

Dog critique Championship Show February 2011

I thoroughly enjoyed my trip down to Taunton to judge the DOGS at one of my favourite shows. Thank you to the committee for asking me and my stewards for their help. I had a good entry of 116, thank you to all those kind folk who made the trip and brought their dogs to the show. With the exception of the winners, the first few classes were a little disappointing regarding breed type, these youngsters should be our dogs for the future they have a very important role to fill and I am not sure some of those in the ring today will make the top classes. I appreciate some are at different stages of development but I am sure every dog, placed or unplaced, will still be loved by someone. My top four classes were more of a challenge and my tickets were there somewhere. I was very happy with my unbeaten dog line up and delighted my DOG, on the referees decision went Best In Show

Vet.D-(6,3a) 1.Andrews Drakesoak Seattle Slew At Sharmus, very classy fawn showing no signs of his 8+ years he is in great condition with a very fine coat and moving freely.2. Taylors Watcar Snow Storm white/fawn enjoying his outing with his owner looking and moving well for his 9+ years.3.Mulligans Turnstone Always On My Mind At Ashkyem. MPD.(9,2a) 1.Wignalls Collooney Stay With Me At Starswift, approaching 9 months and very much a baby, fawn of correct size and balance, nice head and front angulation, deep brisket holds his top line well standing and on the move, rear angulation and movement very good. 2.Heathers Willingwisp Makyn Me Happi Among Jzan, pale brindle at that stage where he is slightly more on the leg and higher at the rear, when standing he shows off his lovely length of neck, depth of brisket and was steady on the move. 3.Morris Collooney Look No Further Than Crosscop. PD. (6.1a) 1.Hardings Marleben Myracle Magician From Caderleth, eye catching light brindle/white trim, mature and well bodied, alert masculine head with long neck which flows into a good shoulder, deep with good tuck-up, correct rear with good width of thigh low hocks which drove with lovely free movement, BPD. 2.Taylors Triken Timeless Temptation, solid brindle more compact than 1, good clean front and correct lay of shoulder, deep brisket & nice rise over his loin, strong quarters, low hocks & free movement. 3. Robertsons Moonlake Morgan. JD.(10.0a) 1. James Drakesoak Twist Magic, ideal size brindle/white trim although still immature in body has the potential to finish correctly. His long neck flows into a good lay of shoulder, good bone & feet, enough depth & rise over loin, correct rear assembly given positive drive. 2.Mulligans Ashkyem Harlequin, brindle/parti of ideal size & balance. Dark pigment, good depth of brisket and tuck-up, not over long in loin, good depth in second thigh moving well. 3. Russells Palmik Starlight Storm. YD. (14.0a) 1. Spensers Chelridge Casanova, fawn boy grown on as a youngster and is now settling into his frame, could not be denied his first place for his overall balance, soundness & precise flowing movement. 2. Neems Diaghilev Ballet Russes, brindle/parti although different in outline to winner he was spot on for size, balance and movement, two lovely moving dogs.3. Coulters Collooney Rock My World. ND. (6.0a) 1. Wignalls Collooney Stay With Me At Starswift. 2.Keenans Citycroft Never Forget, red fawn with

black mask, lovely reach of neck flowing into good lay of shoulder, correct front assembly good bone, feet and depth of brisket, plenty of length over loin well muscled and moved very well. 3. Heathers Willingwisp Makyn Me Happi Among Jzan.SBD.(6.2a) 1.Prices Whisterfield Jack Be Nimble Among Silkdance, fawn who was placed reserve in good yearling class, very correct, balanced and fit. Masculine head great depth and heart room, strong over loin and powerful quarters enabling him to move correctly. 2.Walkers Turnstone Tracker, ideal size brindle/white trim, good depth with gentle tuck-up, strong rear assembly good width & low hocks moving well. 3.Harpers Huntinghill Mr.Kool At Janiste. GD. (8.0a) 1. Aldrich-Blakes Astrophel Paris Peacock, ideal for size & balance, good black in hard condition. Masculine head neck neatly flows into good shoulder & front assembly. Plenty of depth with nice rise over his loin good rear assembly giving correct parallel movement. 2.Neems Diaghilev Ballet Russes, also second in good yearling class. 3. Mulligans Ashkyem Harlequin. PGD.(14.3a).1.Morris Crosscop Reason To Believe, loved this smart brindle/white ideal sized dog. Male head with clean long neck into well laid back shoulder, good bone, feet and depth of brisket with gentle tuck-up and good length of loin. Rounded powerful quarters with plenty of drive for covering the ground standing and on the move, a good class to win. 2. Hollands Elmanash Grandeur, another favourite of mine, again the ideal size with a masculine head not the reach of neck as first but well assembled front with great depth of brisket leading to good tuck-up and gentle rise over loin. Very good in width of second thigh with low hocks, another who used it all to drive and cover the ground. 3.Candlers Maidenbower Moderator, all five placed dogs won on movement. MLD.(10.0a) A class of mixed type and quality, movement had to be the deciding factor. 1.Copleys Veredon VIP a dog I have not come across before, impressed me as soon as he moved round on entering the ring and did not disappoint throughout. Solid fawn with masculine head, ideal for size and lovely to go over with such clean lines and skin to die for. Balanced for strength fore and aft with effortless floating action on the move. 2. Hardings Copebury Quantum Leap, another solid fawn and no mistaking his gender, standing over a little more ground and needing that bit of height to make him well balanced, again hard to fault with his great depth of brisket lovely front and good hard quarters with long low correct movement. 3.Reynier-Yates Diaghilev Nureyev. LD.(14.2a). 1. Jones Welstar With Strauss, solid fawn true male with no coarseness, just what a no fuss no nonsense whippet should look like and looks like he could go all day and repeat it all the next day. Lovely size & balance with good bone and feet has depth and gentle tuck-up good over the croup with plenty of width in second thigh , at his own pace moved true and soundly to win this strong class, RDCC. 2. Gills Mulranny Celtic Wizard, brindle/white quite different in style but overall a very quality and sound dog. Attractive masculine head, lovely length of neck flowing into clean well laid back shoulder, good bone and neat feet deep brisket with length over his loin, strong quarters and true moving. 3.Woods Ardencote What A Cracker. OD.(13.4a). 1. Osbournes Ch.Loroli Autherised By Derohan, solid brindle of ideal size, masculine head with superb ears showing of his lovely straight front with adequate bone for his size and depth for heart room. Not over long in loin but shows muscle and strength over quarters and great width in second thigh lovely low hocks enabling him to bring them under him to give power and push off from behind made for that driving true parallel movement. In superb fit condition everything the breed standard asks for and now the KC criteria this dog is a true example of a dog 'fit for function'. DCC & BOB on the referees' decision. 2.Coulters Collooney Move On Over, lemon brindle , loved him as he came into the ring was hard to keep your eyes off him, an overall picture of true size and balance . Masculine and such a true mover, pushed hard to get to the top of

this class but just lacked the sparkle, he had travelled some distance to be here but I am pleased he came. 3.Russells Willingwisp Star Trooper, another favourite now up with the big boys.

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