

Hitchin & District Canine Society

Open Show Saturday 16th April 2022

Firstly I would like to thank the Officers and Committee for inviting me to judge at this lovely show, it's always such a great atmosphere! I had a super day! Thanks, also, to my lovely steward, Carla, who did a sterling job at only her second stewarding appointment!

Secondly a huge thank-you to all the exhibitors that came along and allowed me to go over their lovely dogs. I was spoilt for choice in some classes and there were some hard decisions to be made. All the BoB and BP winners in the WG were super, and this was a tough job but I thoroughly enjoyed going over each and every dog there.

Bernese Mountain Dog:

Post Graduate: (1:0)

1: Sokel's Kernow Blue Lagoon: First time in the show ring for this young lady and she did well, I did advise on ring craft should her handler wish to continue in this hobby, and I hope she does. Nicely put together 2 yr old, carrying a little too much weight but that can be addressed. Good shaped head with correct markings, correct ears which are well set, nice dark almond shaped eyes. Good strong forequarters, correct angle of shoulder, good compact feet. Well ribbed, correct smoothly rounded rear. Good broad hindquarters with strong hocks and well bent stifles. Was let down on the move due to being her first time and hence she tended to crab slightly. She has promise and I'd like to see how she gets on in the future. RBOB.

Open; (1:0)

1: Vaychkus & Vaickus's Flintas Kalnu Suo at Bernaroso ShCM (Imp LT): Very nice 8yr old male well constructed which gave rise to a lovely balanced stride with good reach at front. Lovely head, strong flat skull, well defined stop, nice dark almond shaped eyes, well set ears of correct shape and size. Nicely muscled body and correct silky coat with a lovely shine. Good strong shoulders, correct angulation, well boned, nice compact feet. Good broad chest, well ribbed, nice straight back. Correct angulation at rear, with nicely rounded rear. Out moved the PG to be awarded BoB and WGVet1

Boxer:

Junior (4:2)

1: Wheeler's Olibetay Bella Rose At Hipkins: Lovely 15mth old brindle bitch, giving a pleasing outline both when standing and on the move. Both the youngsters in this class took time to settle, which is only to be expected. Lovely head on this youngster, with good broad muzzle, of correct length ratio and beautifully dark. Lovely dark eyes, giving the correct lively expression, well pigmented rims. Well set ears. Correct jaw and teeth. Nicely arched neck, showing good muscle, into good length of shoulder. Good straight legs with lovely bone and nice cat-like feet. Nice depth of chest, well arched ribs, flowing into a nice tuck-up. Nicely muscled hind quarters with good angulation. Lovely movement, showing power, good reach and drive too. Showed more maturity than 2 which won her the class.

2: Hawkins' Boese Bubblicious at Mellhawk: Lovely fawn bitch at 7 ½ months. This little one was full of joy and such a joy to watch in the ring! A very pleasing, if raw, youngster, and one to watch! Such a sweet expression, in a correctly shaped skull, lovely dark eyes, nicely set ears and correct stop with nicely shaped muzzle. She is still at the leggy stage but is showing a good depth of chest, nice straight legs, good cat-feet and a lovely lay of shoulder. Her muscle is coming on nicely. She is as I would expect at this age and I loved her! BPIB and WPG2

Post Graduate: (2:2)

1: Stretch's Braybox Quickstep: This male caught my eye as soon as he entered the ring, he was so full of life! Cracking outline, excellent muscle, lovely overall shape. He has the most pleasing head, with a gorgeous dark muzzle with lovely creases from root of nose down the sides. Correct jaw and teeth. Good dark eyes, giving a really lively expression, adding to the character he just oozes! Nice slight arch to top of skull, moderate size ears correctly placed and lying flat close to his cheeks. Lovely strong clean neck, well muscled, into correct long sloping shoulders. Good straight legs showing lovely amount of bone, into nice tight cat-feet. Super depth of chest, into a good tuck-up, ribs well arched. Good length of body. Beautifully muscled rear quarters, with correct angulation and turn of stifle, legs nice and straight from rear. Tail set correct. Overall superbly constructed male giving rise to a lovely strong stride showing great reach and drive. This boy was going to take some beating today! Happy to award him BoB and WG1

2: Harvey's Harvlin Nordic Mystery: Another lovely young male, unfortunate to come up against 1 today. A pleasing head, although slightly heavier than 1. Again, correct jaw and teeth. Nice dark eyes, intelligent expression, good length of muzzle with good creases from root of nose. Well set ears. Nice strong neck into good shoulders. Straight legs, again with good bone and nice cat-like feet. Good depth of chest, with well sprung ribs, rising to a good tuck-up. Nice powerful hind quarters with good angulation. Overall well constructed which, again, gave rise to a lovely powerful stride with plenty of reach and drive.

Open: (3:1)

1: Longley's Attomic Mirror Man (AI): A very impressive male with a lovely outline. Good muscle tone and lovely construction. Nice head shape, good dark muzzle with correct jaw and teeth. Nice dark eyes, good skull shape, well set ears. Powerful neck into good lay of shoulder. Nice straight legs with lovely bone and correct cat-like feet. Well sprung ribs, good depth of chest into a nice tuck-up. Powerful hind quarters showing correct muscle, and straight from rear view. Good tail set and carriage. Good angulation overall, giving rise to the desired reach and drive on the move.

