

The Northern Boxer Club Championship Show

13th April 2024

I would like to thank the officers & committee of the Northern Boxer Club for the kind invitation to judge their 74th Championship show held at the Grenoside Community Centre. I would also like to thank all the exhibitors for their entries and the great sportsmanship I noted throughout the day. I was a little concerned about the number of heavy heads that I thought we, as a breed, had been addressing but sadly, this does not seem to be the case. I noted several exhibits with hooded eyes and exaggerated wrinkling when in repose which greatly impacted on the overall balance of the head. I did, however, find overall some beautiful heads which was a great relief! I was excited to be the first to judge the newly approved Baby Puppy Classes. What a joy!

Baby Puppy Dog (4,1abs)

This was a lovely class of new youngsters about to embark on their show careers. They will no doubt, exchange places throughout their Puppy classes but today my winner was:

1st - Brown & Hutchings **Winuwuk Under Your Spell** A very raw red puppy, as he should be at this age. He has a nice head in the making with a lovely dark eye, good angles and body shape which will only improve with maturity. He does need to settle on the move but forgivable at this tender age. I was pleased to award him **Best Baby Puppy in Show**.

2nd – Humphries **Lanfrese Cantaro at Chribanna** A well schooled baby again presenting a pleasing head with good stop and nice rise of skull. Although well angulated I would prefer a little more of a sloping topline to complete the picture but this should come with age.

Minor Puppy Dog (2)

1st – Mair's **Sulez Striker at Glenauld** 7 ½ month old dark brindle with a lovely, balanced headpiece. He has a crested neck that flows into his shoulders, his topline was level and was finished with a good tailset. His quarters were well muscled and were well angulated. He is well off for bone and moved steadily.

2nd – Pearce & Francis **Seacrest Crossbone Skully at Longsdale** A Tiger brindle of just 6 months. He has an eye-catching outline with good angles fore and aft. He was a little loose on the move today and was not quite the substance of the winner.

Puppy Dog (4)

1st – Johnson & Pynegar's **Sashbob Never Would I Ever from Berwynfa** 11 month old dark brindle boy who was presented in lovely condition. He has an impressive outline that he retains on the move. Nice clean head with a good eye. Lovely neck flowing into well laid shoulders. He moved out with reach and drive. **Best Puppy Dog**

2nd – Mair's **Glenauld the Chase** Beautiful red dog that challenged the winner today and could quite have easily reversed the placing on a different day! Particularly liked his short, cobby body with excellent bone. His head is balanced with good width of muzzle to skull, deep stop and lovely dark eye. Moved out well but not as steady today as the winner.

Junior Dog (3)

1st – Huckerby & Dowell's **Boese L'amore for Norwilbeck Bellchime** Another Dark brindle that filled my eye on entering the ring. He has a balanced frame with good shoulder placement, good depth of brisket, crested neck, topline short and level and well angulated quarters of good width. To top off the picture, his headpiece was also balanced with a jaw line of width, nice mouth, dark eye and good rise of skull. Delighted to award him **Reserve Dog CC**.

2nd – Hare's **Jimbren the Irishman** A Red/Brindle of 14 months. He has a nice shape when stacked and has a lovely clean headpiece forming. He has a slightly longer topline than my winner but was handled to get the best out of him. He moved out steadily around the ring.

Yearling Dog (1)

1st – Mair's **Sulez Scorcher at Glenauld JW** Stood alone in this class today but nevertheless, was a worthy winner. There is no denying his masculinity as he possesses plenty of bone and substance as one would expect from this kennel. His headpiece is in balance with his body, neck of reasonable length, short level topline which he maintained on the move.

Novice Dog (0)

Graduate Dog (4)

1st - Peck & Ames' **Winuwuk Line of Duty for Enesha** Brindle & white dog who is well off for height. He is balanced and presents a clean outline. His head is clean with good width & depth. He moved out well but does not have the substance of my principle winners.

