

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

Sunday 1st September 2024

Firstly, I must thank the stewards for keeping the busy ring running smoothly to ensure we had finished within the allotted timescale and thank you to the exhibitors for the super entry. A couple of points were of concern since I gave CC's 5 years ago. Firstly, eyes. The standard calls for the eye to be 'same distance from occiput as from nostrils, bright and kindly in expression', 'neither bold nor staring'. However quite a number had very small round eyes set too close together, some within a narrow skull, some combined with a longer muzzle. This gave a very harsh staring expression, a couple had large round eyes set too high and too wide apart. Again, giving a very untypical expression for the breed.

My other concern remains for feet. The standard calls for 'oval, well-knit, arched toes'. Several had small round feet which were lacking in the correct toe structure. The centre two toes should be longer than the outer two showing arch and knuckle on both joints of the toe, with the base of the nail pointing forward and not down into the ground, thus giving the foot the correct oval shape with supporting nail structure. In a galloping breed, correct feet & sloping pasterns are necessary for the dog to remain sound and to give that free ground covering stride. There were also a couple of untidy mouths. I feel it is unfair to condemn any exhibit in a critique, and at times compromise had to be made to appreciate other breed qualities which were within the standard.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (5 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st COOPER & PEARSON - Keepersfield Hope And Glory. O/W 16 months old, pleasing head with kind eye & expression, correct shape and lay of ear, well ribbed with short loin, and neat tail, needs to body up and carry a little more weight to advantage.

2nd NEWCOMBE - Kimifleur Hercules. B/W 11months, kind eye with work in his head, fine leathers, oval bone, balanced all round but giving his handler a very hard time both on the stack and move but when settled showed a nice side gait.

3rd ASTBURY - Raigmore Leap Of Faith to Dorbury.

VETERAN DOG (1 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st ADAMS - Millpoint Simply Smashing JW ShCM. 8 ½ year old B/W. Decent head with stop and fine leathers, good forechest showing nice depth of brisket, balanced angulation all round and moved out happily using his tail.

MINOR PUPPY DOG NO ENTRIES

PUPPY DOG (4 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st WILCOX - Harvestslade Fire And Ice through Merynjen. 10 months old O/W strong head, deep stop, dark pigment, has depth and strength to his body and is well ribbed, oval bone and tidy feet, good muscle to 1st & 2nd thigh, moved smoothly around the ring. BPD.

2nd WESTAWAY & ELDRIDGE - Bradgate Yours Truly. Liver/W 11 months, head of nice proportions, eye colour in keeping with his coat colour, correct ear set, showing balanced angulation, and well ribbed back, oval bone and tidy feet, moved positively.

3rd HENSHAW & GOODCHILD - Berseydale Straight Flush with Peteshe [Imp MLT].

JUNIOR DOG (2 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st COOPER & PEARSON - Keepersfield Hope And Glory. As previous.

YEARLING DOG (10 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st GERRARD, BELL & GALLOWAY - Carmandine Oh C'mon Then JW. O/W with nice head, concave muzzle giving dish faced appearance, pronounced occipital bone, good reach of neck into well laid shoulders, oval bone, well ribbed and strong over loin, angled rear with strong hocks, lovely outline on the stack, moved out smoothly.

2nd MARTIN & MARTIN - Sunhouse I'll Be Black (ai). B/W. Super head akin to his breeding from days gone by, soft expression with good stop, neat ears, super depth to body with nice return of upper arm, oval bone and tight feet, well-muscled through thighs, in super coat and condition, moved well, close decision.

3rd LEWIS & MACARA - Kanix Snapdragon at Fallowfield.

GRADUATE DOG (7 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st ROSE - Navazuelas Stormcloud at Ridanflight (NAF) [Imp ESP]. B/W who appealed on the stack, showing a good reach of neck, and prominent forechest, brisket to elbows, oval bone, still needs to mature on but moved with good side gait.

2nd KEANEY - Flinthill Hot Mail. O/W who gave his handler a very hard time both on the stack and moving, attractive head with kind eye, correct stop, oval bone and good feet, when he eventually settled showed nice reach on the move.

3rd ISHERWOOD - Wilchrimane Let's Be Frank.

POST GRADUATE DOG (6 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st KEANEY - Flinthill Hot Mail. As previous. Was as more settled here.

2nd LEWIS - Braithwaite Pole Position in Fallowfield. O/W with lovely head and kind expression, fine leathers, nice reach of neck, well laid shoulder placement, short strong loin, oval bone and good feet & pasterns, nice dog but unfortunately not moving as positively behind here today as I know he can.

