

The Northern Boxer Club 72nd Championship Show

Sunday 10th April 2022

Bitches - Janelle W Robbins

Thank you to the Committee and Executives of The Northern Boxer Club for the appointment. Congratulations on your 72nd show. The venue was bright and airy. Eileen, my co judge, and I had the excellent hospitality of Trevor and the committee. Julie, my steward, was fantastic and made it a delightful day.

As we see, entries are dropping across all breeds in recent years, so I was pleased for The Northern BC they exceeded the 100 entries mark. The current fuel shortage challenged me to find fuel to make the journey. I even contemplated driving the new electric that far, but luckily, I found enough diesel with Eileen and me carpooling from Peterborough.

It is always exciting and delightful to judge Boxers, my breed for more than 50 years. Over the years, we, as enthusiasts, have seen the breed wax and wane under 'fashions' and 'styles'. Today, those shown were a group of bitches that had a very consistent type and more importantly, I did not see any health issues, and their overall condition and presentation were excellent. Surprisingly, the ring has flooded with brindles rather than reds since my teenage years. Don't misjudge me here, I have no 'colour bias', but I was slightly chuffed to see both the DCC and BCC were reds. It was be sometime since I've seen two reds take the tickets on the day.

My only gripes; I saw far too many bitches toeing in at the front, and the adage 'mouths' could be better. Having said that about mouths, I'm pleased to say I didn't see any teeth showing with mouths closed and lip placement was good across the group. I would prefer to see more having a wider jaw and ensuring teeth are not too small.

Best in Show, Challenge Bitch - Ch Susancar Sheila Spire
Res Challenge Bitch - Sunhawk Norwatch Lets Dance at Lanfrese
Best Puppy in Show, Best Puppy Bitch - Norwilbeck Bellchime Zara

Class 11: Minor Puppy Bitch - 2 entries

1st Norwilbeck Bellchime Zara owners, S Huckerby and G Dowell, was also BPIS

8mths old Brindle and white bitch. From the minute this stylish puppy entered the ring, until the moment she was awarded Puppy in Show, she gave her heart to showing. Feminine and fabulous in character. A square shaped with excellent back and tail set. A strong crest of neck to uphold a gorgeous head with correct expression, well placed and expressive eyes, very good stop and muzzle. Body correct and firm for age. On the move very neat and tidy with her short hocks. Great movement even at this age obvious power from such a little lady. I pulled this puppy into my 'cc' short list. I think if she continues to mature as she is made today, she will have a very bright future.

2nd Lanfrese Cashel, owner Griffiths

8mths old, brindle and white bitch. Another very stylish puppy and so much to like about her. Correct square shape and correct top line and neck. Clean skull, with excellent eye and correct ears, combined to give a lovely expression. Well balanced angulation and very tidy movement, excellent bone and feet. Another little star in the making, and it was very difficult to split these two minor puppies.

Class 12: Puppy Bitch – 10 entries 5 absent

1st Taranut Talented at Limubox, owners Brough & Cairns

10mths old Brindle and White bitch. This young bitch has lots to love, a dark eye and correct expression. Correct square shape with a short back and good angulation. Well set neck and shoulders, correct bone and lovely tight feet. Correct skull but still developing in muzzle/bite. Moved correctly when she settled. Fully of character.

2nd Miofrey Shooting Star owner Kay

10mths old Dark brindle and White Bitch. Strong topline and correct outline. Very feminine. Very balanced fore and rear with correct movement towards and going away correct and enough drive for age. A correct skull but could do with more muzzle and padding under eye. Was not as developed and as well set as 1st place on the day.