2nd – Fox's **Britesparke Norman Moon** This is a well proportioned cobby dog with well placed shoulders, level topline and a good tuck up to his underline. Moved ok but could not match the winner today

Post-Graduate (7,1abs)

1st – McDonald's **Yeteb Totally Charming JW** This 23 month old dark brindle dog was presented in lovely condition. He has a pleasing head that is balanced and not overdone. He has a strong frame with short back, well angulated quarters of width. Today, he was well up on his toes and was putting his handler through her paces.

2nd – Nason's **Arkeney Barrister** This dog has a good outline, straight back, good tailset and topped off with a clean head. He moved out steadily and retained his shape on the move.

Limit Dog (5,1abs)

1st – Van Beck & Fielding's **Newlaithe Suited N'Booted for Lefergo JW** Brindle & White dog. Nice short back, good length of neck into well laid shoulders. Pleasing head that is clean and of well balanced proportions. Moved out with drive & purpose.

2nd – Taylor's **Newlaithe Absolute Bug** Very similar in type to the class winner but just preferred the cleaner head of 1.

Open Dog (7,1abs)

1st – McCarthy & Gething's **Ch Boxania Romanoff to Jeddhi** This is a well-built dog of great proportions. He has a striking outline that caught my eye. Loved his short back, strong bone, bang on tail set, good turn of stifle with hammy quarters. Well balanced head that is of good size, in proportion with his body. Was delighted to award him the **Dog Challenge Certificate & Reserve Best in Show!**

2nd – Brough & Cairns' **Ch Galicar Investigating with Limubox JW** This lighter brindle dog is of good make and shape. He has a good neck of ample length that flows into well placed shoulders, a level topline and good tailset. Different type to winner but just preferred the movement of no 1.

Veteran Dog (5,1abs)

1st – Kelly's **Casemates Gandalf** 8 year old up on his toes today. He has a stylish body with good topline, adequate forechest, quarters of width and a good turn of stifle into well let down hocks. His head is of good proportions, being clean and having a good balance of muzzle to skull.

Best Veteran in Show

Baby Puppy Bitch (4)

1st – Brown & Hutchins' **Winuwuk Ghostly Affair** This baby puppy presented a lovely clean outline with no exaggerations at this age. She has plenty of room to grow into herself with good angles fore & aft, a nice front forming, level topline and good tuck up. One to watch!

2nd – Pynegar's **Kajobox Lady Million from Berwynfa** Another very smart puppy who has a beautiful shape with a captivating headpiece. She is very well schooled and moved out steadily. Another one to watch.

Minor Puppy Bitch (2)

1st – Drinkwater's **Sulez Smashedit** A simply beautiful dark brindle bitch that really called to me! She has a lovely profile and does not disappoint on closer inspection. She has the prettiest, feminine head with the darkest of eye. She is short coupled with good angles and, even at this young age, a well defined second thigh. I found her captivating and had no hesitation in making her **Best Puppy Bitch & Best Puppy in Show**.

2nd – Nason's **Vaporous Vom Kaiserfelsen at Imaginibox (Imp)** This puppy was unfortunate to meet no 1 today. She is another short-coupled bitch with a pleasing head. For me, today, she did not have the profile of the winner.

Puppy Bitch (7,3abs)

1st – McCarthy & Gething's **Jeddi Ring of Fire** Nice, short coupled dark brindle bitch with level topline into well placed tailset. She has good depth of brisket and is nicely angulated both in front and rear. She has a pretty headpiece that was both balanced and feminine.

2nd – Bees **Beeann Ricght Side Up** Another short, square body with good angulation. Moved steadily when finally settled. I preferred the cleaner headpiece of my winner today.

Junior Bitch (8,2abs)

1st – Van Beck's **Diddle on Newlaithe** Wow! What is it today with the juniors? This bitch really called for my attention with her stunning outline. On closer inspection I found her to be well balanced in both body and head. Her body was short and had the squareness I was looking for today. Her topline was retained on the move which was purposeful and flowing when she settled. She was my **Reserve Bitch CC** winner today and pushed hard for the top spot but just lost out on maturity. I'm sure I'll see her in the upper house soon!

2nd – Pearce & Francis' **Longsdale's Angels Like You** Another quality bitch destined for the top drawer. She has a beautiful, feminine head with a melting expression. Her body is short and cobby with good width of thigh and evident 2nd thigh. Unfortunate to meet winner in such good form today.

