

Marlborough and District Canine Society
Monday 6th May 2013

Critique

I would like to thank the Committee for inviting me to judge at this well run show. I would especially like to thank the exhibitors in all the breeds for giving me such a good entry and quality dogs to go over. I was overjoyed with all my best of breeds and especially pleased to see some of them do well in the groups. It was also lovely to hear applause after every class and all exhibitors accepting their placements in a sportsmanlike fashion.

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

A quality entry, felt very privileged to have my hands on so many nice dogs.

Junior: (3,0a)

1st. O' Day's Casablanca Succession of Baron at Madifrey (Imp Pol)

7 month old bitch puppy enjoying her day. Still raw but all the essentials are there. Feminine and balanced. Good head and ears, prominent fore chest, nice length of neck flowing into level top-line. Presented in good coat and condition. Moved with drive. Full of personality. Happy to award her best puppy.

2nd. Maikey's Gairside Ferdinand. Different type to my first place, 16 month old male. Masculine, noble head and good ears. Not quite the front of my winner which did not give him the same quality of movement. Good top-line and well conditioned.

3rd. Denny & Phillips Debucher Heroine.

Open: (4,0a)

1st. Denny's Debucher D'artagnan at Janamist. I loved this dog. Young male with the noblest of heads, low set ears and a masculine expression. Good fore-chest and length of neck flowing into well laid shoulders. Plenty of bone, not over angulated in any way. Moved with ease and plenty of drive, presented in good rough jacket and condition and handled superbly. A worthy best of breed and one with a promising future I'm sure.

2nd. O'Day's Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM. Different type to my first place and had a softer coat but still lots to like. Feminine 4 year old bitch with nice head and a lovely topline. Plenty of rear drive on the move and handled skilfully. Reserve best of breed.

3rd. Makey's Ir Ch Debucher Delicate WW1

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

Junior: (2,0a)

1st. Puckett's Overbecks Artie Fishal. 1 year old male in super condition and jacket. I loved the naughty glint in his eye. Good front with masculine head and good length of neck flowing into well laid shoulders and an excellent topline. Moved well enough in the class but upped the anti in the challenge and shone. Happy to award in best of breed and looking forward to seeing him when fully mature.

2nd. Scott's Soletrader Ain't Actin Up at Overbecks. 9 month old bitch, still raw but lots to like. Good fore chest, topline will come in time, nice length of rib and loin giving her a pleasing compact outline. Moved well and happy to award her best puppy. Really pleased to see her go puppy group 3.

Post Graduate: (1,0a)

1st. Scott's Overbecks Aint Misbehavin. Stood alone in this class. Young male who was unfortunately spooked by the tannoy system which made him nervous on the table. This was a shame as he is a nice compact little hound who moved nicely when he settled. Good front and top-line, needs time to mature.

Open: (1,0a)

1st. Scott's Ch Overbecks Cheddar George. 2 year old cheeky little man. Good masculine head with super front, good eyes and ear set. Nice top-line and in well-muscled condition and super coat. Moved with plenty of drive but unfortunately out moved in the challenge by my junior winner so had to settle for Reserve Best of Breed today. A quality dog none the less, and a worthy champion.

Whippet

My biggest concern in this, my own breed, is the size of some of the males. I felt some dogs were too coarse and consequently lacked breed type.

Puppy: (3,1a)

1st. Leathart's Molvine Zoe. 11 month old white and fawn bitch. Feminine head, lovely neck which flowed into well laid shoulders and a beautiful top-line with correct length of loin which she held on the move. Correct daisy cutting action. Best Puppy and very happy to see her go puppy group 2.

2nd. Molyneux's Molvine Queen Elizabeth. Litter sister to my 1st place. Fawn bitch, still raw. Feminine with a nice topline. Her chest still needs to fill out to give her front a more balanced appearance, this should come in time.

Yearling (3,1a)

1st. Hill's Kierpark It's My Life. 20 month old male, good front with a pleasing head flowing into a good length of neck. Good length of loin and well muscled. Tended to roach his back initially but once settled moved with ease. Still needs some time to mature.

2nd. Kenyon's Reubica Billy Blue. 19 month old male, well muscled with pleasing head and length of neck. Not quite the front of my 1st place but shown in hard, well muscled condition and when settled moved nicely.

Post- Graduate: (5,2a)

1st. Clane's Darquell Kay Sera. I loved this bitch. Feminine, correct sized fawn bitch with a beautiful head with an elegant neck which just flows all the way down her top-line. Moved so gracefully with correct daisy cutting action but just a touch of naughtiness which hinted she would rather be chasing rabbits than at a dog show. Once her owner had this at bay she was unstoppable in the challenge and happy to award her best of breed. Overjoyed when she then went on to win a strong hound group.

