

## The Northern Boxer Club - 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Always an honour to be invited to judge at a club show and today was certainly no exception. Congratulations to the Secretary and Committee for such a lovely smoothly run event. My stewards did a sterling job, thank you. I have to say the catering was excellent and appreciated. Always a pleasure to be among Boxer folk, I had such an enjoyable day, the venue was just right and the atmosphere happy.

I was more than pleased with my entry and the overall quality. I was, however, a little concerned by a few that were too short in muzzle. Shoulders were occasionally a little too steep resulting in stuffy necks and a few lacked length of leg spoiling balance somewhat. Temperaments were excellent as was general condition. Mouths were generally good with only a few with particularly small teeth. Movement always varies but no dogs were lame. Some superb specimens were on view and by the end of the day my impressions were positive and I felt this lovely breed was in safe hands. Thank you for your entries.

### Dogs

MP(9,1abs) 1<sup>st</sup> Brough, Cairns & Murray Galicar Investigating with Limubox, promising prospect, brindle who projected a square outline and has a very well constructed frame, his balanced head is developing as one would wish, well placed dark eye, arched neck flows smoothly into shoulders, parallel front carries strong bone and neat feet, gentle slope to topline with good set on and useful hindquarters, moved well. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mair Glenauld Stroller, also promising and pleased for breed type, head well laid out, dark eye, defined stop and ears well appointed, ample bone, tight feet, just favoured leg length of 1 today, shape to ribcage which is carried well back, defined withers with topline and tail set to suit, well fashioned hindquarters and a sound mover. 3<sup>rd</sup> Palmer Palerty Ticket to Ride.

P(11,1) 1<sup>st</sup> Mair Glenauld Geordie Shore, wow, what a joy this brindle is to go over, compact with superb bearing, loved his outline, his head is well proportioned, dark eye could be a little tighter to be picky, arched muscular neck, shape to body with gently sloping topline and short firm loin, well constructed hindquarters and correct hocks, a purposeful mover, shown in excellent condition, BPD & BPIS. 2<sup>nd</sup> Littlewood & Bowler Olleyville James Dean, masculine lad, a very promising brindle, good head ratio with well padded muzzle, defined stop and dark expressive eye, shoulders well placed and supported on strongly boned parallel limbs with neat feet, depth to brisket, sprung ribcage and firm topline, just preferred shorter loin of 1 today, moved sensibly when settled. 3<sup>rd</sup> McCarthy & Gethin Koppernox Film Star.

J(3) 1<sup>st</sup> Miller Walkon Big Star, all of a piece with a noble bearing, excellent outline, he is harmonious, muscular and shown in stunning condition, clean head with padded muzzle, defined stop and some shape to skull, cleanest of arched necks flow smoothly into firm topline with strong loin and gentle slope to croup, well shaped hindquarters, can improve a tad coming back but his profile movement and deportment are a joy. 2<sup>nd</sup> Johnson Frankolina Goldfinger at Sonshoby, close up, this shapely brindle is well coupled and carries strong bone, clean neck and shoulders with deep brisket, good underline, sprung ribcage and decent topline, muscular hindquarters with good turn of stifle, shown in lovely condition. 3<sup>rd</sup> Lafferty Jackintabox Harlequin.

Y(6) 1<sup>st</sup> Mair Glenauld Valegro, tidy brindle being square in outline with bearing of importance, I liked his head properties generally but would change one aspect maybe, he has the cleanest of fronts, quality bone and feet, topline and hindquarters enhanced profile, moved true and shown in lovely condition. 2<sup>nd</sup> Brough & Murray Limubox Fool O'Scotch, typy headpiece, just preferred muzzle of 1 today, decent stop and skull, clean neck and forehead, developed chest, strong straight bone with gentle slope to pastern and correct feet, shape to ribcage and developed short loin, useful hindquarters and action. 3<sup>rd</sup> Davis Bricliff Prince Charming.