3rd Berwynfa Que Sera Sera

Res Newlaithe Wannabe Famous

VHC Northern Princess

Class 13: Junior Bitch – 5 entries

1st Sulez Smasher, owners Drinkwater

13mths old Brindle and white bitch. Another of my shortlisted bitches in the cc. Full of style and confidence from the movement she entered the ring. A stylish brindle with white marking, correct square outline, with elegance and substance. Correct top line, neck to tail. Expression correct with beautiful eyes, and flat cheeks. Excellent bone and super tight feet. Strong movement in rear and correct in front, angulation at front correct, but would like the handler not to over stretch on the stack, as standing natural this bitch is well square and balanced.

2nd Twist N Pulse at Berwynfa, owner Loasby

15mths old Very dark Brindle and White Bitch. A young light built female, correct top line and lovely long neck and correct tail set. Very dark eye and very good expression, pleasing muzzle and chin and over all correct head. Angulation correct with short hocks and good clean movement. I would like to see a little more fill out overall on body.

3rd Boxatiel Raven Black

Res Arkeney Burns Night at Mableton

Class 14: Yearling Bitch – 6 entries 1 absent

1st Nashville at Newlaithe, owner Beardsell & Van Beck

23mths old on the day, Brindle and White Bitch. A young feminine bitch with lots to like, and has a strong-willed character. Correct head, with a pleasing dark eye, correct muzzle, excellent mouth and good chin. Correct neck and top line, excellent over the croup. Correct angulation, movement was clean and tidy towards and but she gave her handler some trouble to settle down in the movement and messed about in rear. This is nothing that a little more practice and outings will address. Still a very stylish square girl with lots of potential.

2nd Cutting Edge at Berwynfa, owner Pynegar

15mths old Brindle and White Bitch. Upstanding, handled excellently. Correct shape and a very good top line and very good angulation. Movement was excellent, powerful rear end. Head good, correct ears and correct eye shape and colour. I would prefer more in the muzzle, under the eye to improve the overall expression.

3rd Jeddhi Firefly

Res Uftonponds Maid by the Lock at Ashronsha

VHC Vaneck Riesling Silvaner

Class 15: Novice Bitch – 6 entries

1st Carkennar Shooting Star over Glenauld, owner Mair

13mths old, Brindle and White Bitch. Excellent square shape with correct head, eyes and ears gave a sweet expression, good well-padded muzzle. Correct bone and excellent movement true and straight in front. Very impressive held top line well. Still room to mature, excellently handled and I believe will show even better if given opportunity of a larger ring.

2nd Tag team at Limubox, owner Brough & Cairns

22mths old. An upstanding young bitch, with very typical and feminine head, very good expression. Correct top line with balance angulation in front and rear. Moved well very clean in the front and a good tidy rear. Lots of character. Still room for maturing, looking a little light on today.

3rd Shellark Rule the World

Res Sashbob Sexy and I Know It

Class 16: Graduate Bitch – 6 entries, 2 absent

1st Sunhawk Norwatch Lets Dance at Lanfrese, owned by Griffiths, was RBCC

26mths old Brindle and White Bitch. Fabulous outline, excellent movement, and correct head and expression made it easy to award this bitch the rcc. Feminine with substance. Correct eye shape, colour, well set ears. Correct stop, well-padded muzzle with lips and excellent chin. With a fabulous square body and short back, correct angulation in from with a clean shoulder and strong muscled rear with well let down hocks. She carried the right amount of bone and substance and moved well pushing hard for the cc.

2nd Flyingfox Flyinghigh for Uftonponds, owner Crooks

3yrs, 8mths old. Solid bitch with excellent top line but a little longer than in the body than 1st place. Correct head, correct muzzle and wide jaw. Good front movement, excellent behind, strong rear movement with excellent bone and feet. Great temperament and character. Well-presented and well handled.

3rd Birleyvale Bellisario

Res Newlaithe on Diddle

Class 17: Post Graduate -5 entries, 1 absent

1st Manic Picture This for Daervlish, owner Huggins

2yrs & 8mths old Dark brindle and White Bitch. Excellent square shape and outline. Dark expressive eye, correctly set ear, very good muzzle and nose. Correct angulation in front, good chest and well-muscled rear end. Clean front and back, and good reach and drive. Would prefer more ribbing back, though she has a square shape and holds top line on move. Overall excellent quality female.

