

Sunderland and District Canine Society Open Show 27/11/16

I would like to thank the society for inviting me to judge at their open show, and I have to say the hospitality shown to me was some of the best I've ever had! This is one of my local shows, and I was absolutely delighted with the size and quality of the entry I was privileged to be given the opportunity to judge. I also wish to thank the exhibitors for the sporting way in which they accepted my decisions. I was spoilt for choice in some of the classes, and places could have changed on another day. As to be expected at this time of year, coats were at various stages, and this did have a bearing on some of the placings. All males were entire, all bites were correct, and temperaments across the board were excellent. I thoroughly enjoyed my day!

BORDER TERRIERS

Puppy (7-2)

What a lovely way to start the day. A class of very promising puppies!

1- Mann's Lynsett Miss Marple. Just 6 and a half months old grizzle and tan bitch. I subsequently found out that this was only her second show. What a little showgirl. Full of breed type with a lovely, strong but feminine head with the best of expressions and excellent scissor bite. Just right for size, with enough bone. Narrow throughout with super straight front, tight feet and thick pads. Well ribbed and spanned with ease. Super angulation fore and aft with level topline and carrot tail. Excellent pelt and harsh jacket. Moved well and made a lovely picture in profile with nothing overdone. Had such ring presence for one so young and is definitely one to watch in the future. Pleased to award her Best Puppy. Delighted to see her go on to be awarded PG1 and subsequently Best Puppy In Show.

2 – Coop's Karison Red Rock. Another very smart puppy. Almost 7 months grizzle and tan dog with lots to like about him. Strong otter head with big strong teeth, correct bite. Narrow with good layback of shoulder and good rib. Easily spanned. Longer coupled than 1 with a good topline. Would prefer a slightly shorter tail. Good pelt and excellent pin wire jacket. Moved well, covering the ground with ease. Another very promising puppy, just preferred the overall picture of 1.

3- Ellis' Normbar Hussar

4- Dixon's Thornheswin Old Magic

Junior (3-1)

1- Ellis' Normbar Hussar. Placed 3rd in puppy. Almost 8 months pale grizzle and tan dog. Still very much a baby but another quality puppy. Good otter head with keen expression and correct scissor bite. Very narrow throughout with super straight front. Just enough bone. Spanned easily with good length of rib, longer coupled than 2. Good pelt with jacket just past it's best but still harsh in texture. Super level topline and well set on carrot tail. Moved ok. For me up to size and doesn't want to grow on.

2-Spence's Brackenfell Double Dutch. 17months old grizzle and tan bitch with a super otter head, strong muzzle but still feminine with a lovely expression. Good scissor bite. Straight front, a little wider in front than 1, but ribbed well back and easily spanned. Good pelt with super harsh jacket. Moved well both ways. Just preferred the topline and tailset of 1

Post Grad (10-4)

1- Dixon's Foxcraig Magic Diamond. Almost 2 and a half year old grizzle and tan bitch. One I have judged as a puppy and I'm pleased to see she has matured nicely. Beautiful otter head with little stop, broad enough skull and strong muzzle but still feminine with a lovely expression. Good scissor bite. Narrow enough with good shoulders and rib. Good angulation fore and aft which allowed her to move around the ring with drive. Certainly would do a day's work, I liked her a lot. Pleased to award her Best of Breed and later to see her awarded G3 in a very strong group.

2- Dixon's Stineval Pontiac From Thornheswin. 23 month old grizzle and tan dog of nice type. Typical head with keen expression. Good scissor bite. Gun barrel straight front with tight feet. Spannable with correct length of rib. Good

angulation and topline. Moved out well both ways. Thick pelt but not quite the jacket of 1 on the day. Certainly fit for purpose.

3- Birrell's Otterpaws Muninn

4 – Gill's Tyneaster Dark Agent

Open (4-2)

1 – Dixon's Caznray Just A Mystery From Thornheswin. 2 and a half year old grizzle and tan bitch who had a lot to like. Lovely head and expression with correct bite. Narrow with enough bone. Nice for size and easily spanned with good length of rib. Loose pelt with thick coat of good texture. Good turn of stifle. Lovely topline and tailset which completed the picture. Moved with drive. A nice type who caught my eye. Considered for Best of Breed and unlucky to come up against post grad winner on the day.

2 – Dixon's Otterpaws Firebird. 21 month old grizzle and tan bitch. Slightly finer throughout than 1 and longer coupled. Feminine head with alert expression. Good scissor bite. Slightly wider in front than 1 but easily spanned and ribbed well back. Excellent angulation and one of the best movers of the day. Thick pelt but her jacket, although still of good texture, was past it's best. A nice bitch that would also do a day's work.

BEDLINGTON TERRIER Open (1-0)

1 - Tonner & Oxbury's Miteymidgits Nations Unite At Jukenblu. Almost 2 and a half year old blue bitch of nice size. Good typical head with no stop, correct dark eye and pigmentation. Excellent scissor bite. Good reach of neck and shoulders. Deep enough in brisket with correct front and hare like feet. Typical topline with arch over loin and well-muscled hindquarters. Tail set on low and carried correctly. A little short of coat today. Moved well both ways showing the gait typical of the breed. A nicely balanced bitch who stood alone but was a worthy BOB.

NORFOLK TERRIER Open (3-1)

1 - Batey's Belleville Over The Moon. Almost 15 months old red bitch. Typical head with broad skull, and good expression. Scissor bite. Good layback of shoulder with short, compact body. Excellent hind angulation, well-muscled and shown in good fit condition. Good amount of coat with harsh texture. Correct tailset and carriage. Moved really well around the ring. BOB.

2- Thompson-Morgan's Belleville Moon Song. Litter mate of 1. A lot of the same comments apply, however not quite the ring presence or depth of coat of 1. Gave her handler a hard time today and was very unsettled on the move which unfortunately made movement very difficult to assess.

NORWICH TERRIER Open (3-2)

1 - Armstrong & Lawrance's Elantiz Jabberjay. 17 month old red bitch who oozed quality throughout. Lovely typical head and expression with excellent scissor bite. Good layback of shoulder. Compact with ribs well sprung. Good topline, tailset and tail carriage. Excellent hind angulation which powered her round the ring. Presented to perfection with good depth of coat. A lovely bitch well worthy of BOB.

STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER (1-0)

1 – Richardson's Niatona Quevega. 23 month old red bitch of nice type. Strong but feminine head with defined stop and well developed cheek muscles. Strong jaw with excellent scissor bite. Full of breed type and not coarse in any way. Straight front, wide and deep enough in brisket with well laid back shoulder. Well sprung ribs, short coupled with correctly set on tail. Shown in well-muscled fit condition, with good turn of stifle. Initially a little unsettled on the move, but showed good reach and drive in profile. I liked her a lot. Stood alone but pleased to give her BOB and delighted to see her awarded G2 in a very strong group. Well done.

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