

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Sunday 6th September 2015

I wish to thank the exhibitors for such a wonderful entry of 177, I felt quite humble and privileged. I enjoyed handling some beautiful exhibits and certainly wished I had had more red cards in some of the classes. My placings are never done lightly, but after much thought, that is not to say on another day they may be in a different position. Thank you to the exhibitors for the sporting way they accepted my decisions, and especially for the cheering and clapping shown for the top award winners, this was certainly uplifting. My big disappointment was to find that a number of exhibits so eye-catching in stance, sadly didn't come up to expectations when moving, and I feel that particular attention is required re loose elbows and pinning in, these are faults and not to be encouraged.

VETERAN DOG (3 ent).

1st O'Neill's Hurwyn Some Might Say, JW. 8yr b/w, shown in beautiful condition, no sign of age, most lovely chiselled head, clean in neck and shoulder, good legs and feet, he moved soundly showing his happy disposition.

2nd Whistance's Esrews Serious Lord Jack, Sh.CM, 7yr b/w, good head, neck and shoulder, deep chest, longer cast than I. He moved well and again a happy boy using his lovely tail.

3rd Gordon's Hawkfield Let's Go Crackers (9yrs)

MINOR PUPPY DOG (4 ent - 1abs)

1st O'Neill's Tenshilling Home Alone, 8mth O/W, what a little cracker this one is, I loved him, certainly one to watch in the future, lovely head, dark eye, melting expression, clean neck and shoulder, good quarters for a puppy, width of thigh, well turned stifle, good legs and feet, deep chest, balanced, has lovely flowing lines, he was so happy on the move. Wish his owner well with him. BPD & BPIB

2nd Barker's Flinthill Pimpennell, 7mth b/w, not as forward as the winner, lovely head, good neck and shoulder. Good fore and hind angulation, deep chest, needs time.

3rd Wilcox's Objet D'Art Du Morcaro at Merynjen NAF.TAF. (IMP)

PUPPY DOG (4 ent)

1st Hazeltine & Welch's Just Wilburt, quite a lot to like about this B/W, well handled, moved with drive, has a good front, feet and pasterns, a medium sized dog, balanced, well turned stifle, pleasing outline. Certainly in tune with his young handler, well presented.

2nd Harrison's Millpoint Formula One, O/W, another quality puppy, these two I imagine will change places many times, Formula One is an eye-catching youngster, lovely clean neck and shoulder, good head and eye, deep chest, strong quarters, moved well.

3rd Davis' Vizhanyo Miss E It's To Easy Of Szedresi (Imp).

JUNIOR DOG (9 ent – 2abs)

1st McCara's Kanix Kingdom Over Cromasaig, B/W, elegant dog, has a balanced head, reachy neck, deep chest, good angulation fore and aft, well presented and handled.

2nd Abbott and Wilberg's Larchwood Star Chaser At Kanix, B/W of a heavier stamp to one above, stronger although, has a reachy neck and well placed shoulders, good legs and feet, well handled.

3rd Lidgley's Meadowpoint Spirit Of Life.

YEARLING DOG (10 ent - 3abs)

1st Walkings Aspyre Counting Sheep At Kiswahili (Imp) JW. Liver/w, medium size, correct movement won him the class, nice head, lovely neck and fine sloping shoulder, good forechest, strong quarters, good width of second thigh, moved with purpose, in challenge didn't sparkle. Well handled and presented.

2nd Wilcox Wilchrimane Bold Move For Merynjen, another quality dog with lots to like about him, O/W, balanced with a lovely head, dark eye, good neck and shoulder, deep chest, flowing outline, moved well, certainly eye-catching, an elegant dog. Shown in lovely condition.

3rd Perkins Brent Ticket For One Ir. J Ch.

GRADUATE DOG (9 ent -2abs)

1st Siddle & Siddle's Wilcrimane C'mon Norbert, O/W, this was a lovely class and certainly gave me much to think about. Well handled and shown to advantage, med size, stylish, lovely head and eye, good front and fore angulation, flowing outline retained on the move, nicely balanced, moved with drive. Will always trouble the best.

2nd Anderson-Rowell's Daledancer Silver Fame, O/W, another quality dog with a lot to like, grand head and eye, deep chest, well muscled and shown in lovely condition.

