

CRITIQUE - BIRMINGHAM NATIONAL DOG SHOW SOCIETY

Judge: Mr A Rose

I had lovely day awarding my second set of CCs, at this well run show. Some of the dogs were unsettled by the windy marquee, but temperament on the whole was good. A few heavy built youngsters & low tailset with rounded croup is something to keep a watch for, but overall the quality was good & I was very pleased with my winners.

Minor Puppy Dog (3,1). Two litter brothers, both of very similar type. **1 Staley's Jomeel Midnight Rambler**, a flashy boy with substance & well muscled for age. Nice head with plenty of muzzle length & gentle expression. Moved with purpose. Strong shoulders. Coarse coat; **2 Hamlin's Jomeel Monkey Wrench at Nuash**. similar comments apply. I preferred his rear angulation to the brother, but he wasn't as powerful or settled moving. Will swap places I'm sure.

Puppy Dog (5,1). **1 Staley's Jomeel Midnight Rambler**; **2 Coghlan's Soellis Smug Doug**, a very close decision. This boy is so very smart, with the cleanest of outlines & most handsome head. Good bone. Well sprung ribs. Loved his type, but would like more bend of stifle & better angled rear. Such a sound boy, just not giving the same picture on the stack as the winner; **3 Marsh's Winterwell Sam Spade at Kilnrae**.

Junior Dog (3,1). **1 Sielski's Orchidstar Wotsit**, an eye-catching young dog who is very attractive. Plenty of bone & substance, & very balanced. A delightful head, not overdone, & a good harsh coat. Would prefer a stronger rear action on the move, & more of a tuck-up, but his overall style won him the class; **2 Woolley's Fayemm Get Ready for Duns**, well grown male, with a good front & deep chest. Plenty of bone & substance. Movement was sound, with good drive. Wasn't always as well presented on the stack, but close up to the winner.

Yearling Dog (3). **1 Thomas' Brainscroft Tahiti**, strong dog of good size, with handsome head & expression. Just starting to come into his own with maturity. Well laid shoulders, straight front, & good bend of stifle. He moved very well today, with powerful action to win this class; **2 Jackman's Navigareamor Hardtoport**, similar type to the winner, though a more upstanding dog. Well boned, with strong front, he is honest & sound. Carried his topline well, & with his powerful rear moved well, though feel he needs a bit more time to mature & balance on the move; **3 Hopkins' Seasham Don't Stop Me Now**.

Novice Dog (2,1). **1 Woolley's Fayemm Get Ready for Duns**.

Graduate Dog (1). **1 Delaney's Redmires Ticket To The Stars**, a most attractive male, shown in super hard condition. Noble head & expression. Good tight feet. Lovely length of neck, leading to strong shoulders. He is well muscled & moves with positive action, powering from the rear.

Post Graduate Dog (2,1). **1 Milligan's Redmires Storm The Stars**, litter brother to graduate & is maturing well. Similar in size, with a more level topline, & angled rear. Strong head, with arched neck & good front construction. Deep chest. Tight feet. He is so very balanced in his front & rear assembly, & moved steady.

Limit Dog (11,2). This was a mixed & lovely class with my first three all knocking on the door for first place. **1 Adam's Barleyarch Ariat**, this young male has really come on over the last few months. He presents an absolute picture when stacked, & his soft, yet strong head demands your attention. He has a super topline, carried so well on the move. He has good spring of rib, strong well muscled shoulders, & well angulated hindquarters. He owned the ring today & was pleased to award him the **CC & BOB**; **2 Mann's Valger Quorum**, very smart male, of lovely type. Smaller than 1, but of similar quality. Beautifully outlined, with melting expression, leading through a long arched neck to strong shoulders. Good level topline, well muscled rear. Pushed winner, but couldn't match his cleaner movement; **3 Roden's Keigame Nasrullah**.

Open Dog (7,1). **1 Harris' Am Gr Ch & Sh Ch VJK-Myst Goes Like The Wind of Barleyarch**, I've given this boy an open class before, & I'll say again that you cannot ignore his honest construction when you get your hands on him. He has matured since I last judged him, & went one better today winning the **RCC**, though I preferred the extra substance & type of my limit winner. He has such a kind expression, well muscled all over & moves with presence & power; **2 Brown & Burns' Sh Ch Magregor Threesacrowd at Pothouse**, another I've also judged before & this young male has improved so much as he's matured. He is now much better balanced & steadier on the move. Loved his outline, & was handled to perfection. He is of a good size, & larger build to my winner, heavier over the shoulders, giving him strength & power. Preferred the less loaded front movement of 1, nevertheless a very close decision. Thank you for bringing him; **3 Jones' Sh Ch Barleyarch Dubarry**.

Veteran Dog (1). **1 Read's Wilholme Edwardian Dream**, lovely solid 8 years old solid liver male. He is of superb shape, with excellent topline. Loved his head, & was shown in super condition, with plenty of muscle. Not showing his age, & moved well.

Minor Puppy Bitch (4). **1 Tierney's Ceilloch Crimson**, was really taken with this bitch. Just my type. Would like a bit more body, but was more than enough at just 8½ months old. Nice depth of chest, well muscled for age. Strong backend. Presented in super condition. Needs to move a little faster to show off her movement, but I understand the handler was struggling with an injury today; **2 Stammers' Deena Balletanzer at Lochpointer**, this girl had the most beautiful head, & was close up to the winner but a little larger than I'd like for her age. She has excellent rear angulation, & was a strong powerful mover, just needs to steady up; **3 Merrit & Brewell's Brownsview Arrows Flygte**.

