

I would like to thank the officers and committee for the invitation to judge at this well-run show. Also, thank you to my steward, Mr. Neil Straw, who kept things rolling as smoothly as possible, and to the exhibitors for their entries and allowing me to go over some top-quality exhibits. Thank you for the hospitality shown throughout the show.

Whippet

Puppy – Dog or Bitch (6) Abs: 2

1st Little – Saintharp Can't Stop Me Now

Silver brindle, nearly 12 months old, who was a delight to handle. Pleasing feminine head and eye, beautifully presented, full of quality from head to tail, good outline standing and moving. Best Puppy In Breed.

2nd Bayliss – Reubicia Willie Wild

Blue brindle, 9 months old. Nice head, neck and shoulder, good bone, well split between the toes, well let down hocks, should tighten up with maturity; not as settled as the 1st.

3rd Livsey – Saintharp Love To Believe

Post Graduate – Dog or Bitch (4)

1st Barnes – Leathern Thumbs Up For Doddridge

Black brindle, just turned 12 months. Feminine bitch with lots to like, lovely outline, good neck and shoulders, good front, nice and long in loin, long elegantly arched neck leading to lovely shoulder placement, good front angulation, standing over plenty of ground displaying the lovely Whippet outline, neat feet, moved with lovely flowing strides. Pleased to award her Best of Breed. I liked the type of that this exhibitor showed under me today.

2nd White – Pastida Cruz Iscaglates

Red fawn, 14 months old. Masculine head and expression, with correct scissor bite mouth, ears well-placed, nice outline, lovely length of body, good sound movement.

3rd Kenyon – Doddridge It Wasn't Me

Open – Dog (4)

1st Stephens – Jasteal Knight Of Kynance

Lemon brindle, 3.5 years old. Nicely balanced in outline with good length of loin, good neck and shoulders placement, good for size, masculine dog with quality and all the essentials, moved well and nice topline. Reserve Best of Breed.

2nd Barnes – Doddridge Silver Jigilo

Another nice exhibit from this kennel, very sound fawn brindle, 4.5 years old, lovely outline, very sound, all through, moved well. Just preferred the front on the winner. Presented in lovely condition as were all from this kennel.

3rd Livsey – Bryntreia Sea Of Love

Open – Bitch (4)

1st Barnes – Doddridge Strictly Cha Cha JW

Extremely elegant blue brindle, 3 years old, lovely neck and the best of shoulders, good topline, excellent turn of stifle and sound movement. I thought this was going to be my BOB but with a change of handler in the challenge she had to give way to her kennel mate. Such a pity I loved her. This exhibitor showed all her dogs in super condition.

2nd Durante – Galemira's Pandora Of Duranridge

Red brindle, 4 years old. Another feminine girl; sound in all departments, well balanced, good neck and shoulders, nice sweep of stifle. Presented in good condition.

3rd Stephens – Jasteal Goddess Of Godrevy

Giant Schnauzer

Open: Dog or Bitch (1)

1st Sherborne – Tyshunde Exclamation Kid

5 years old, Pleasing masculine head and expression, good neck and shoulders, lovely topline, great spring of rib, showed well and moved soundly. Best of Breed.

Siberian Husky

Post Graduate: Dog or Bitch (1)

1st Heyes – Chillipaws Peggotty

Grey, 6 years old, nice masculine balanced head and expression, well-shaped ears, nicely placed, straight front, compact feet, when being handled did not have the confidence and did not display the true temperament. Best of Breed.

Bernese Mountain Dog

Post Graduate: Dog or Bitch (1)

1st Cooke & Stevens: – Tickbern Ridin The Moon

Tricolour, 2 years old, pleasing head, compactly shaped dog with sweet expression, good construction, nice front, movement was sound, and went well, presented in good condition. Best Of Breed. Delighted to see that he went on to Working Group 3 under judge Miss Karen Farrell.

Open: Dog or Bitch (1)

1st Cooke & Stevens: Tickbern Yardhand

Tricolour, 5 years old, beautifully balanced dog, nicely marked classic type head, good rich tan, good shoulder layback, good depth of rib and moved well. Today he had to give way to his son who was more on his toes. Reserve Best Of Breed.

