My thanks to the officers & committee of the NBC for the invitation to judge their breed open show, such a welcoming club creating a friendly warm atmosphere & to all the exhibitors who stayed the full day, accepting my decisions based on the day's performances. The dogs shown today were of a good quality & temperament, allowing ease of movement both in & outside of the show ring, as we all know stewards have a busy day so having Liz Shears guiding the classes throughout the day was a tremendous help for everyone, once again a big thank you for your support.

Minor Puppy Dog. 3 (1).

1st. Walker's TWEEDBOX FULL MONTY - Flashy dark brindle boy of just 7 months, nice in profile with good head & pigmentation, evident forechest, good tight feet. Well angulated both front & rear, moving well when settled,

2nd. Ratcliffe's NEWLAITHE DREAM DRAGON - Tidy red coated 8 month old youngster, good dentition for his age with correct bite. Nice dark eye with typical cheeky expression, adequate angulation at front, kept his handler busy whilst on the move, preferred the schooling of 1 on the day.

Puppy Dog. 1.

1st. Carter's AARON DAYVUE WITH SUSANCAR - Another well constructed youngster, 8 month old red male with a correctly proportioned head, nice dentition & bite. Up on his toes & with good angulation moved well, slightly leggy at the moment as you would expect for his age but everything is there ready for his future maturity, handled well for his win.

Junior Dog. 6 (2).

1st. Mackay's STELLVANA ONE DIRECTION TO CALJAN - Eye catching young red male, powerful build & super in profile. Well boned with evident forechest, nicely proportioned head with correct bite, nicely crested neckline, good front & rear angulation, maintained his topline on the move with effortless drive, well handled for a deserved class win.

2nd. Mullis's IDLEFORD CRACKERJACK - Very unlucky to meet 1 on top form today, flashy dark brindle dog of almost 14 months, good head with nice dentition, correct ear placement & crested neck. Well angulated front complimenting this boys profile. Handled well, held his posture whilst on the move showing drive & composure, well done.

Yearling Dog. 2.

1st. Copeland's KRONOS FRANKIE KNUCKLES - Flashy dark brindle youngster shown in top condition, very well presented & handled. Good head proportions, nicely padded muzzle & correct bite giving a typical boxer look, strong forechest, straight well boned legs & tight feet, good front & rear angulation showing drive & balance when on the move.

2nd. Flintoft's BOXANIA FIRE BUG – Smart red male entering his maturity with style, well muscled front showing good forechest & shoulder placement, good head proportions, nicely angulated quarters & level topline, moved well for his handler but preferred the overall composure of 1.

Novice Dog. 0.

Post Graduate Dog. 9 (1).

1st. Payne's BOXANIA SPICE INNOVATION AT BIRLEYVALE – Strongest class of the day saw this 3 year old flashy dark brindle take top honours, eye catching male with powerful build, correct head, muzzle padding & bite, evident forechest, good lay of shoulder, straight well boned front legs & up on his toes. At the rear, good angulation & coupling length provided the super drive motion this boy's handler shows off superbly. Delighted to award him the class win, Best Dog & Best in Show, very well done.

2nd. Mullis's IDLEFORD PRIME SUSPECT JW – Another dark brindle male of quality, nicely angulated & shown in top condition. Good head, correct bite, dark eye with kind expression. Well muscled quarters, moved with drive & purpose, well handled.

Limit Dog. 1.

1st. Beardsell, Van-Beck & Fielding's NEWLAITHE THE FUGITIVE – Classy dark brindle boy of just 3 years, muscular build, evident chest, up on his toes showing off his powerful front. Good head & ear set leading to a well crested neck & straight topline. Nicely angulated rear & correct tail set, moved with ease & handled extremely well to show off his attributes.

Open Dog. 2 (1).

1st. Welch's NEWLAITHE TROJAN FOR TREJU – Substantial red male of just over 5 years, nice head proportions with well padded muzzle, good dentition & dark eye. Powerful build & superb muscle tone, well angulated quarters giving strong drive but just needed a few extra yards to get into his stride, well handled & although he stood alone deserved his win & place in the challenge.

Veteran Dog / Bitch. 2 (1).

1st. Greaves's BARBAROSSA BLADE RUNNER – This 10 year old really enjoyed his day, dark brindle quality male, nice head still with good dentition, good forechest with correct angulation & shoulder placement, moved & handled well, a pleasure to judge & award him Best Veteran. Well done.

Minor Puppy Bitch. 6. (2).