2nd. Hill's Kierpark Livin on a Prayer ShCM. Elegant fawn and white parti-colour male who was a touch out at the elbow when he moved. This was a shame as overall a balanced dog with flowing lines.

3rd. Sowerby's Koppelwell Karbon Kopy at Nables.

Open:

1st. Kirtland's Palmik Starlight Raider. Fawn 3 year old male. Felt was the most balanced in the class. Masculine head with good length of neck into well laid shoulders, good front and with hind angulation to compliment producing sound balanced movement. I would just like him to be scaled down a little as being over standard meant I could only offer him reserve best of breed.

2nd. Leathart's Ringmore Fair Rosamund. Fawn bitch, much the same type as my winner but of correct size. Lacked filling in front which lost her the class as otherwise a balanced typey bitch moving well with correct daisy cutting action.

3rd. Bellamy's Palmik Celtic Royale JW

Saluki

Post Graduate: (1,0a)

1st. McCormick- Smith's Glenoak Juda. 5 year old red male. Good head and ears. Good length of neck flowing into good topline. Good feet and presented in good condition. Moved effortlessly but I have a feeling did not want to be there today.

Open: (2,0a)

1st. McCormick- Smith's Anasazi Red Kite. Shaded fawn male, everything in balance. Good head, length of neck and top-line. Moderately angulated which gave fluid balanced movement, single tracking as the breed should in an effortless gait. Presented in good condition and more than capable of a days work. Happy to award him Best of breed and see him shortlisted in a strong hound group.

2nd. Fitzgerald's Tasia Moonshine over Dawnchase. Gleaming, well conditioned black and silver male who oozes presence. Moved and handled to perfection but just a touch over angulated for my liking which made him lose some breed typical qualities in his movement. Reserve Best of Breed.

Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)

Junior: (2,0a)

1st. Lovell's Big-Wood's Kultakuume Goes To Liebehund. Feminine Tri-coloured puppy bitch with a good head and ear set and good length of neck flowing into well laid shoulders. Had a well pronounced sternum and a nice topline for one so young. Her rear end still needs to tighten but this will come in time. Still very raw but all the essentials are there and lovely to see her enjoying her day. Delighted to see her take puppy group 2.

2nd. McIntosh's Geref Lone Ranger. 12 month old blue merle male. Of different type to my winner. Masculine head with good ears and level top line. Solid rear end but unfortunately knuckling over slightly in front, a fault which I cannot forgive. This was a shame as he has plenty of nice qualities.

Post-Graduate: (3,0a)

1st. Lovell's Liebehund Thyme Please. Feminine Brindle and White bitch with a beautiful head, ears and expression and good length of neck flowing into well laid shoulders and level top line. Good pro sternum and front construction and moved with ease around the ring. I really liked this bitch and happy to award her reserve best of breed.

2nd. Goodridge's Russfield Rhianna. Veteran bitch which did not have the top line of my 1st place. Plenty to like none the less with a feminine head, tightest of fronts and presented in well-muscled condition and good coat. Moved OK but lacking the enthusiasm of my first, possibly due to the heat.

3rd. McIntosh's Gerefa Lone Ranger

Open: (2,0a)

1st. Goodridge's Russfield Ruff'n Tuff. 5 year old brindle point tri with a Masculine head, good ears and expression and presented in absolutely solid condition. This dog is the finished article with a level top line and solid back end moving with purpose. I really liked him and was happy to award him best of breed.

2nd. Lovell's Liebehund Dream Lord. Brindle male that just lacked the maturity of my winner. Plenty to like about him with a good head and length of neck, tight front construction, level top line but unfortunately not as solid in the rear as my winner. One I would like to see in a couple of years when fully mature.

Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)

Junior (1,0a)

1st. Bale's Milkeyweys Cherry Blossom of Balletcor. Feminine cheeky little red and white bitch, in good condition and coat. Nice straight front, moved well and kept her top line. Not overdone in any way and more than capable of a days work. Loved her personality and happy to award her best of breed.

Post graduate (1,0a)

1st. Bale's Balletcor Neptune's Thunder. 20 month old red male, masculine head, good ears and expression, straight front and nice topline. Could do with a touch more length of neck and has more coat than I prefer but moved well.

Open (1,0a)

1st. Bale's Milkeyweys Wild Flower at Balletcor (imp). 2 ½ year old tri coloured bitch with natural bob tail. Feminine expression and sparky personality. Good head, eyes and ear. Nice length of neck flowing into solid front and level top line. Moved well fore and aft and with drive in profile. Not a glamour girl but another one more than capable of a days work. Unfortunately did not show her best in the challenge and had to settle for Reserve Best of Breed to her half-sister. On another day could easily change places.

David Knights (Lelaps)