3rd MORRISON - Raigmore Greatest Day.

LIMIT DOG (9 Entries, Abs: 2)

1st SARROU & HALL - Gartarry New Kid In Town. O/W another with an attractive head & expression, showing moulding to his skull and fine ears, well developed chest and brisket, oval bone, correct shape to feet, strong through topline, neat tail, muscled quarters which he used on the move.

2nd EARL & WHELDON - Caithpoint Kai. B/W appealing head showing chiselling with deep stop, kind eye and fine ears which are well set, again with deep brisket and good ribbing, standing on good legs and feet, balanced through his muscled quarters and moved happily with reach & drive.

3rd ADAMS – Carofel Wings Of Hope JW Ww23 Swiss Jr Ch

OPEN DOG (7 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st MARTIN & MARTIN - Sunhouse You're Nicked. O/W a dog I have admired since a youngster and delighted I was given the opportunity to assess him here, almost 4 years old and I feel he is coming to his best, he possesses a lovely head with good stop and kind eye, best pigment of the day, super reach of neck into well laid shoulders, nice return of upper arm, has depth and substance to his body with correct bone and feet, strong through his back and loin and well angulated muscled rear quarters, on the stack he is the natural series of graceful curves the standard requires, was positive and free on the move today and delighted to award him the CC.

2nd ODDIE - Sh Ch Sharnphilly Boondoggle JW. B/W 6 year old, attractive head of good width, kind eye, well angulated front construction, with deep brisket and prominent forechest, well ribbed and balanced through his rear, moved smoothly, just preferred the curvy outline of 1 on the stack. RCC.

3rd JAMIESON, MACARA & MACARA - Sh Ch Kanix Peri Peri with Glenfinnan.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME DOG (1 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st PRATT - Hawkfield Wickham. Solid liver, found him a little light in bone all through however this seems to come hand in hand with some solid colours, needs to mature and fill his frame, balanced all through, in fit condition and happy on the move.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (10 Entries, Abs: 2)

1st COLLINS & COLLINS - Collholme Angelique. O/W with pretty, feminine head & expression with lots of work, ear of correct shape & set, good bone and feet, moved out well with easy balanced stride, well handled. Best Special Beginner.

2nd KLAIBER - Sharnphilly Gingerbread.

3rd BARHAM - Alozia Zephyryne.

VETERAN BITCH (7 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st LOWE - Lowsmoor Shiralee JW. O/W - super type to this 10 year old, appealing head and expression with good eye shape & placement, correct shoulder and return of upper arm, has depth and strength through her body and has super bone and feet, held her topline on the move, defied her age and moved out positively with good tail action to take Best Veteran and delighted she was shortlisted to the last few in the strong Veteran Group.

2nd RAYNER, SPINKS & PRINGLE - Gartarry High Society at Spinray JW. B/W 7 year old, of nice type, showing her curves on the stack, similar remarks apply to her as the winner, just pipped by the winner's precise movement.

3rd ISHERWOOD - Symitry Iced Ginger.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (4 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st ODDIE - Riowood Tick Tick Boom to Sharnphilly Naf Taf. B/W of 7 months, attractive overall outline when stacked, nice head proportions, has good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, firm over loin, correct angulation to rear quarters, moved with a nice free stride, Best Puppy and delighted she made the shortcut in the puppy group.

2nd GERRARD, BELL & GALLOWAY - Riowood C'mon It's Time for Carmandine. B/W litter sister to 1 and very similar, pretty head and stands on good legs and feet, balanced outline when stacked, only a baby and with a little maturity she will come on well and they will change places frequently.

3rd KENNEDY - Droveborough's Hells Bells.

PUPPY BITCH (4 Entries, Abs: 2)

1st DUNN - Meadowpoint Hocus Pocus. Liver/W – of slightly heavier type than 2nd, pleasant head showing work, clean over neck into good shoulders, has depth through her brisket, well ribbed, enough angulation behind, moved positively.

2nd ELDRIDGE - Bradgate You're Late. Lemon/W not as mature as 1st but has an attractive head, fine leathers, standing on good feet, deep brisket, low hocks, moved nicely with her handler.

JUNIOR BITCH (6 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st ODDIE - Sharnphilly Canasta for Riowood. O/W shapely when stacked with depth and substance, good length of neck into well laid shoulder, pleasing topline & tail, moved with good side gait when settled – Best Junior.