Puppy Bitch (10). Lovely class of quality youngsters. **1 Ellis' Soellis Fannie Annie**, what a little cracker this girl is. She has such refinement for her age, & so very balanced & true. Carrying a tad extra weight, but this didn't attract from her femininity & style. Loved her rear angles, & beautiful long neck. Won on her soundness & class, & when develops more muscle, as she matures, this should help her strengthen further on the move & make her one to watch. **BP**; **2 Malin's Keigame Murphlette at Benrae**, I've done her father well, & can really see his stamp on her. Had the edge over 1 on maturity, but tends to lean back a little, affecting her outline. The best of coats, & moved with purpose. Beautiful head, strong, yet feminine. Deep chest, good shoulders, & strong rear end; **3 Tierney's Ceilloch Crimson**.

Junior Bitch (4,1). **1 Jones' Barleyarch Fairplay**, this bitch was my surprise of the day. Not noticed her before, but she was presented superbly in excellent condition. She has the most appealing of heads, & the most perfect topline which she carried well on the move. She hides nothing, & looks as good free stood as when stacked. Her footfall was faultless, & I was delighted to award her the **RCC**. With a bit of time on her side, she will trouble the best; **2 Beverley's Bryburn Artemis of Vinita**, another top class youngster, who stood an absolute picture, though was sidwinding on the move. Beautiful type, with gentle expressive eyes, & also shown in great condition. Nice angulated front, & moderate at the rear. Unfortunate to meet the winner. She moved a lot better in the Graduate class; **3 Stopforth's Smilek Running Up Snowdon**.

Yearling Bitch (3,1). **1 Pudney's Pitwit Winter Glow**, a quality bitch. Not a large girl, but a little heavier in build. Good shoulders. Strong movement, with good stride & power. Lovely legs & feet. Pleasing head; **2 Upton's Seasham A Kind Of Magic**, this poor girl was unsettled by the windy marquee & was difficult to assess her moving or when stacked. Nevertheless she was of good type, & had a lovely outline.

Novice Bitch (5,2) **1 Nixon's Quintana Qin Qiao**, she was more settled here than in PB, winning her first place. She was more relaxed, & showed off her rear angles to better advantage, as can look a little straight behind. She is of a lovely size & type. Feminine head, with eyes still to darken. Well muscled both front & rear; **2 Stainsby-Soanes' Whistlecraft Go Go Gadget**, this girl has a promising shape, but needs some more substance at present. Chest still to deepen, but she has a good front & pretty head; **3 Merritt & Brewell's Brownsview Arrows Flygte**.

Graduate Bitch (2). **1 Beverley's Bryburn Artemis of Vinita**; **2 Thompson's Redmires Bedazzled**, loved this girl's size & shape, & was unlucky to have been up against 1 who put a better performance in here than her previous class. She is so balanced, & has the best of shoulders. Superb tight feet, lovely arched neck & pleasing head, with cheeky endearing expression. Carrying so much muscle for her age, & while moved well was pacing a little today, which cost her first place.

Post Graduate Bitch (3). **1 Haran & Waddell's Magregor Schneeball**, lovely quality bitch, so laid back & well tempered. Up to size, but very balanced. She moved with drive & purpose. Good strong forequarters, nice length of loin & bend of stifle. Very close up for the **RCC**, just carrying a little extra weight around her waist; **2 Thomas & Taylor's Knabynnus Aurora Borealis**, loved her type. She has the prettiest of heads, & a well constructed front. The cold was causing her to roach a little today, but when settled she levelled her topline out & showed her powerful driving movement; **3 Sielski's Orchidstar Xtra O'live**.

Limit Bitch (6,2). **1 Whitehouse's Kazanpaul Crème de la Crème**, this bitch has the most elegant & beautiful outline. Flows well from her super head, through her long arched neck, strong shoulders & into her muscled & well angulated rear. In superb condition, with the harshest & darkest of coats. On the move she pulled out the stops when it mattered in the nice weather to show off her reach, & powerful action. Pleased to award her the **CC**, her second; **2 Schoneville's Balvenie Bella**, another quality bitch who excels in her profile movement. Smaller & squarer than 1, but with good shoulders. Well muscled & in beautiful condition. She is maturing into a quality bitch. Would like tighter feet, but this girl has such presence & pushed the winner hard; **3 Hopkins' Seasham Dancing Queen**.

Open Bitch (7,3). Small in numbers, but this was a quality class with 4 lovely bitches to go over. **1 Tierney's Sh Ch Keigame Hustle**, such an honest bitch, with beautiful balance & style. She is 100 per cent female, with enough body & a sweet & gentle expression. The best of angles both ends. Good length of loin. Precise footfall. So true on the move, though didn't have the drive for top awards today; **2 Hayes' Valger Quartz in Elfrindrew**, a top class bitch, in the very best of condition & with her glossy harsh coat, she looked a picture in the sun today. Feminine head, beautiful expression & the best of long necks. Well made front construction, & indeed throughout. Preferred the tidier front movement of my winner, but delighted to judge her again today; **3 Elrington's Barleyarch Beetle at Tequesta**.

Veteran Bitch (4,1). **1 Brown's Montalba Millie Chillum**, have judged this girl a few times, & now at over 10 years old, she just isn't ageing. She still has strong effortless movement, & a lovely outline, with good rear angles. A real credit to her owners to be in this condition at her age. **BV**; **2 Hopkins' Seasham Dressed For Success**, 7 years old, with the loveliest of heads. Strong muzzle. Well muscled shoulders, & good rear quarters. In great condition, she moved well; **3 Brown & Burn's Pothouse Miss Lavender**.