

Okehampton & District Canine Society 22.04.2023

I would like to thank the society for the opportunity to judge the handling. One thing that I did pick up on is that a few of the handlers did not know the difference between showing the teeth and the bite - something to learn. Also make sure that you move off and return to the judges feet - leaving enough space so that they don't have to move to see your dog when you present it.

YKC - 6-11 (3,1)

1st. Libby Rycroft handling a Dachshund, smartly dressed young lady who was quietly confident. Good table work and clean lines on the move.

2nd. Thomas Taylor handling a Scottish Terrier. A very smart, quiet young man who kept his cool with his very uncooperative puppy. Sadly in this class he broke the golden rule of getting between the dog and the judge.

YKC - 12-16 (3,0)

1st Elayna Mitchell handling a JRT. Another smartly dressed young lady who is a very quiet, calm handler. Lovely clean lines and good table work.

2nd Harriet Duffield handling a JRT. Very smartly dressed handler. Worked her dog well both on the table and the floor.

3rd Lewis Wilkinson handling a JRT. Another smartly dressed young man. Good table work but let himself down by not listening to instructions properly so did not leave from the judge.

YKC 17-24 (3,1)

1st Maylee Lewis handling a Pointer. Smartly dressed handler who was at one with her dog. Moved fluidly and used minimal fuss in everything that she did.

2nd Rhianne Mitchell handling a Border Terrier. Lovely table work and a good bond with her dog - just needs to straighten up her lines - easiest way is to focus on something and walk towards it.

JHA 6-11 (3,1)

Same couple of handlers that were in the YKC class.

1st Libby Rycroft handling a Dachshund.

2nd Thomas Taylor handling a Scottish Terrier - his dog was much more co-operative this time but sadly my 1st place was still the strongest handler on the day.

JHA 12-16 (4,1)

1st Elanya Mitchell handling a Border Terrier. Same handler as in the YKC class and even with a different dog still didn't disappoint. A calm, confident handler with good table work and lovely straight lines.

2nd Lewis Wilkinson handling a Dachshund. Obviously listened to the feedback in his first class about leaving from the judges feet. Good table work and rapport with his dog - just needs to straighten lines up,

3rd Harriet Duffield handling a Border Terrier. Again a confident young handler who had a good rapport with her dog. Just let down by untidy lines.

Adult Handling 17-39 (5,1)

1st Paige Edens handling a Dalmation. Smartly dressed handler. Confident with her dog and moved fluidly.

2nd Tierny Clark handling an OESD. Lacking a little in self-confidence when asked a question. Good solid floor work and clean lines - unlucky to have come up against handler 1

3rd Rhianne Mitchell handling a JRT. A different dog to that one that she had in her previous class but once again a calm, confident handler. Just needs to straighten up her lines.

Adult Handling 40 years +

1st Janet Rice handling a Tibetan Spaniel. Smartly dressed lady. Very confident on the table and floor with lovely clean lines.

2nd Zoe Adey handling a Beagle. Again another smartly dressed lady who was at one with her dog. Lovely table work and good clean lines

3rd Anita Skinner handling a Long Haired Chihuahua. Not quite the table skills of the first 2 handlers but a good rapport with her dog and good clean lines.