

Hitchin & District Canine Society open show
Sunday 19th October 2014

Judge Poppie Jaconelli

I'd like to thank the committee for the invitation to judge at this lovely show. Also to all the exhibitors who entered under me it was a pleasure to judge each class and thoroughly enjoyed my day.

Irish Setter

Junior

Entries 2 absentee's 1

1st Harris' Heathclare enduring hope. 15 month old bitch. Pretty head, lovely sweet expression coming from a nice dark eye. Pleasing depth and spring of rib on this youngster. Reasonable amount of coat, which was rich in colour and well conditioned, hopefully it will come down with maturity. Moved ok just needs to tighten up on her front movement.

Post Graduate

Entries 3 absentee's 0

1st Harris' Heathclare moonlight magic. 2 year old bitch. Again another v. pretty expression. Enough bone for a bitch, with well placed free elbows without being loose. Moved driving from the back and extending well. Needs time to mature.

2nd Ashley-Turner's Glenlaine McLaren. 3 year old dog. This dog overall was more matured than 1, reasonable coat. Fantastic depth of chest. Balanced throughout. Fine head with eyes perhaps lighter than I desired. Lost out moving today. Didn't seem to really let himself move out.

3rd Fox's Millcroft bubbling moon.

Open

Entries 2 absentee's 0

1st Fox's Settaside Jelly Bean. 6 year old bitch. Well balanced bitch, plenty of forechest. Fine head, dark eye. Moving steady with drive, made me smile seeing the mischief as this girl showed off her character. Real substance to this bitch without losing any of her feminine qualities. Solid topline standing and on the move. Pleasing thigh and reasonable bend of stifle. BOB

2nd Ashley-Turner's Baibreeze Fred Astaire ShCM. 10 year old dog. WOW so nice

to see this old gent really enjoying himself. Pleasing angulation particularly strong stifle. Really well bodied with plenty of bone and good tail set. No denying this dog of being masculine. Didn't move with as much ease as 1, but steady nonetheless.
RBOB

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Junior handling association

6-11 years

Entries 5 absentee's 2

I was thrilled with the enthusiasm and enjoyment all these young handlers showed today. Both 1 & 2 remaining calm and collected throughout. I found it difficult to spilt them and Im sure they would change positions on another day. It was obvious they both understood what is asked of a junior handler.

1st Sophie Bell (10) handling a Hungarian Vizsla. What a neat young handler. Showed her dog without fuss with straight lines I couldn't fault. Stacked her dog with the minimal moves necessary. Lovely gentle handler throughout showing the teeth with ease.

2nd Abby Webb (11) handling a Tibetan Terrier. I've seen this young handler before and I' thrilled with how she has progressed. Again minimal moves when stacking and lovely neat display of teeth. Lost out today as lines were slightly off going away and returning to me.

12-16 years

Entries 5 absentee's 1

1st Robyn Arnall (14)

2nd Georgia Brown (14)

Again I really struggled to spilt 1 & 2. Both neat, simple handlers. Nothing was over-done and I really enjoyed judging this class. Understood that displaying the dog to it's best is important.

Both these young ladies stacked their dogs in a prompt and precise manner. I couldn't fault the pattern work demonstrated, set off from exactly where I had placed myself and ensuring the dog maintained in a central view for me. They both left plenty of room between the dog and I. Both showed teeth without fuss in a gentle manner. 2 lost out today on her last stack, one of the front feet was ever so slightly out of line.

However I know this was a minor fault in her spotless performance.

Adult handling

17-35 years

Entries 8 absentee's 4

1st Kyle Adams handling a Pointer. I've seen Kyle handle a few other times but wow was I impressed today. I cannot fault him today at all. Fantastic to see such faultless lines with a fast moving dog. Everything was clean, precise and perfectly done. Absolutely pleasure to be able to judge this handler. Really set the standards high for this class.

2nd Lauren Skipsey, cavalier king charles spaniel. Another neat handler. Clear display of teeth and a pleasure to see a handler having a really enjoyable time in the class. Set off perfectly and maintained the straight lines, stacked promptly just twice legs were slightly out. Didn't seem as confident as 1 today.

36 years & over

Entries 15 absentee's 8

1st Amanda Brooksmith, Pointer. The standard in this class really did vary and this handler stood out and really did show like a professional. Nothing I could fault, and it was wonderful to see the dog getting such praise for performing the job. Made showing a dog look easy.

2nd Jayne Brownlow, Beagle. Such a gentle, kind handler. The basic principles of handler are clearly understood and pattern work was correct throughout and lines where almost spot on. Just need to tidy up when stacking ensuring little fuss and perfect placement first time round.