2nd Lanfrese Coachella for Chribanna, owner Humphries

2yrs 8mths old, very dark brindle bitch. Correct size, good top line with correct neck and shoulders. Correct head with excellent expression, a dark eye and well-set ear, set off with a well-padded muzzle and excellent mouth. Size profile held top line well on move, good in rear and excellent in front. Very good bone and feet. Handled and presented well.

3rd Sat'elit Box Fantasy (imp)

Res Arkeney Astra

Class 18: Limit Bitch – 10 entries, 3 absent

1st Maranseen Infatuation at Berwynfa owner Pynegar

20mths old. Brindle and White Bitch. Fantastic crested neck holding a very good head with correct eye and expression. Correct muzzle, wide mouth and padded muzzle. Correct topline, good angulation, substance in body, bone, and feet. Movements correct, presented and shown well.

2nd Sunhawk Norwatch Lovelace at Jeddhi – owners McCarthy, Gething, Banks.

3yrs old. Brindle and White Bitch. Stylish with excellent top line. A strong and substance but still has a feminine feel. Correct head and very attentive expression, very responsive to handler. Very dark expressive eyes, correct muzzle excellent wide jaw. Excellent bone and feet. Correct angulation and good movement. Just less square as the 1st place otherwise excellent.

3rd Norwilbeck Bellchime Love Heart

Res Finity Time to Shine with Sherbin

VHC Burden Agent Provocateur

Class 19: Open Bitch – 5 entries

1st Ch Susancar Sheila Spire, owner S&S Carter Was also BCC/BIS

2yrs and 7mths on the day. Dark deer red Bitch. From the moment she entered the ring, I was overwhelmed by how lovely both her outline and condition was. As the standard calls for here was a bitch medium-sized, square build, strong bone and evident, well-developed muscles. She had just the right temperament, working in harmony with the handler, and holding a calm and yet commanding presence in the ring. The head is classic, with a correct skull, and dark lively and expressive eyes with ears set high and wide neatly in place. Correct muzzle, right amount of padding, and lips well covering

a superb mouth. The top line was super strong and muscled, the neck elegant with well arched crest to hold the head, no dewlap. The shoulders long and sloping and rear had good angulation correct not overdone either end, muscled but not loaded. The movement was true and clean in front, strong and ground covering well behind. Asking her to stand naturally, she kept perfect shape not having to be touched by the handler.

2nd Ch Susancar Celia Deal owner S&S Carter

2yrs and 7mths on the day Dark Brindle and White Bitch. This was a glorious model of a Brindle bitch in outline and movement. The striking head and dark but kind eye, and correct muzzle and mouth. An elegant neck, distinctly marked nape, into well-muscled shoulders, a strong back, and correct tail set. Angulations correct and muscled but not overloaded, short pasterns. Front movement was clean, strong rear and short hock. She responded to her handler without a foot out of place but was looking not as energetic, a little tired. For me only pipped because I preferred the performance of her sister the 1st place on the day.

3rd Ch Vandenrob Vanessa via Glenauld JW

4th Ch Longsdale Follow that Dream

VHC Daervlish Elevation JW

Class 20: Veteran Bitch – 5 entries, 3 absent

1st Sunvalley Touching Wood with Tyslee owner Clayforth

Just under 8 years old. Brindle and White Bitch, was also BVIS. In great condition for age, handled well. Still holding her topline, she has a lovely head and very good expression. Movement in front lets her down but she was clean and strong in rear.

2nd Miofrey Morning Glory

Just under 8 years old. Still showing good bone and condition, she has a clean head, lovely dark eyes, the expression would improve if the ears sat better. Good neck and very good bone and feet which she put to the test moving very well,