

Marlborough & District – Monday 5th May 2014

Alaskan Malamutes

Judge: Mrs Louise Forster (Kachemak)

I would like to thank and congratulate the committee for a very pleasant and well run show, and for the hospitality given to us on the day. I'd also like to express my sincere thanks to all the exhibitors who made it an extremely enjoyable appointment with a lovely ringside atmosphere. I was pleased with my entry and was particularly happy to see consistent correct bites and excellent temperaments.

Puppy (4 entries, 0 abs)

A lovely class of babies, all with bright futures.

1st Pullin & Mountstephen's Inupiat's Qulit Henrik (imp) – Super happy youngster, 9 months and just coming together following his lanky stage. He has the most wonderful bone & without doubt the best feet of the day, large & deep but tight & correctly shaped. He presented a lovely outline, upstanding with good length of neck, straight slightly sloping topline & a great tailset & waving plume tail. Not in full coat but what he has is harsh. His head is coming with broadening skull & deep muzzle. He still has to grow into his ears but he's going to be a big lad so I'm sure they won't look out of proportion when he's matured. On the move he is still a little loose but he displays power & drive & his potential is obvious. I very much look forward to watching him reach his potential. **Best Puppy** & a well deserved Puppy Group 2.

2nd Smith's Packice Asen – Another very well put together lad with lots to admire, 11 months old & looking quite mature for his age. Strong head with kind expression, dark eyes & deep muzzle. Well muscled & a powerful steady mover. Out of coat, but nothing was hidden & when standing he presents a lovely outline with a good topline & tail set. He has good angles, front & rear. I was slightly torn between 1 & 2 & if I was judging movement alone, this lad would have it at the moment, but he just lost out to 1 on bone & in particular, feet today. He's another youngster that I will look out for in future.

3rd Lovegrove's Northspirit Born For Glory Within Artcictribe -

Junior (0 entries)

Post Graduate (4 entries, 1 abs)

1st Clarke's Indian Dreamcatcher Illa Kuvianartok At Whiteout (imp) – I judged this striking red girl as a puppy so it was nice to see her now more in control of herself and more mature. At 2 years she will still fill out further but currently she is absolutely solid on the stand & ultra sound on the move. I would have liked to see more coat which would have finished the picture off more completely. She has an alert expression & her concentration on her owner when stood was quite something! She is well muscled with a deep chest, strong bone & has straight sloping topline which is hard & well held on the move. Movement is straight on the down and back, and is balanced when viewed from the side. Very happy to award her **Reserve Best Of Breed**

2nd Louch & Forsey's Libertia Platinum Princess – Very pretty 3 year old girl with lots to like. A really sweet expression & lovely small thick, well furred ears. She has a nice outline with good topline and tailset. I liked her short strong pasterns, decent feet and ample bone. I'd prefer to see her with a couple of pounds off when I think she would look fitter, more balanced & give her more leg length. Moves with purpose and drive.

3rd Pullin & Mountstephen's Cedarcreek Exclusive -

Open (3 entries, 2 abs)

1st Louch & Forsey's Libertia Son Of Anarchy At Muzoku – 3 Year old boy, nice compact size & shape with good bone & feet, short strong pasterns, well let down hocks and well muscled thighs. He has a deep well developed chest and well sprung rib. He has a beautiful head with a typical kind expression, lovely dark almond shaped eyes, small well furred ears and tight lips. Nice length of neck. Slightly short tail. When stood his topline did dip a little due to the angle of his head when focussed on and looking up at his owner, but when moving it was straight & strong, with a short, strong, well muscled loin. He moved straight and true, with efficient drive. Pleased to award him **Best of Breed** & was delighted to see him take Group 4.