

Hitchin and District Canine Society

Open Show 18th October 2015

An excellent days judging three breeds all with quality present. Delighted to see my winners take groups 1, 3 & 4 & my Elkhound puppy take PG2 behind a Basenji puppy I had given BOB to only a few weeks previously.

BEAGLES – J (6) 1 **Vickers & Mead's Rosroden Cherry Kisses**, quality tri bitch with a feminine head, kind expression & loving every minute of being in the ring. Balanced skull proportions & good eye shape. Good shoulder placement with correct length of upper arm & sufficient bone. There is no doubting this was a bitch & good for size & substance. Excellent topline & the strongest rear in the class. Good feet. An excellent example of the breed who offered balance in conformation & movement with nothing overdone or coarse about her. She just did not stop showing. Happy to award BOB & delighted to see her go on to win **G1**; 2 **Stoddard & Spavin's Dialynne Cover Story**, young male & another with a balanced outline. Masculine head however preferred the expression of the winner. Strong front construction & good feet. Enough depth of chest & brisket. Good topline & tailset. Another with strong backend. Plenty to like just did not have the personality of the winner; 3 **Tofts' Jarrowley Devonport. BP.**

PG (1) 1 **Leader's Rosrodens Aphrodite**, a compact bitch who I would just like a touch more depth to her brisket. Good head & eye shape giving a feminine presence & appealing expression. Good length of neck. OK front although would just like it slightly tighter to the elbows. Good topline & feet. Moved soundly in profile & up & back, an honest bitch with plenty of good points.

O (3) 1 **Toft's Jarrowley Dazzle**, tri bitch with a good head & kind expression & good length of neck. Well placed shoulders & good topline. Would like just a touch more depth of chest. Well muscled & moved soundly coming & going & in profile. An interesting bitch to judge as on her show side she has a long white mark down her neck & back which gives an optical illusion she is longer than she is however she is certainly compact & of good size & balance. Another with a great deal to like however not quite the quality of the Junior winner. RBOB; 2 **Longman's Chatoyant Berenice**, tri bitch of a different type to my winner. Feminine head however would just like a touch more cushioning on her muzzle as tending towards snipey. Good length of neck & front construction & good feet. Lovely topline & presented in solid muscle. Moved soundly & more than capable of a day working; 3 **Stoddard's Tarnry Florance at Poppyville.**

ELKHOUNDS – J (1) 1 **Callow's Whittimere Interlagos**, 8 month bitch puppy with a good wedge shaped head & nice eye shape. Strong jaws. Balanced front construction with sufficient bone for her age. Good topline & depth of chest. Excellent tail & moderately bent stifle. Her feet just need to tighten up. A promising puppy who just needs to come together in movement however showed well with bold personality. **BP** & delighted to see take **PG2**.

L (2,1) 1 **Mortimer's Laakso Alyssa**, 18 month old bitch who was well out of coat today. Strong head & good underjaw. Good eye shape & ears. Good length of neck, OK front construction, good feet. Nice topline & good tail. Strong rear. Despite being out of coat this is a well marked bitch with the harness markings present. Presented in good muscle & moved soundly.

O (3,1) 1 **Moughton & Wolstenholme's Ch Bowerhinton Bellino at Dekris**, quality male with a masculine head & excellent expression. Good eye shape & strong jaw. Good length of neck, strong front construction with plenty of bone. Good feet. Excellent tail. Solid muscled

condition all over. This dog gave the appearance of a strong powerful dog with excellent carriage & presence. In the challenge he nearly threw it away but once focused was a picture of quality. Happy to award **BOB** & pleased to see him take **G4**;

2 Mortimer's Laakso Allgold's Special One, another quality Elkhound of slightly different type. Good head with lovely eye shape & strong jaws. Gave a balanced outline overall with sufficient bone & good feet. Strong rear and solid muscle all over. Good coat texture & condition. A quality example who showed well for her owner however just preferred the winner for breed type & carriage. **RBOB**.

PHARAOH HOUNDS – J (1) 1 Thomas' Omorose Hotep Born for Rubasu, 1 year old bitch with good head & eye shape & nice length of neck. Well laid shoulders & good feet. Correct bone & good topline. Moderately angulated & moved OK. This bitch's owner told me that she had a fright in the ring when another judge was too rough handling her & this had obviously affected her performance as she did not really want to use her ears & appeared quite timid on the day. It despairs me to hear this, most of the large sight hounds are sensitive breeds & if judges choose to judge them then they should learn about the breed's temperament & how to go over them. Hopefully this bitch will improve in confidence with time as still young as has a lot of promise.

L (1) 1 Thomas' Annatefkah Thema at Rubasu, a quality bitch of noble bearing. Beautiful feminine head, good ears & expression. Excellent length of neck & well laid shoulders. Possibly a touch short in upper arm giving a very slight high step to her movement however very sound in both profile & coming & going. Good depth of chest & lovely topline. Gave a real balanced picture on the stand of grace & power. **BOB** & delighted to see her take **G3**.

O (1) 1 Thomas' Annatefkah Thoth at Rubasu, I have given this dog BOB before & was impressed at how he has matured physically. A quality male with excellent head & expression. Excellent topline & good feet. Good depth of chest & strong rear & good tail. Presented in solid muscle. Still a real baby mentally & really threw it away today as him playing about made it difficult to assess movement. One I love however although had to settle for **RBOB** behind his litter sister who gave a better account of herself on the day.

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