German Pinscher

Open: Dog or Bitch (1)

1st Marshall: Zentaur, Brintala Apollo

Red, 5 years old, male of pleasing type, pleasing in head, oval, dark eyes of medium size, true front, deep body all through. An eager mover but not settled in front and crabbed slightly behind, just needs to settle and be more relaxed. Presented in good condition. Best of Breed.

Doberman

Post Graduate: Dog or Bitch (4) Abs: 2

1st Webb: Shalisa's Into The Shallow

Black with red rust (tan), 7 months old, nicely made youngster with pleasing head, good topline, most promising, lovely bone and substance, good hindquarters giving good sound movement. Best Puppy in Breed. Delighted to see that she went on to Reserve Best Working Puppy under Miss Karen Farrell.

2nd Groves: — Lateagain Starstruck

Red with red rust (tan), 20 months old, pleasing head of correct proportions and eye shape, moved soundly but giving his handler a hard time, needs to steady down.

Open: Dog or Bitch (3) Abs: 1

1st Webb – Multi CH Protocol's The Midas Touch (IMP USA) JW

Black with red rust (tan), 2 years old, lovely masculine head, excels in outline with everything in the right place, super head and expression with good almond shaped eyes, reachy neck, level topline, correct tailset and strong well-developed quarters used to advantage on the move, both coming and going. I see he is the sire of the previous class winner, pleased to award him Best of Breed.

2nd Bowdler — Lateagain Zenyatta For Inverteign

Black with red rust (tan), 5 years old, feminine head. I liked her type and overall shape; another with good shoulders, front moved with purpose and drive. She was giving her handler a hard time wanting to be playful and be naughty. Reserve Best of Breed.

Leonberger

Post Graduate: Dog or Bitch (1)

1st Reader: - Cleon Bowser

Red, 6 months old, very mature in body and coat, well-shaped head with dark expressive eyes, excellent bone and feet with good forechest and layback of shoulder. He went well, being very steady with good reach in profile. Best Of Breed & Best Puppy. Later went on to Working Puppy Group 3 under Miss Karren Farrell.

Open: Dog or Bitch (1)

1st Reader: - CH Lempileijonan Unelmien Prinssi (IMP FIN) JW

Red & black, 3 years old, lovely masculine head with dark eyes, typey with excellent bone and beautiful made all through. Moved soundly but not behaving well in the challenge and had to give way to his quality son. Presented in super condition. Reserve Best of Breed.

Bouvier Des Flandres

Post Graduate: Dog or Bitch (1)

1st De Boo: - Zhora-Viper VD Vanenblikhoeve (IMP NLD)

Black brindle, 2 years old, nicely maturing bitch. Pleasing neck, shoulders and front, good topline, well coupled. Needs to gain more confidence, pity she didn't want me handling him, presented in nice condition, I was pleased to award her Reserve Best of Breed.

Open: Dog or Bitch (1)

1st De Boo: - Enjoy-Pearl VD Vanenblikhoeve (IMP NLD)

Black brindle, 8 years old, nice shapely feminine bitch, good front, well let down behind, good coat and condition, looked the part, moving well and with confidence. Best Of Breed

French Bulldog

Junior: Dog or Bitch (2) Abs: 1

1st Vearncombe & Hale – Ruption Knightcott Hells Bells

Brindle, 10 months old, quality feminine girl with a good head, eye and expression, ears well used, good neck and shoulders, good body shape and coat. Stands well behind, and moves really well, sound temperament. Best Puppy in Breed, went on to Utility Puppy Group 4.

Post Graduate: Dog or Bitch (3)

1st French: – Bincombefarm Morsmordre JW

Quality brindle, 23 months old, lovely balance, good front and shoulders, strong underjaw, dark eyes, used his well-placed ears to full advantage, full marks to his handler for getting the best out of this promising youngster. Moved and handled well. Pleased to award him Reserve Best Of Breed. Just pipped by his litter sister in the challenge two quality exhibits.

2nd Vearncombe & Hale: – Ruption Knightcott Back To Black

Brindle, 4 years old, pleasing masculine head, eye, and expression, correct ears well used, sound front and rear, moved well. Another that was presented in good condition.

