

DEERHOUNDS –

Thank you to all the committee members at Hitchin, for inviting me to judge at their show. I appreciated all their hard work after the printing error in the schedule & their requests to the kennel club to keep my appointment. I had a really enjoyable day in such a beautiful setting & huge thanks to my steward who did such an expert job.

I was delighted with my entry & thank you to all the exhibitors who gave me the privilege of judging their hounds. I was pleased to find that width to hindquarters had improved & no light eyes. Feet need to improve as some are flatter. Some hounds found the small ring & the menage surface a little uncustomary. I had to make some challenging decisions to find my winners.

J (3,1a) 1 DeBolla's Regalflight Falon, 9 months old dog. Strong youngster, masculine head with dark eye. Well placed shoulder good width & depth to chest on one so young, with good spring of rib. Wide strong hindquarters, good bend of stifle & low set hocks. I would have preferred tighter feet. Moved out with drive holding topline. BP;
2 Spring-Arnald's Chuilinn Bellina, 8 months old bitch. Pretty feminine bitch with the sweetest head & expression, small neat ears full of quality. Good width & tight feet. Correct shoulder placement. Correct coat & good width hindquarters. She pushed my winner so hard but just lost out on movement. A lovely future prospect.

PG (4,1) 1 Wheeler's Regal Flight Pemba, 2 years old bitch. Classic head with dark pigmentation. Well placed shoulder plenty of width to front & hindquarters. Coarse coat. Length from hip to low set hocks. Prefer tighter feet. Needs to fill out which should occur with maturity. Movement appeared effortless across the menage surface in such a small ring. Pleased to award her BOB;

2 Seymour-Jackson's Cassacre Aelfrida of Ghiltan, more mature bitch than my winner. Feminine head & expression with dark eye. Good width front & rear. Correct coat & flowing lines in profile. Little weak in pasterns, moved out with drive but harder to assess over surface as she constantly looked for her owner in the small ring. Placements could easily change on another day;
3 Samways' Cassacre Aethelgild.

O (2,1) 1 C Aelgyth, stood alone in this class. Classic head very feminine & lovely dark eye. Depth to chest & good front. Would have preferred more width & muscle but she had a lovely flowing outline in good coat. Low set hocks & she held her topline on the move. Challenged so hard for BOB but I was delighted to award her RBOB.

GLYNIS PINK