3rd Swift's Peakdale Silver And Gold At Hampsbeck.

POST GRADUATE DOG (9 ent - 3abs).

1st Weaver's Anniezu Lovely Day, and he did have a lovely day, winning his first CC, and judging from the ringside applause and cheers, was a popular win. I really fell for this lovely O/W, has a lovely head and dark expressive eyes, a stylish dog on the move who used his tail and was so happy, he is balanced, eye-catching, has all the essentials without exaggerations. Well done to his sporting owner and I wish them well in the future. I was delighted to award him the CC.

2nd Huxley's Aurichalcum Evan Knows Its Woodfleet, another quality O/W, has a lovely balanced head, much to like about him, shown in beautiful hard condition as all from this kennel are, unfortunately is his own worst enemy in that he doesn't relax when standing, but deserved his placing, moved well.

3rd Brown's Teisgol Carioca.

LIMIT DOG (18 ent - 4abs) A cracking class, which gave me a headache, had to leave good dogs out of the cards, the placings had so little to separate them, another day could be different positions.

1st Walkling's Aspyre Follow Your Dreams To Kiswahili (Imp) JW. Eye-catching B/W, medium size, no exaggerations, loved his head and eye, good neck and shoulder, deep chest, good fore angulation, strong quarters, good width of second thigh, he moved well using his tail in correct position, shown in lovely condition, well handled.

2nd Theobald, Phillips & Westaway's Penwest Pallaton JW. Sh.CM, another quality liver/W, a hard decision between these two, both have so much to like, Pallaton also moved well using his tail, a striking dog, flowing outline, balanced, well handled.

3rd Tait's Moordale Muskateer.

OPEN DOG (10 ent – 4 abs) These three made up a trio worthy of their titles.

1st Harrison's Sh.Ch. Millpoint Heat Wave JW Sh.CM, B/W, a clean cut dog, deep chest, balanced, good angulations, lovely head and eye, moved very well with drive from his strong quarters, well turned stifles and short hocks. As always, well handled and presented, a worthy Champion. RDCC.

2nd Westron's Sh.Ch. Tenshilling Makin Whoopee At Aurichalcum, O/W, lovely dog from any angle, balanced, elegant, lovely head and eye, deep chest, moved well.

3rd Watkins/Davies Sh. Ch. Hurwyn Law N Order JW.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME DOG (5 ent)

1st Anderson-Rowell's Daledancer Silver Fame.

2nd Brown's Teisgol Think About It, B/W, Elegant, lovely head and eye, good legs and feet, moved well.

3rd Brown's Teisgol Carioca.

VETERAN BITCH (4-1abs)

1st Weaver's Anniezu Everlasting Love, 7yr O/W, quality, not showing her age, good neck and shoulder, flowing outline, deep chest, moved with drive. Lovely type.

2nd Anderson-Rowell's Wyndhead Mette Marit Sh.CM, another quality O/W, sharing very similar qualities as winner, so typical of her lovely breeding, moved well.

3rd Stangroom's Janeryls Desert Flower at Lappakia Sh.CM.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (3 ent)

1st Blowers' Fydal Blown Away To Deadway, an O/W at top end for age and is a mature puppy, she has the sweetest of heads and expression, lovely dark eye, good depth of chest, reachy neck flowing into well placed shoulder, well sprung ribs, flowing outline, nice hind angulation, she moved well, was happy and used her tail. I wish her owner well.

2nd Barker's Flinthill Fidelity, Liver/w, nice headed puppy, clean cut, no exaggerations, balanced, much to like about her, moved with drive. Nicely handled.

3rd Preece's Opal Du Morcaro TAF.

PUPPY BITCH (9 ent - 1abs)

1st O'Driscoll's Fowlington Risque, B/W, headed a lovely class, the winners should have a bright future, all are quality but of different type. It was a difficult class to judge but Risque went first, she is balanced all through, has a lovely head, clean in neck and shoulder, good forechest, deep through brisket, good width of second thigh, strong quarters, she moved and handled well.

2nd McGilp's Ridanflight Ruby Tuesday At Forthbourne, lovely quality, she too has a most lovely head and dark eye, good ribs and body, deep chest, such a typey puppy, as always well handled and presented, presented a lovely picture standing.

3rd Smith's Fydal Bedazzle.