3rd Barrett: – Frenchpride's Day Dreaming

Open-Dog or Bitch (4) Abs: 2

1st French: – Bincombefarm Serpensortia JW

Black and white pied, 23 months old, quality feminine girl, presented in lovely condition, with dark eyes and expression, a good neck and shoulders, straight front, good body and coat, and showed and moved well with lots of ring presence. Best of Breed. Later went on to Reserve Best Utility

2nd Vearncombe & Hale: - Ruption Knightcott Back In Black JW

Brindle, 3 years old, pleasing feminine head, well balanced, compact body, not as positive on the move as the winner. She was not settled on this surface today.

Shih Tzu

Post Graduate: Dog or Bitch (3) Abs: 2

1st Wood: - Densown Fanta Fizz To Ralphina

Gold & white, 10 months old, young girl. Quite captivated me, loved her type and lively personality, lovely head and balance, good tail carriage, good topline, moved well. Presented in lovely condition. I was pleased to award her Best of Breed and Best Puppy In Breed, pleased to award her Utility Puppy Group 3.

Japanese Spitz

Post Graduate: Dog or Bitch (2)

1st Furze: - Loveliwithy Barbie Girl JW

22 months old, a real charmer, sweet pretty and bright, intelligent expression, the best mover in the class, well balanced and moving well, shown in good condition. Reserve Best of Breed.

2nd Smith: - Snowshoes Isabella

7.5 months old, pleasing feminine head, good scissor bite mouth, held her good outline at all times and her good overall construction showed well but looked so immature against the winner. She has time on her side to mature. Presented in nice condition. Best Puppy in Breed.

Open: Dog or Bitch (2)

1st Furse: - Lovelwithy Kiku Tsubaki

Very pretty, 3 years old, a real charmer, sweet pretty and bright, intelligent expression, very well constructed with tremendous elegance. Beautifully constructed, which shows in her movement; presented in excellent condition. Best of Breed. Later went on to Utility Group 4.

2nd Smith: - Snowshoes Ophelia JW

2.5 years old, nice head dog with dark eyes. Not as positive in movement as the winner. Not handling the surface quite as well? Presented in very nice condition.

Dalmatian

Post Graduate – Dog or Bitch (3)

1st Smart – Wibmeister Remy

White with black spots, 7 months old. Well grown of nice quality, good feet, front and legs, well-made body, good hindquarters, ideal size, moved well and that what won him the class, with a correct tail carriage. Reserve Best of Breed & Best Puppy In Breed.

2nd Steventon – Kystuno Rosemary Russett

White with liver spots, 6 years. Feminine head and expression, with correct scissor bite mouth; not as positive in movement as the winner

3rd Saunders – Popkingsway Lady Of dreams At Giffwinnoah

Open – Dog (2)

1st Steventon – Kystuno Jasappel

White with black spots, 6 years old. Nicely balanced in outline, very attractive feminine head, well-made body, good neck and shoulders, moved really well with a fluid and easy gait. A very assured performance. Best Of Breed.

2nd Saunders – Hafwenna House Of Stark At Giffwinnoah

White with black spots, 2 years old. One that caught my eye entering the ring, sadly he did not want me to handle him. Such a pity I liked him a lot; presented in good condition.

Poodle (Toy)

Post Graduate: Dog or Bitch (1)

1st Elson – Stoneside Bryan Ferry At Jomarnelli

Apricot, 4 years old, nice masculine chiselled head and expression, dark eyes and pigmentation, good neck, topline and quarters, thick coat of correct texture, well angulated. Moved with a good easy stride; presented in good condition. Stood alone, worthy winner. Best Of Breed

Poodle (Miniature)

Post Graduate: Dog or Bitch (2)

1st Hosking – Tarquas Wot A Entrance

Brown, 3.5 years old, lovely feminine head and expression, super long neck which she really uses, well knuckled feet, short backed, put down in lovely condition, good coat, moved and showed well. Best of Breed.

2nd Sarson – Arrowflight Tres Beau

Black, 6 months old with masculine head, nice eye, good neck. I hope he matures as today he looked so immature but has time on his side. Presented in super condition. Best Puppy In Breed.

