

HITCHIN & DISTRICT CANINE SOCIETY OPEN SHOW

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Before my critiques, I would like to say 'Thank You' to the Officers and Committee for inviting me to Judge at this well run show, for their hospitality, and to my ring steward for her hard work. I was absolutely thrilled when I received my entry figures, and am very grateful to the Society and exhibitors for their support.

An inbetween time for coats, but I was delighted that this did not affect the entries. Overall, presentation and temperaments were excellent. I really do like to see the dogs move, and although we were blessed with a reasonably sized arena, I would have liked even more space for them to show their stride. I feel I must mention, that some exhibits, in their 'free stand', presented a more pleasing outline, and displayed their natural qualities better than when they were 'stacked'. In the Akitas especially, the classes were very strong and I was more than satisfied with the quality of my line up for Best of Breed. I had a very enjoyable day, so thank you everyone.

Akita

Junior (4)

1. Page's Kitsune Brazilian Beauty. 16 month old Bitch. Presented in beautiful condition. This youngster carries a super head. Broad, but feminine with small dark almond eyes set nicely apart. Small, thick ears, rounded at the tip and set well to frame her features. Good dentition and strong muzzle. Lovely crest of neck, strong forequarters, elbows close, straight forelegs and good feet. She carries just enough weight to cover her ample bone, but still has a straight topline which she did not lose either standing or on the move. Moderate tuck up and well developed rear. Nice angulation. Good tail set. Super coat. Covered the ground with ease and stood freely displaying her true qualities. Maturing beautifully. Held her own in the challenge, and a strong contender. Definitely one to watch and I hope to see plenty of her in the future.

2. Thompson, Chapman & Corless' Dojosan Danzy Jones. 8 month old Dog. Heading a strong line up of puppies. Upstanding lad, well off for bone. Good dentition. Pleasing head which I'm sure will mature even more with time. Neck of good length. Level back and good depth of brisket. Moderate angulation throughout. Full tail carried well. A little distracted today but moved ok when he settled. BPIB.

Post Graduate (5, 1a)

1. Bennett's, Rokushii's My Name is Tulula by Seijitsu. Two year old bitch. Feminine without being too fine. Good coat, presented well. Striking bold markings and super black mask. Lovely head. Dark, well placed eyes of required shape, good stop, length of muzzle and dentition. Good ear carriage. Neck of nice length, and strong, but without being too thick. Well developed forechest. Elbows close. Straight front and well padded feet. Nice tuck up and clean lines. Firm rear. Moderate angulation. Tail set and carried well. Lovely picture in freestand and held her topline on the move. Covered the ring with an easy stride. I felt she was the best mover in this strong class, and that, along with the headpiece I preferred, and her overall proportions, earned her the first place and RBOB.

2. Thompson, Chapman and Corless's, Dojosan Dressed to Flirt. Two year old bitch. Finer in body than 1. Presented in good condition. Broad head, defined stop. Good dentition and depth of muzzle. Dark eye and attractive markings. Would prefer a slightly smaller ear. Good length of neck and breadth of chest. Straight front. Level topline. Lean and firm body. Moderate rear angulation. Tail carried well providing overall balance to her outline. Held herself well on the move. Very nicely handled.

Open (4, 1a)

A very strong class of great movers and all at varying stages of their show career.

1. Corr & Ellis's, AM G CH MT Joys Hell Angel TAF (IMP USA). Three year old bitch. Loved her head. Super blunt triangular lines. Small, round tipped, thick ears inclined forward, and well set. Defined stop. Dark almond eyes, full cheeks and lovely depth and breadth of muzzle. Dark mask and

attractive markings. Good Dentition. Strong neck , broad well developed chest and forequarters. Carrying enough weight but still feminine and balanced. Coat dense and in good condition. Nice depth of brisket, underline and tuck up. Broad, firm hindquarters. Moderate angulation. Full thick tail. Tight, nicely padded feet. Excelled on the move. Moderate length of stride, but full of drive, and enthusiasm whilst maintaining outline. Presented a beautiful silhouette in her freestand. Full of character. She was in very good company both in class, and in the challenge today. BOB.

2. Fowkes's Miyamoto Kioshy Breaking Dawn (IMP ESP). Six year old bitch. Overall lovely proportions to this mature girl. Pleasing head, just starting to gather some age distinguishing 'extra' markings. Dark eye, good depth of muzzle. Neck of nice length, broad straight front, enough bone. Not carrying any extra weight. Good topline and angulation. Full tail. Lovely free movement of moderate, but brisk strides, and covered the ground with ease.

Japanese Shiba Inu

Junior (2, 1a)

Mr & Mrs Froome's Jiltrain Jack Tar is Lykafoxx. 6 month old dog. Immediately caught my eye. Handsome young dog of good size and super condition for his age. Beautifully dark , almond shaped and obliquely set eyes. Neat black outlines and nose. Lovely thick small ears, well set. Well developed forequarters and chest, straight front, level topline and tight tail, nicely carried to lay slightly over flank. Super outline of moderate angles. He did not disappoint on the move. Brisk, alert and covering the ground with ease. I hope that he has a fantastic future ahead of him. BOB and BPIB.

Post Graduate (3, 1a)

1. Buttery & Hunt's Miamilady Okagomi. 2 year old bitch. Medium height. Small dark eyes, well set. Good dentition. Thick small ears. Dense coat, well presented. Good broad chest and straight front. Elbows close. nice feet. Firm body and good muscle tone. Nice, free movement, but maybe carrying just a little too much weight at present.

2. Packer's Jaklho Guardian Angel for Burwen (IMP NED). 18 month bitch. Overall nice outline but felt she is a little light in bone, and lacking coat today. Beautiful eyes and small, thick ears inclined forward. Lovely tight tail, well set. Moved OK.

Open (1)

1. Packer & Perrin's Burwen Urban Connexion. 4 year old dog. Full of character. Would like a little more of this lad. Lovely expression. Head of nice proportion. Dark eyes. Small, ears, well set and inclined. Nice line through crest of neck to level topline and tight tail. Good forechest, straight front and nice feet. Good movement. Just not the body and substance of the winner. RBOB.

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