JUNIOR BITCH (12 ent - 3abs)

1st Hinton's Fleurfield Dances On A Dream, B/W. Nice head, reachy neck, good legs and feet, deep chest, retained topline on the move, moved with purpose.

2nd Cooper & Hinton's Carmandine Cover Girl By Fleurfield, O/W, good head and eye, balanced, good angulations and depth of chest, good legs and feet, moved soundly.

3rd Swannell's Sharnphilly Rio Bella.

YEARLING BITCH (9 ent - 2abs)

1st Brooksmith's Medogold Kiss N Tell JW Sh.CM, Liver/w, much to like about this bitch, she is a sound mover, nice head, well angulated behind, nicely let down in hock, has good forechest and deep through brisket, moved with drive and was well presented.

2nd Flint's Wynbury Golden Chalice At Fleurfield, O/W, lovely type bitch, is quality but didn't do herself justice, pity because she could have won this class had she put more effort into her movement. I did like her.

3rd MacManus' Crookrise Diva By Luneville.

GRADUATE BITCH (11 ent - 3abs)

1st Green's Kanix Hyacinth, B/W, much to like about this bitch, lovely head with tight dark eye, reachy neck flowing into well placed shoulders, flowing topline, deep chest, good angulation, well turned stifle and let down hock, she moved well.

2nd Barker's Flinthill Sunshine Suzy, O/W, typey and quality, very pretty head, dark eye, deep chest, outline pleasing to the eye, balanced, moved and handled well.

3rd Hinton's Fleurfield Dances On A Dream.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (19 ent - 3abs) A strong class.

1st Isherwood's Symitry Tickled Pink, O/W, loved her quality and lovely head, so balanced, filled the eye, no exaggerations, handled and moved well showing her happy disposition.

2nd Brooksmith's Nightgold Blackavar, as name suggests a B/W my notes say she is stylish and classy, longer cast than winner but such a nice bitch, cannot overlook her, has a deep chest, well sprung ribs, strong quarters and moved well.

3rd Guy & Hinton's Carmandine Cookie Crumble By Fleurfield JW.

LIMIT BITCH (19 ent - 3abs). This was the best class, oozing with quality, sadly some very worthy specimens had to go cardless, this class certainly caused me a headache. A trio of lovely quality bitches.

1st Ward's Kiswahili Timely Nu Edition to Jakobstown, O/W, don't think I have seen her looking better, has matured into a balanced, well constructed, beautiful Pointer, for me she oozes Pointer character, quality from her lovely head, clean neck and shoulder to her correct tail which she used as she moved so effortless round the ring, enhanced by being shown on a loose lead was a joy to watch. I wish her sporting owner well with her, she should always be thereabouts. Was pleased to award her RBCC.

2nd Rose's Ridanflight Rhonwen, O/W, unlucky to meet the above today, these two are so similar, loved her head, eye and expression, has the same body properties as one above, little separates these two and I am sure they will change places often, Rhonwen is quality and deserved her place.

3rd MacManus's Luneville Strawberry Moon.

OPEN BITCH (7 ent – 4abs) Three quality bitches and a pleasure to judge.

1st Dyer & Dyer's Sh.Ch. Sharnphilly Juici Cuture JW, well, what more can be said that hasn't already been said about this super Liver/W by more eloquent pens than mine. All I want to say is thank you for the opportunity to handle her, she fits completely into the breed standard, a series of graceful curves, and the impression of strength and endurance. I hope the newcomers and novice exhibitors take note of the way this outstanding bitch is shown and handled by her owner, when they move it is an abject lesson on handling and presentation, her movement is spot on. She deserves all the success accrued. Was delighted to award her BCC and well done on Grp2.

2nd Smith's Sh.Ch. Fydal Ava, O/W, such a pretty bitch deserving of her title, she too fits the standard, and was shown in hard condition, moved and handled well.

3rd Gordon's Hawkfield Giddy Kipper.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME BITCH (6 ent - 2abs)

1st Flint's Wynbury Golden Chalice At Fleurfield.

2nd Stangroom's Pipeaway Laura Louisa at Lappakia Sh.CM, similar quality of one above, lovely outline, deep chest, well turned stifles, moved well.

3rd Brown's Teisgol Lady Of Beauty.

Barbara Critchley (Judge).