1^{st.} Greaves's KOPPERNOX OTILLIA AT BARBAROSSA – Very feminine young dark brindle puppy, nice head proportions with good bite, correct ear placement & cheeky expression. Constructed well & moved with drive, pleased to see her at one with handler for such a youngster.

2nd. Beardsell, Van-Beck & Welch's NEWLAITHE MILLION TO ONE AT TREJU – Elegant red bitch very much a baby, beautiful expressive head, nicely angulated with adequate muscle tone & very nice movement. Her rhythm upset by background noise just took that edge away she needed to win her class.

Puppy Bitch. 2.

1st. Humphries's MELOMIGS RAVENOUS RUBY FOR CHRIBANNA – Another quality red youngster of just 10 months, good head with nice ear set & crested neck, good dentition & bite, a super expression with dark eye captures your attention. Stood well in profile, good angulation & proportion allowing handler to move her easily without any complications, my pleasure to award the her the class, Best Puppy Bitch & Best Puppy in Show, well done both.

 2^{nd} . Beardsell & Van-Beck's NEWLAITHE GINGERNUT – 10 month old red bitch, very elegant, square build with good angulation, good head with correct bite, spot on tail set & muscular quarters, moved well & pushed 1 all the way for top spot today.

Junior Bitch. 4. (2)

 1^{st} . Nunns's Petite Pearl Diamond – 13 month brindle bitch, nice in profile with good head, well padded muzzle & dark eye, adequate angulation with level topline, a little unsteady on the move but handled well.

2nd. King's Conner's little Surprise – Another brindle bitch with much the same attributes as 1, good angulation, well muscled rear quarters & correct length of coupling. Moved with drive but a little distracted by her surroundings.

Yearling Bitch. 3. (2)

1st. Woolliss's BOXANIA JITTERBUG WITH RAMELEON – Mature 18 month old flashy dark brindle girl showing well for her handler, well padded muzzle, correct ear placement & dark eye. Nicely crested neck with level topline, well angulated both front & rear moving easily around the ring. Stood alone but deserved her place in the challenge, well done both.

Novice Bitch. 8. (3)

1st. Lott's BRITESPARKE LUNA MOONBUG - A quality red bitch 2 ½ years of age shown in very good condition, well muscled with correct angulation & shoulder placement. Good head proportion, nicely padded muzzle with correct bite. Moved & handled well, deserved her award, well done.

2nd. Watson & Crooks's ALLERZ BLACKPEARL AT ROYLARK – Still very much a baby but so elegant, dark brindle with a super head, good pigmentation, dark eye with inquisitive expression, good dentition. front & rear angulation developing nicely, correct coupling & tail set, moved well.

Post Graduate Bitch. 8. (3)

1st. Clayforth's SUNVALLEY TOUCHING WOOD WITH TYSLEE – Flashy brindle girl 2 ½ years of age & such an absolute pleasure to judge, superb in profile with typical boxer attributes, correct head proportions, good dentition, nice forechest, good lay of shoulder with crested neck, angulated topline & correct coupling, overall these points add up to a very well constructed bitch. Handled well as usual & my pleasure to award both the class win, Best Bitch & Reserve Best in Show, well done.

2nd. Mackay's CALJAN ZOLI DIAMOND – Mature 4 year old flashy dark brindle bitch very unlucky to meet 1 on top form today, muscular build & a stunning profile, beautiful head, correct front & rear angulation, good shoulder placement, well angulated & with powerful rear quarters, moved & handled well, another day could easily see a reversal of awards, well done both.

Limit Bitch. 6. (2)

1st. Flintoft's BOXANIA SPICE INSPIRATION – Well balanced 3 year old bark brindle girl showing well for her handler, nice head, well padded muzzle with correct bite, good shoulder placement & well angulated quarters. Correct tail set & coupling added to her lovely profile.

2nd. Copeland's KRONOS STELLA BONESERA – Mature & elegant 4 year old brindle, well schooled & shown in top condition. Nicely angulated both front & rear, correct head, crested neck with a good topline, powerful rear quarters allowing handler to move quickly with drive, well done.

Open Bitch. 1.

1st. Beardsell & Van-Beck's MAGIC WAND OVER NEWLAITHE – Almost 7 years of age but such a nice dark brindle bitch of outstanding quality. Good head with padded muzzle & nice dentition, crested neckline with level topline, angulated quarters & evident flank, moved & handled well for her award, well done.

Judge.

Martin Esders – Roxiga.