HITCHIN, 15/10/16

CHINESE CRESTEDS –

J (7,2a) 1 Lane's Konishiki Tiger Lilley, this 7 months h/l bitch headed a rather diverse class. Balanced girl of nice size with long, lean neck, firm topline, brisket reaching the elbow, well ribbed back & good tail for both set & carriage. She is well constructed both front & rear, standing nice & straight in front on correct extended hare feet. Correctly proportioned head with almond shaped eyes, large ears of correct set & good dentition. Good crest. Moving true & with good reach & drive. Shame she is experiencing a phantom which did distract slightly. BP;

2 Piper's Annasky Kennel Fusion Hot Man of Zanjero;

3 James-Parker's Pino Grigio Gattaca.

PG (4,2) 1 **Piper & Tyle's Eternal Life Heybett Zanjero**, 16 months h/l dog of quality. He appealed for type, size & balance. Most attractive head with equal skull to muzzle proportions, dark almond shaped eyes, large well fringed ears & cleanly chiselled cheeks. Long, clean neck, well laid shoulders, level topline & tail set on high & of good carriage. Straight forelegs & excellent feet. Muscular loins & hocks well let down. He didn't disappoint on the move, covering the ground with good self carriage. RBOB;

2 Higgs' X Factor dom Risorto.

O (7,1) 1 **Lane's Annie Garden Roses at Konishiki**, 22 months h/l bitch. Feminine girl who scored for size & type. When she settled she presented a beautifully balanced outline with good length of neck, firm topline, brisket reaching the elbow, ribs extending well back & good tail for both set & carriage. She was a pleasure to go over, being well made throughout & moved with nice free action on the down & back & with nice ground coverage when viewed in profile. Attractive head with excellent eye & ear & correct scissor bite. Good quality skin & excellent crest. BOB & later went on to take G3;

2 Hellmuth's Kaylen's Lightening Strikes over Shumllea; 3 James-Parker's Shumllea A Saint She Aint.

GRIFFONS –

Y (5,1) 1 **Oliver-Barratt's Risethor Laidbackjack**, 20 months r/s dog who headed a good quality class where there was quite an age range & therefore varying degrees of maturity. This boy presented a beautifully balanced outline & greatly appealed for his overall type, soundness & attitude. Cobby & square in outline with moderate length of neck, level topline, good depth of brisket, excellent ribbing, short loin & tail set on high which is curved over the back. Attractive head with nice width between the ears, well defined stop, short muzzle of good width & prominent chin. Dark round eyes, correct earset & good dentition. Moving soundly all through & using himself fully at all times. RBOB;

2 Swinge's Balthazar Tainted Love;

3 Rawsthorne's Risethor The Romancer. BP, PG3

L (2) 1 **Rawsthorne's The Romantic**, two completely different types here & the winner was this 7 months r/r bitch. She has the most delightful head & expression; good width of skull, well defined stop, dark round eyes, correct ears, wide open nostrils, short muzzle of good width & good turn-up to underjaw. Soundly constructed both front & rear, standing well in front on compact feet & correctly angulated hindquarters. Moving true with good drive from the rear. She is just a fraction longer cast than I would prefer but a promising puppy;

2 Conway's Stormjac Curly In Black.

O (3) 1 **Conway's Flirt Alert Unlimited at Stormjac**, 22 months b/r bitch. Super cobby girl of excellent type. Feminine head & expression with excellent eye & ear, short muzzle of good width & prominent chin. Moderate length of neck, firm level topline, good depth of brisket, well sprung ribs, short loin & tail set on high. Another who is well made, standing nice & straight in front, well muscled thighs & correctly angulated rear. Nice free action with excellent drive from behind, using herself at all times & letting everyone know she is here! Harsh, wiry jacket. BOB;

2 Swinge's Harpersband Dressed To Kill at Balthazar;

3 Rawsthorne's Rosethor Tallulah.

BULLMASTIFFS –

L (3) 1 **Owen's Jadanelle Double Whammy at Keeperswatch**, this 3 years dog was an easy winner in this class for me. He was good for overall type & presented a well balanced outline. Strong neck of medium length, level back, good spring of rib, powerful loin & good tail for both set & carriage. Carrying good bone & substance he stands well in front & has muscular hindquarters with moderate bend of stifle. Pleasing head & expression, broad skull, short muzzle & broad underjaw. Moving well all through & very well handled. BOB;

2 Cox's Crackoff The Bootlegger of Colom;

3 Smith's Luna Fire Magic.

O (1) 1 **Cox's Crackoff The Bootlegger of Colom**, 4 years dog. Substantial boy carrying excellent bone. Masculine head with broad skull, pronounced stop, good eye & ear. Good depth of chest, firm level topline, well sprung ribs & powerful loin. He could stand tidier in front & I would prefer better feet. Excellent temperament. RBOB.

