

Crufts 2009

Judge: Mr Neil Swan (Dorelove)

A very pleasant day and nice to see so many old friends again. The exhibits were mixed in quality but my main comment concerns movement. Some quality dogs were let down by, particularly, front movement and to compete at the highest level in groups, one thing all-rounders will not forgive is sloppy action. Having said that there were quite a few I would have loved to take home.

Please note, I wrote these exact words in my critique of the Griffon Club Championship show nine years ago – please strive to eliminate wide front movement and produce accurate hind movement with drive.

VETERAN DOG (0)

SPECIAL PUPPY DOG (5): 1. Corrigan's Catdanse Dennis The Menace, b/t/r, super temperament, never stopped showing, well presented, lovely head with neat ears, level topline, movement good but needs to settle. Very promising **BP**; 2. Rundle's Salora High Fidelity, b/t/r, movement good, topline and tailset good, pleasing head and showed really well; 3. Goldin's Fleetgold Horrible Horace, completed this trio of b/tans, still a bit of a baby but should finish well.

SPECIAL JUNIOR DOG (4): 1. Conway's Samaranda Double Agent at Stormjac, b/r, smart, cobby body with good harsh coat, good topline combined with good movement. Pleasing head with neat well carried ears; 2. Spittle & Hewitt's Rhodon Captain Scarlet, r/s, good type, good conformation and hence moved well, excellent topline, pleasing head with neat ears, nose a bit pale; 3. Moran & Prouve's Castafiore Leopold.

POST GRADUATE DOG (8, 1a): 1. Laidlaw & Cook's Roamaycee Double Take, r/s, excellent coat and colour, good topline and tailset, pleasing head with good turn up. Ears a little heavy; 2. Gray's Astirok A Tale To Tell of Okami, r/r, good conformation, stood four square, good topline, pleasing head with neat ears; 3. Chapman's Aprick Edoras at Cilleine b/s.

LIMIT DOG (8,1a): 1. Fletcher's Millbone Will Scarlet, r/r, good accurate movement caught my eye combined with good balance, level topline, good tailset, pleasing head, coat good colour and texture, showed well **RCC**; 2. Laidlaw & Cook's Double Or Quits at Roamaro, well presented, coat good colour and texture, pleasing head with neat ears, good topline and tailset; 3. Price's Marquant My Romeo.

OPEN DOG (8): 1. Tomlinson's Ch Debmar Whisky Mac at Mirroys, r/s, cobby, well balanced, lovely colour, moved well, excellent topline and tailset, typical head with neat ears, never stopped showing **CC & BOB**; 2. Barney's Santarra Salsa to Cilleine, r/r, one of the best movers here. Good type but coat a little pale; 3. Thompson's Beauview Troop The Colour, b/t/r.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME - bitch (3): 1. A Tale To Tell Of O; 2. F Horrible Horace; 3. Rhodon Sonny Jim.

VETERAN BITCH 6, 3a): 1. Barney's Ch Broomleaf Beguine of Cilleine, r/r, in terrific condition, lovely head, neat ears, level topline and good tailset; 2. Marshall's Menwinnion Melody, moved well and really enjoyed her day out; 3. Barney's Ch Tuttlebees Fascinating to Cilleine.

SPECIAL PUPPY BITCH (5,1a): 1. Barney's Cilleine Another Day, r/r, full of confidence, showed like a veteran, excellent topline and tailset, pleasing head with neat well carried ears; 2. Owen's Santarra Dora The Explorer, r/r, a bit overawed by the occasion but good type, excellent coat and colour, lovely head, dark eye, neat ears; 3. Streeter's Raomaycee Cracklin Rose r/s.

SPECIAL JUNIOR BITCH (6, 1a): 1. Corrigan's Beauview Do Not Ask, r/r, nice type, well presented but a bit overdone in certain areas. Super colour, pleasing head, moved well; 2. Newitt's Beauview Defiantly No Angel, r/r, super temperament, full of life, well presented, nice head, good conformation, promising youngster; 3. Laidlaw & Cook's Roamaycee Mine's A Double.

POSTGRADUATE BITCH (17, 4a): 1. Scott's Samaranda Taylors Maid, b/r, excellent colour, well presented, good accurate movement, pleasing head, never stopped showing; 2. Marshall's Menwinnion Pianola, r/s, good accurate movement, level topline, good tailset, pleasing head showed well; 3. Payne's Checar Coz I'm Gorgeous, b/t/r.

LIMIT BITCH (12, 3a): 1. Chapman's Cilleine Shuvani, b/s, terrific showgirl, good conformation so sets beautifully when stood, excellent topline and tailset, coat in first class condition, good head with neat ears and good pigmentation, pushed hard for top spot **RCC**; 2. Ogden's Beauview Bounced Cheque, b/t/s, very close to 1 and similar comments apply, just needs to mature a little more; 3. Murray's Operastar Rhapsody In Red, r/s.

OPEN BITCH (7, 3a): 1. Thompson's Beauview Miss You Already, r/r, one of three quality bitches who could change places any time. Coat in top order, harsh and good colour, level topline, good tailset, lovely head, neat ears, good movement; 2. Burr & Davies Ch Liamford Miss Jet, b/r, hard to ignore, stands foursquare with good topline and tailset, well presented coat good colour and texture, super head with neat ears; 3. Newitt's Ch Debmar Cherry Brandy.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME – bitch (4, 1a): 1. Harvey's Round The Rosey via Emirarae, r/s, well presented, good colour, pleasing head; 2. Harvey's Beauview bare Necessities via Emirarae, r/s, similar to 1 but a little heavy in the ear; 3. Goldin's Fleetgold The Beansprout b/t/s.