

Hitchin DCS - 15.10.17

Thank you to the committee of the Hitchin and District Canine Society for asking me to judge these three wonderful breeds, and thank you ever so much for those who entered under me.

Japanese Shiba Inu PG (1) 1 Bryans' Mailouvaes Queen of Hearts. BOB. A 20 month old black and tan bitch with a beautiful correct head, lovely rear angulation and great movement, really motoring around the ring. Beautifully built and in fabulous condition, made a very pleasing outline. Just a little more eyecatching over RBOB. **O** (2) 1 Bryans' Marilouvaes Queen Elsa. RBOB. 3 year old red female who created a very nice outline. Nice head, good scissor bite, tight tail and feet. In good condition and moved well. 2 Froome's Jiltrain Jack Tar is Lykafoxx. 2 year old sesame coloured boy. Lovely correct head and in good condition with lovely eyes and ears, correct scissor bite. A little low on the pastern which affected the dog's outline, also didn't move as well as 1.

Japanese Akita Inu J (2,1) 1 Bennet and Chapman's Tsoyu Murasaki Go. RBOB and BP. 9 month old rich, red fawn bitch presented a lovely balanced image. Beautiful feet, nice straight front and moved well. Good head which is currently narrower than I'd like, however should broaden as she matures and fabulous expression. Ears slightly too large, however once head develops they should be the correct proportion. Good urajiro markings, however white mark on back of neck. **PG** (1) 1 Thompson and Wiesmuller's Tsoyu Kokoru No Hiroi. BOB. 15 month old rich red fawn male in great condition with fantastic head and expression. Great eyes and ears, presented great, balanced outline. Nice straight front, feet could be tighter but moved really well. Urajiro markings were good, except for white mark on back of neck. **O** (2,1) 1 Clarke, Bolton and Pearson's Anshee Bollinger. 7 year old brindle bitch, with absolutely beautiful head and expression. Ears good and in line with back of the neck, shown in great condition and moving well, unfortunately not showing at her best today, seemed slightly spooked by the environment.

Akita O (2) 1 Goodall's Enyeto's Simply Divine. BOB. 2 year old red and white bitch. Attractive head, but would prefer a better balanced wedge shape, and has a nice expression. Nice tight feet, showed very well with good movement, however carried a little excess weight which disguised her outline. 2 Cunningham's Shyllar Born to Shine. RBOB. A 6 year old dark brindle and white bitch of heavier set than 1. A touch strong in head, again would prefer a better wedge shape. Nice small eyes and ears with lovely expression. Moved well, although didn't show as well as 1, dropping her tail on occasion.

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