NEWFOUNDLANDS (1)

1 **McCahill's Camnoire Black Powder**, 11 months black bitch with feminine head & expression. Good eye for shape & colour, ears set on correctly & scissor bite. Strong neck of good length, level topline, rib developing well, strong loin & good tail for both set & carriage. Moving well in profile, nice strong rear & good enough coming towards. Excellent temperament. BP, PG4.

ST BERNARDS – Y (2) 1 **Thomas' Tombears Save The Last Dance**, 7 months rough bitch puppy. Only a baby but a promising prospect. Feminine throughout, she presented a nicely balanced outline with neck of good length, pretty good topline, well ribbed back, broad loin & good tail for set & carriage. Nicely proportioned head with broad skull, well defined stop, short muzzle & good eye & ear. Correct dentition. Sloping shoulders, well boned straight forelegs & good feet. Muscular hindquarters with moderate turn of stifle. Moving soundly with good ground coverage. BP, BOB, PG3;

2 Gibson's The Great Gatsby.

L (1) 1 **Thomas' Tombears Make It Happen**, 7 months rough dog. Litter brother to the previous class winner. He is of excellent type & his head & expression greatly appealed. Well balanced youngster with strong neck, correct topline, good rib for age, broad loin & correct set on of tail which he carries well. Pleasing front assembly with nice straight forelegs, excellent feet, muscular thighs & moderate angulation. Moving very well in profile & coming towards, just a tad closer behind than I would prefer. RBOB. **O** (0).

WORKING NSC – J (1) 1 Vaychkus & Vaickus' Blue Aira Bernenskie Ranczo, 16 months Bernese bitch. Feminine girl with a pleasing head & expression. Flat skull, defined stop, nice strength to muzzle, dark eye & correct dentition. Moderate length of neck, firm topline, well ribbed back & good tail for set & carriage. Moving well enough in profile but rather wide in front.
O (3) 1 Vaychkus & Vaickus' Flintas Kalno Suo, 3 years Bernese. Soundly constructed boy, carrying nice bone, who moved out very well when viewed from the side. Masculine head with flat skull, correct stop, strong muzzle, dark almond shaped eyes & good dentition. Strong neck of moderate length, level topline & pleasing rib. Standing nice & straight in front on compact feet. BNSC;

2 Houslop's Eskaidee Firefly at Aligael. RBNSC;

3 Smith's Auldhelm Xquisite.

WORKING – V (1) 1 Robb's Ch/Int/Bel/Lux/Ger/Dutch Ch Under Icewolf's Star Inditarod,

7 years Malamute dog. Super boy all round & a real pleasure to go over. He greatly appealed for type & he is so well balanced. Attractive head with nice breadth to skull, slight stop & powerful muzzle. Almond shaped eyes of good colour & obliquely set. Strong neck, firm topline, well ribbed back, powerful loin & tail set on high & carried as desired waving plume. Excellent conformation both front & rear with moderately sloping shoulder, straight well boned forelegs, well muscled thighs & moderate turn of stifle. Sound, free action on the down & back & covering the ground with ease when viewed in profile. Very well handled. Pleased to see he ended the day BVIS.

WORKING GROUP

G1 **Wall's Dobehaven Atlantic Storm**, 16 months br/t Dobermann dog. This boy stood out for me here. He excelled for type & balance & put in an excellent performance here. Masculine head with no suggestion of coarseness, parallel planes, excellent eye & ear & correct dentition. Moving true on the down & back & with good drive from the rear;

2 **Sandall's Saljay Mr Lover Man**, 3 years Leonberger dog who appealed for type & outline. Attractive head with correct skull to muzzle proportions, correct eye & ear & essential black muzzle. Strong, slightly arched neck, firm level topline & correct tail for set & carriage. Covering the ground well in profile;

3 **Robb's Int Ch Icewolf Hugo Boss**, 3 years Malamute dog who scored for balance & outline. Well proportioned head with good eye & ear. Strong neck, straight topline sloping slightly from withers to croup, good rib & tail set on high & of good carriage. Moving true with excellent self carriage;

4 **Bolsover's Charmedkelz All Seein Angel**, 2 years Siberian bitch. Feminine girl with attractive head & expression. Balanced in outline with light, effortless side gait, holding her topline at all times.

PG1 Simms' Arcticskies Mirror Image, 8 months Siberian bitch who scored for balance & type. Delightful head with obliquely set almond shaped eyes, correct skull to muzzle proportions & correct dentition. Standing so well naturally she moved out well in profile with excellent self carriage;

2 **Kuhl's Holyhell's Blue Steel,** 6 months b/t Dobermann dog. This boy is so good for type & presented a nicely balanced outline with neck of good length, straight topline sloping slightly from withers to croup, ribbed well back & good tail for set & carriage. Soundly constructed all through & moving freely. Handled to advantage;

3 St Bernard;

4 Newfoundland.

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