on the day 2 was a touch shy and paid the price. 3 **Stopforth's Smilek Running Up Snowdon**.

Post Graduate Bitch (7). 1 **Thomas' Brainscroft Saffron**, very pretty liver and white. Not too big, enough bone but elegant and full of type. Moved well to win class. 2 **Salter's Kavacanne A Sprite**, flashy in colour, right for size and balanced stood and moving. 3 **Legg's Kavacanne Morgan A Feeling**.

Limit Bitch (9). 1 **Stockley's Beljam Dream Design**, black with white breastplate. Plenty of bone and maybe just a shade over. Balanced and stood well over the ground. So happy on the move with correct tail and positive movement. 2 **Gain & Dixon's Kavacanne A Vimto for Molkara**, decent enough girl, typy and balanced, won her place on movement from 3. 3 **Whitehouse's Kazanpaul Creme de la Crème**, movement not good and cost her a place.

Open Bitch (4). 1 **Walker & Dawson's Sh Ch Jolicoem Laliue**, nice sort, looked good standing and didn't disappoint on the move. Working for her title, but like a lot today didn't really stand out. 2 **Tait's Benboe Bordeaux**, heavier than 1. Longer across the back and slightly off balance. Moved OK. 3 **Rose's Kavacanne Blowin A Gale**, smaller end of the scale, but showed well and reasonable on the move.

Field Trial Bitch (1). 1 **Davison's Sirilta Solitaire**, solid black, lacking muscle for a working dog and coat soft to touch. Did move well and deserved her place.

Working Bitch (1). 1 **Rumney's Sh Ch Keigame Sweet Melody**, nice to have a working dog with a title. Good make and shape, but lacking drive on the move.

Good Citizens Bitch (2). 1 **Whitehouse's Kazanpaul Creme de la Crème**. 2 **Chandler's Koolwaters Ritz**, nice girl of good type, moved and showed well.