Yearling Bitch (4,1abs)

1st – Brown & Hutching's **Ch Winuwuk Silent Witness** A square bitch of taller stance than 2. Balanced feminine head of good, clean proportions. Her neck is of good length and flows into her shoulders seamlessly, level topline, well defined withers, good depth of brisket. She is of good substance and bone and has nice tight feet.

2nd – Humphries' **Chribanna Good Timin'** Close up to winner, she is lovely and square with a level topline, good angles fore & aft. Feminine head that is balanced and in proportion to her body. Handled sympathetically to get the best from her.

Novice Bitch (10,4abs)

1st – Pearce & Francis **Longsdale's Love Addicted** I was spoilt for choices in this class, this bitch was another of lovely, square appearance, nicely balanced with ample bone and substance. A pretty headpiece with good balance of muzzle to skull. She has a super profile which was maintained on her steady driving movement.

2nd – Chell's **Joru Time For Change for Ludic** This bitch has a lovely outline when settled. An appealing head that is well balanced and she has lovely dark eyes that added to her pretty expression. She is enthusiastic on the move and clearly loves giving her exasperated handler a hard time! Loved her spirit.

Graduate Bitch (3,1abs)

1st – Mair's **Glenauld Ovanta** A well boned bitch of substance. She is short coupled with a level topline into well placed tailset. Her head is balanced, and her neck is of adequate length. She has a deep brisket with a good tuck up and nice hammy quarters. Was erratic on the move but saw enough when she settled.

2nd – Lock's **Romanico Baccto Clarricks JW** This bitch was of taller station than 1. She has a pleasing head with a feminine expression. Her profile is good, but she did not have the width of quarters I would have liked. She moved out OK.

Post-Graduate (5,1abs)

1st – Brown & Hutching's **Winuwuk Walking On Sunshine (AI)** This class was hotly contested by my first three placings! I found I was nit picking for my eventual winners. This lovely, dark masked red bitch has an endearing balanced headpiece. Her dark eyes matching her mask, a good width of muzzle, good stop and a lovely ear set. She has a regal crested neck into well laid shoulders. Short square body. Nice width of thigh and evident second thigh. Nice feminine substance just needed to settle more on the move today.

2nd – Flintoft's **Boxania Make Me Smile** Another classy bitch from this kennel. She is nicely made with a square outline, neck of ample length, good forechest and deep brisket, level topline and good tail placement.

Limit Bitch (3)

1st – Jones & Charles **Charlons Viva La Diva** A smart upstanding bitch of good station. She has a nice clean head with dark eye and super expression. Her outline is captivating and she moved out with style and presence. I'm sure she will be in the upper house in the near future.

2nd – Pynegar's **Kajobox Boom Boom Pow at Berwynfa** A nice cobby dark brindle bitch who, in profile, has a lovely forehead of chest. She has a feminine head with melting expression. Excellent width of thigh, a level topline that she maintained on her positive, driving movement. Could easily swap places with the class winner on another day.

Open Bitch (6,3abs)

1st – Carter & Carter's **Ch Susancar Celia Deal** This bitch has been admired by many! Having the opportunity to go over her at close quarters I found a lovely feminine head with a melting expression that is balanced and in harmony with her shapely body. She has ample forehead of chest, lovely crested neck, level topline bang on tailset, good width to her shapely thighs and nice tight cat feet.

When alert, her expression becomes even more desirable. She moves accurately, steadily and with drive and purpose. I was delighted to award her the **Bitch CC and Best in Show**. Well deserved.

2nd – Pearce & Francis' **Longsdale Follow That Dream** Another quality, square bitch with a pleasing head that was balanced with good width and depth. Good stop and rise of skull, nice dark eye. Good depth of chest and firm topline. Moved out well with her talented handler.

Veteran Bitch (1)

1st – Mastaglio's **Alexval Dance in the Moonlight** This 8 year old red bitch has a pretty head with just the right amount of greyness to confirm her age. Her eye is dark and she has a lovely expression. She still has a pleasing outline without exaggeration. She moved out hesitantly with her replacement handler but settled enough for me to assess.

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