Open: Dog or Bitch (3) Abs: 2

1st Hosking & Rose – Tarquas Box Of Tricks

Black, 3 years old, good feminine head and expression, in super coat and condition, well laid shoulders, good mouth, well angulated, moved out freely and steadily. Stood alone and a worthy winner. Reserve Best of Breed.

Keeshond

Open: Dog or Bitch (1)

1st Bardsley & Barker – Skathki King Of The Forest

Grey, 7 years old, quality, handsome, masculine dog, foxy head, dark eyes, good ears and tailset, in lovely coat, nice colour, moved soundly, presented in super condition. Best of Breed.

Poodle (Standard)

Post Graduate: Dog or Bitch (4)

1st Spry – Celmareva We Know The Way

Very difficult class of varied types. White, 6 months old, superb head and eyes, lovely expression, short well-made body, good neck and angulation, correct coat texture, good condition, showed well and moved with style. Reserve Best Of Breed & Best Puppy In Breed.

2nd Elson – Volgarus Make A Choice At Jomarnelli

Black, 20 months old, feminine head with chin, flat back skull, dark expressive eyes, long thick leathers, long neck, good shoulders, needs to get her act together which cost her the class, presented in lovely condition.

3rd McLoughlin – Zantescwtch Nordic Flame

Open: Dog or Bitch (5)

1st Crocker – Lotringham Tenacity

Well-proportioned black, 3 years old, good feminine head and expression, dark expressive eyes, strong neck and shoulders. Won here on her style going round and was presented in sparkling condition. Best of Breed.

2nd Spry – Celmareva We Know The Way

See 1st in Post Graduate.

3rd Elson – Volgarus Make A Choice At Jomarnelli

AVNSC Utility

Open: Dog or Bitch (1)

1st Heyes – Dr Wolf Go smash It At Chillipaws (IMP BIH)

Red & white with black overlay, 2 years old. Quality, masculine dog out of the top drawer; quality coat, lovely head of correct shape, dark eyes, neat ears well-placed, good shoulders, level topline, tight feet, well set tail, good movement coming and going, presented in immaculate condition. Reserve Best AVNSC Utility

AV Utility

Puppy: Dog or Bitch (8)

1st Rice – Ricox I'll Love You As You Are

Graduate: Dog or Bitch (7)

1st Elson – Volgarus Make A Choice At Jomarnelli

2nd Thomas – Thomas The Steam Tank

3rd McLoughlin – Zantescwtch Nordic Flame

Open: Dog or Bitch (6)

1st Steventon – Kystuno Jasappel

2nd McLoughlin – Graysorchard Chilli Bean Zantesscwtch

3rd Saunders – Hafwenna House Of Stark At Giffwinnoah

Veteran: Dog or Bitch (5)

1st Rice – CH Ricox Somebody To Love JW

2nd Crocker – Twoofus Love Is In The Air

3rd Copper & Critchlow – Oberitz Sweet N'Spicy For Pavoskas VW

Champion: Dog or Bitch (3)

1st Bevis – CH Skyvana Empty Dreams Od starlance ShCEX

2nd Rice – CH Ricox Somebody To Love JW

Reserve Best Of Breed Stakes

1st French – Bincombefarm Morsmordre JW

2nd Spry – Celmareva We Know The Way
3rd Smart – Wibmeister Remy

Utility Group

1st Bevis – CH Skyvana Empty Dreams Of Starlance ShCEX

A pale gold and white male who scores in head; black round eyes, correct length to nose with open nostrils, wide jaw, well-muscled neck leading into good lay of shoulders. Excels in bone and substance, deep chest and broad rib cage. A beautiful dog to go over easily won Group 1. Pleased to watch him go on to win Reserve Best In Show under Mrs Kirsty Ryan.

2nd Bincombefarm Serpensortia JW

See 1st Open – French Bulldog

3rd Coleman & Evans – Bon Triumph Diadem

4th Furse – Loeliwithy Kiku Tsubaki

Utility Group Puppy

1st Spry – Celmareva We Know The way

See 1st Post Graduate – Poodle (Standard)

2nd Rice – Ricox I Deserve Your Love

3rd Wood – Densown Fanta Fizz To Ralphina

4th Vearncombe & Hale – Ruption Knightcott Hells Bells

Stephen Randle Goodwin (Lanola)

Judge