2nd EDMONDSON & ROBERTSHAW - Crookrise Sunbeam. Liver/W appealed for breed type, typical head & expression, clean neck into good shoulders with return of upper arm, strong over loin and muscled rear quarters, stands on good feet, really gave handler a hard time but when settled moved smoothly.

3rd ANDERSON-ROWELL - Wilchrimane Silent Sonnet at Daledancer.

YEARLING BITCH (9 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st BROOKSMITH - Millpoint Golden Pippin. O/W very typey young lady, pretty head with good pigment and showing work in her skull, well laid shoulder, good return of upper arm and depth to her brisket, tight at elbow and has good angulation behind with strong hocks, moved with free extension, nice youngster who is maturing well, will progress to higher awards.

2nd MARTIN & MARTIN - Sunhouse Black T'square One (ai). Blanket B/W with very appealing head and expression, skull & muzzle of correct proportions, excellent lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, strong through body and quarters, correct bone, pasterns and feet, moved with free easy side gait – another who will go further.

3rd NELIS - Freebreeze Special Effects JW.

GRADUATE BITCH (5 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st EARL, WHELDON & JONES - Flinthill Some Like It Hot at Caithpoint. B/W of good type, lovely head with nice expression, clean neck and shoulders, good depth, very well balanced on the move, showed positive reach and drive to win the class.

2nd KLAIBER - Hawkfield Scandalous. O/W attractive head and expression, good depth to brisket, nice lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, balanced rear quarters, another who moved with a good side gait.

3rd BOOTH - Lundgarth Jubilee JW.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (10 Entries, Abs: 3)

1st GUY - Carofel If I Had Wings JW. Super feminine O/W with lovely expression, showing nice moulding to skull, for preference would like slightly more width but that may come as she is only young, good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, correct bone and feet, well ribbed and balanced angled rear, moved out very well to take this class.

2nd EARL, WHELDON & JONES - Hawkfield Frivolous for Caithpoint. O/W another of appealing type and similar remarks apply, found her a little longer in loin but nice angles all through, well-muscled and moved out on a free easy stride.

3rd COLLINS & COLLINS - Collholme Angelique.

LIMIT BITCH (15 Entries, Abs: 1)

1st WILKINSON - Stocksfell Shockwave. B/W – really liked her as she has a good natural shape without needing to be ‘moulded’, typey head with kind eye and expression, correct ear placement, nice reach of neck into well placed shoulders and return of upper arm, tight at elbows and good bone and feet, strong through her topline and loin, correct angles to rear and low strong hocks, moved out smoothly with nice reach and drive – no ‘flash & dash’ with this one just a very honest exhibit who should go further - delighted to award her the RCC.

2nd NORBURY, UPTON & ADAMS - Heartbury Belacqua. Liver/W again with a nice head and expression, not quite the arch of neck of the winner but a nicely put together girl who moved out positively to take her place in this strong class.

3rd MACARA & BLACKBURN-BENNETT - Kanix Sooty at Stargang.

OPEN BITCH (7 Entries, Abs: 2)

1st GERRARD, BELL & GALLOWAY - Sh Ch Chesterhope C'mon Over to Carmandine JW (Imp NZ). O/W 5 year old who has a lovely head and expression, showing moulding and good stop, kind eye and strong pigment, another who has a natural good shape, front construction & forechest correct, oval bone & spring in pasterns, well ribbed and strong over her loin, curves all through and well-muscled rear, moved out smoothly and precisely to win this class - CC and BOB – delighted to watch her make the cut to the last 6 in the superb group – well done.

2nd SIDDLE, SIDDLE & MEDEIROS - Wilchrimane Frankly Darlin. O/W with good reach of neck into well laid shoulder, good depth and ribbing, strong over loin and balanced through rear quarters, moved out positively around the ring.

3rd BOND - Sh Ch Joneva Azelia Banks JW.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME BITCH (3 Entries, Abs: 0)

1st KLAIBER - Sharnphilly Gingerbread. O/W of heavier build, kind eye and expression, oval bone and tidy feet, deep in brisket, would like a little more angulation behind, moved happily.

2nd BARHAM - Alozia Zephyryne. Liver/W 14 months build of smaller mould, attractive head with kind eye, neat fine leathers, would prefer a little more turn of lip, oval bone, close coupled, needs to strengthen and mature on but has time on her side.

3rd OAKLEY & OAKLEY - Teisgol Confringo.

RACHEL PHILO - judge

