HITCHIN, 15/10/16

Hitchin & District CS held an Open show, congratulations on a well run show with many breeds scheduled, sadly not all were as well supported as they might have been.

I had the pleasure of making the main awards, & in every case had a top class winner.

BIS was a most lovely Puli, **Weetoneon Polly Flinders**, she is square, lightly built, liked her head proportions, correct length of neck, balanced in angulation & very typical on the move. A really lovely bitch, who I see I gave a RCC to in the summer;

RBIS, to a Pug, **Calaquendi Cause Celebre avec Ragemma**, she has such lovely eyes giving a super expression, good head with a nice big nose. Well balanced, well bodies, & sound on the move; **BP**, the most lovely W/h Dachs, **Derochaise Elusia**, she has the most lovely head, super front, excellent feet, well sprung ribs, correct rear angulation, & a lovely size. Her coat is just coming back in. Full of quality & should make up easily;

RBP, to a Shar-Pei, **Witchgait Secret Keepsake**, she is very well proportioned, super topline with a high tailset. Correct angulation & such a good mover;

BV, a Malamute, **Multi Ch Icewolf's Star Inditarod**, gave him a RCC a week ago in strong company. He is a really lovely dog, full of type, well made & so very fit & sound; & RBV, to a Cairn, Birselaw Fable of Macmoon, lovely outline & very typical. He has a good head with super expression, well set ears. Super coat, well made throughout.

BOSTONS Both very good Bostons, who I see are littermates.

1 Bedford & Parkinson's Aprika Al Capone, he was the slightly more square of these 2. Masculine head, well proportioned. Dark eyes with well set ears. Correct neck. Well laid shoulder although could be tidier in front. Well ribbed, short loin. Level topline. Well bent stifle & low hocks; 2 Mason's Aprika Annie Oakley.

BULL T 1 **Gibbs' Ukusa Anarchist**, substantial & bouncy young dog. Masculine head, which is well shaped. Correctly set ears. Dark eyes. Lengthy neck. Broad chest. Well ribbed up. He has a level topline. Well made rear, which he really uses well. Super feet.

SPINONI – J Both really promising pups.

1 **Squirrell's Inostricani Annalisa**, she is very much a baby. Correct proportions. Fem in head. Tight eye rims. Shortish neck. Slightly better shoulder than 2 & a longer stride. Can still firm up in pastern. Correct topline. Good coat. Well made rear. BP;

2 Macpherson's Milisimo Corrente del Rokeover.

L 1 Macpherson's Ilsolo Figlio de Decipolla del Rishona, square outline & a very good mover. Typical head with a lovely expression. Correct neck. Shoulders set well apart. Could be tighter in elbow stood. Typical topline. Well sprung ribs. Strong rear; 2 M Corrente del R.

O 1 **James' Sh Ch Inostricani Fiorella**, feminine head with correct head planes. Super eye & expression. Fairly short neck good front. Well sprung ribs, slightly long in loin. Very good coat & skin. Liked her hind angulation. Could be tidier out & back, but an easy profile action. BOB.

IMPORT REGISTER 1 **Hayes' Liberty Belle des Vallees Longeronnaises**, well marked Basset Bleu, rather distracted by the smells on the floor. Typy head. Good eyes. Could be better in front & topline. Fairly easy stride.

RARE BREEDS – J 1 **Cairnbraid Onwaba Lukimbi of Gladsheim**, well balanced Kooiker. Good head, dark eyes. Enough neck. Can just firm in front, well bodied. Moderate rear. Has a level topline. Moved well.

PG 1 **Szolohegyi Bitanguzo** Jett, beautifully presented Coton, coat of correct texture. Could have slightly darker eyes. Well made front. Well bodied with correct topline. Well muscled up rear. Accurate mover. B Rare Breed;

2 Sumila Eilish;

3 Crunchcroft Lyrical.

O 1 **Crunchcroft Onyz**, Kooiker, very good outline & a typical mover. Well balanced head. Enough neck. Good legs & get. Has a level topline. Could just have a little more hind angulation. Accurate on the move;

2 Cotonkiss Buddy Holly.

RBOB STAKES Very good class with lots of strong contenders.
1 Bowdonia Anastasia, really lovely WSS. Super outline & type & a really good mover. Has a very good head. Lengthy neck. Very good front. Firm topline with slight arch to loin. Well muscled up;
2 Jiltrain Jack Tar is Lykafoxx;
3 Grasilva Cruggleton with Laakso.

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