N(4,1) 1<sup>st</sup> Beardsell & Van-Beck Newlaithe Diddle, 13mo brindle displaying considerable quality, head with correct ration enhanced by correct attributes, sloping shoulders into sound limbs and feet,

defined withers, straight, gently sloping topline with firm loin, used himself to advantage when required to move, shown in excellent nick. 2<sup>nd</sup> Rashleigh & Richards Kanto Del Tajoat Stormefex, well grown fawn, balanced headpiece developing, would prefer tidier feet, ribcage with spring and carried well back, developed loin, just enough definition to hindquarters, moved steady. 3<sup>rd</sup> Gee & Walken Kentixen He's A Dazzler.

D(1,1) 1<sup>st</sup> Tonkin & Pellow Rosanyos Erre Ocho, well grown 8mo brindle lad from MP, head developing well and carried proudly on a gently arched reachy neck, shoulders reasonably placed and supported on strong bone and tight feet, well ribbed back, firm topline, loin could be a tad shorter, enough angulation to hindquarters, moved steady.

G(3,1) 1<sup>st</sup> Littlewood & Bowler Olleyville Stanley Man, upstanding masculine brindle, 27 months with a clean well proportioned head, developed forehead and strong straight limbs, depth to brisket, pleasing underline, good topline and tailset, muscular hindquarters with good turn of stifle, moved reasonably. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hobson Allerz Russian Gold for Nickerbox, brindle lad of smaller build but so well put together and presenting a classy outline, he was sound enough but not 100% happy.

PG(10,2) 1<sup>st</sup> Kelly Casemates Gandalf, typy brindle, loved his silhouette and bearing, he was presented in good muscular condition, his head is well laid out with lovely eye and appealing expression, defined stop and correct well placed ears, his front assembly is well appointed and supported by strong straight bone, discernible withers into gently sloping topline, shapely hindquarters are well muscled and he moved with purpose. 2<sup>nd</sup> Johnson & Madin Farvalley Snoshone via Sonshoby, upstanding brindle with worthy headpiece, clean front assembly, sound limbs and strong bone, well coupled with enough turn to stifle, shown in good nick. 3<sup>rd</sup> Brooks Jimmy Choo at Jinnybrux.

L(14,2) 1<sup>st</sup> Mcardle Wildax Lookin Good at McArmadale, quality brindle, he is masculine, square in outline and carries a beautiful head and attributes, his forehead is spot on, body with shape but not overdone, slope to topline, well muscled and developed hindquarters, toed in a touch but sound with good reach and proud carriage in profile, shown to advantage.

2<sup>nd</sup> Hyde Stothard Pure Didly Dokely, this brindle lad, shown on a loose lead really took my eye, beautiful in outline with a head to compliment, very well balanced and sound, he conveyed impressive carriage but somehow did not seem motivated, in super condition and a really worthy representative. 3<sup>rd</sup> Morison Jobaran Marathon Man to Xandene.

O(6) 1<sup>st</sup> Griffiths Ch Lanfrese Ocolardo, this all male lad conveys total harmony, upstanding with nobility yet without a hint of coarseness, a couple of points one might change but I felt he conveyed the breed standard so well and has just about everything I could wish for in this lovely breed, beautifully proportioned and in excellent muscular condition, he commanded the ring and holds himself with pride, moving in profile conveys power with purposeful reach and drive, a privilege to go over, CC and RBIS on referees decision. 2<sup>nd</sup> Parker & Martin Ch Olleyville Otherston Lad, another of outstanding quality, these two lads looked great together, beautifully made, powerful well built frame and that bearing that is so Boxer, shown in tip top form and a real joy to behold, RCC. 3<sup>rd</sup> Kelly Ch Casemates Dumbledore.

V(7,3) 1<sup>st</sup> Griffiths & Miller Ch Walkon Okay Dokay with Lanfrese, wow, what can one say, 8yo and a serious contender for the top award, powerful frame, totally honest with clean lines, square in outline and strong bone, muscular crested neck carries his clean well balanced head with pride, he has an appealing expression and is a credit to his owner, shown in superb condition, BVIS.

2<sup>nd</sup> Higgs, Reid & Bunyan Macwatt He's Charming, 10yo fawn with a quality headpiece, reach to neck into defined withers, pleasing forehead and strong parallel bone, straight back with gentle slope, muscular hindquarters with good turn of stifle, moved soundly and smartly, shown in good form. 3<sup>rd</sup> Beardsell, Van-Beck & Welch Newlathethe Trojan for Treju.

Stuart J Mallard (Judge)