

Thank you to the committee for inviting me to judge and to the exhibitors for accepting me as a replacement judge. It is always a joy to judge the handling classes and see the rapport between dog and handler. Just a gentle reminder to the handlers, please listen to what the judge asks for and be aware of the judges position in the ring, trying not to get between your dog and the judge. One last point the judge can't see your dog in it's full glory if it is presented too close to their feet.

Junior Handling

JHA 6-11 years

1st Amelia Tatum, handling a Bracco. I have watched this young lady handle since she was 6 and she only gets better and better. Amelia talks to her dog at all times, making the best use of the ring, with neat corners, not easy with a large dog. Amelia set her dog up beautifully and re-corrected gently and unobtrusively when the dog moved. Just lost out for BJH by not watching where the judge was at the end of the challenge.

2nd Lola Turnidge, handling a Frenchie. Lola is new to handling, but took instruction well and spoke encouragingly to her dog all the time – a good start to your show career – keep practicing.

JHA 12-16 year

1st Leah Scales, handling a Lhasa, although alone in the class, Leah paid attention to keeping her lines crisp and corners tight as well as being aware of the position of the judge at all times, she encouraged her dog throughout. She was aware of how the dog was standing and re-stood her dog sympathetically on the table & clearly showed the dogs teeth. Leah maintained her attention and control right through the challenge – well done BJH

Adult Handling

17-30

1st Rebecca Blair, handling a PRT. Rebecca was alone in this class but deserved to win. She has a challenging dog for a handling class which caused great amusement with his antics, but she handled him calmly and professionally. Once he was settled he stood beautifully and Rebecca was aware of his position at all times and was gently encouraging. She showed the bite cleanly and re stacked the dog on the table appropriately. Her lines were clean and corners sharp. She was aware of the judges position at all times. Could have easily changed places with BAH.

31-50

1st Claire Tatum, handling a Bracco, Claire, like her daughter is a sympathetic handler who gets the most out of her dog. She moved the dog with clean lines and tight corners, and was aware of the judges position in the ring and changed hands without difficulty. When stacking the dog it was done with effortless grace and the bite was shown cleanly without fuss. The dog and handler moved together at all times. BAH.

2nd Nicola Westgate, another lovely handler, many of the comments made about 1 apply, but please try and match your pace to that of your dog.

3rd Rebecca Cunningham

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1st Sheila Lane, handling a Havanese. Shelia is a great handler who obviously works in harmony with her dog, talking and encouraging her all the time. Her lines and corners on her T were tight and sharp, and the T was beautifully finished with adequate space between judge and dog. She presented the dog beautifully on the table and showed the bite cleanly. She was aware of the position of the judge and the other handlers in the ring at all times and never stopped showing her dog. Just lost out in the challenge when changing hands on the corner, a little untidy.

2nd Jean Powell, handling a Bracco, again moved effortlessly round the ring with straight lines and tight corners, stacked the dog effortlessly. She listened to the judge and completed the patterns as asked. She changed hands with

ease and was aware of the judges position. Unfortunately got boxed in during the final line up which didn't allow her dog to be shown to its full advantage.

3rd Lois Harris.

Kirsty Wells (Metamorphic