RBOB

2: Bole's Harvlin Hot Toddy: Another dog with a pleasing outline, sadly let himself down as he just didn't like the wet ground, and who can blame him! Well constructed, with good muscle. Nice shape of head, good dark eyes, correct dark muzzle, and well shaped and set ears. Nice powerful neck into good shoulders, nice bone, straight legs and good shaped feet. Nice deep chest, well sprung ribs and good tuck-up. Nicely constructed overall dog and, I'm sure, would move beautifully on a surface he preferred.

A.V.N.S.C. Working:

Puppy (1:1)

Junior (2:1)

1: Lawrence's Rantowish The Silver Bullet: Nice Dobermann at just over a year old, so still needs time to mature. Nice clean outline with good overall construction and nice muscle coming on. Nice head with good depth of muzzle, nice slight stop, and good top of skull with well set ears. Nice almond shaped eyes giving correct alert expression. Good length of neck into good lay of shoulder, with correct shoulder blade to upper arm proportions. Nice round bone. Nice depth of chest and well developed forechest, and ribs well sprung. Correct overall strong body shape, and well set tail, Nice rear angulation and correct straight legs from rear view. Good level topline shown with nice reach and drive when he settled. Another who appeared none too happy with the ground today and was a little too interested in the bait his handler had which meant he kept turning his head and throwing his front movement out sadly.

Post Graduate: (2:1)

1: Garrood's Ukusa Dobrynya: What a striking RBT this boy is! Moved with such elegance and such a super outline when standing. Lovely strong masculine head with nice dark eyes and correct high set ears. Lovely furnishings on his face giving that impressive overall look. Nicely shaped neck into well laid shoulders. Good bone and well furnished legs. Good deep chest, well sprung

ribs. Nice level topline which was kept on the move. Correctly set tail. Well developed thighs and good feet. Lovely ground covering stride with plenty of reach and drive from this boy. BAVNSC WG3

Open (4:2)

1: Blahuta's Iron Man Canadian Pearl: Very nice Newfoundland who moved like a dream! Lovely outline giving correct impression of nobility. Nice broad head, good short muzzle, lovely dark eyes and well shaped correctly set ears. Good strong neck into good shoulders. Correct straight legs, with good bone all over. Good depth of chest with reasonable breadth. On the move this boy really came into his own, showing that lovely slightly rolling, free movement characteristic of the breed.

Looked like he was really enjoying his time in the ring! ResAVNSC

2: Staples' Ch Riesenheim Taio Cruz to Ruffhaus: Very nice Gt Schnauzer with super construction but not quite giving his all today. Good head shape from broad skull to good dark nose, nice dark eyes of correct oval shape, nice furnishings on face. Good neat ear set. Well arched neck into good flat shoulders. Strong bone, correct straight legs and compact feet. Good fore chest with correct depth to elbow, and well sprung ribs. Well muscled all over. Lovely angulation on hind with correct strong muscle and correctly parallel legs when viewed from rear. Well set, and carried, tail. Correct harsh and wiry coat in beautiful condition. On the move this dog showed good reach and drive but was not having quite as good a day as 1.

AV Import Register:

Junior: (0:0)

Post Graduate: (0:0)

Open: (0:0)

A.V. Working:

Puppy: (3:2)

1: Hawkins' Boese Bubbalicious at Mellhawk: 2nd in Junior Boxer.

Junior: (1:0)

1: Wheeler's Olibetay Bella Rose at Hipkins: 1st in Junior Boxer

Post Graduate: (1:0)

1: Sokel's Kernow Blue Lagoon: 1st in PG BMD

Open: (3:2)

1: Sokel's Kernow Blue Lagoon: As above

Veteran: (3:1)

1: Vaychkus & Vaickus' Flintas Kalnu Suo at Bernaroso ShCM (Imp LT): 1st Open BMD

2: Dickenson's Kalaslane Demyan (IKC) ShCM: Lovely 8 yr old RBT. Lovely thick coat of correct harsh texture with really nice furnishings. Overall very well constructed dog with good muscle. Correct shape of head, with good dark eyes, and correctly high set ears. Nice powerful neck into well laid shoulders. Good deep chest and well sprung ribs. Good bone under the correctly furnished legs. Nice tailset and carriage. On the move showed nice reach and drive to cover the ground well. Just lost out to 1 on the day.

Working Group:

WG1: Stretch's Braybox Quickstep: My BOB Boxer and he just didn't put a paw wrong! Showed such character in the challenge, moved with purpose and had such a striking outline when stood! Today he was the one to get past for me and I simply could not deny him WG1, he just demanded the top spot!

WG2: Wheaton's Ausries The Real Thing for Acinonyx JW: This Rottweiler pushed 1 hard and it was a close call. Super construction, well muscled and excellent movement with such power from the hind. Lovely broad skull, correct depth of muzzle, deep black nose. Nice dark almond shaped eyes and well set ears, giving a gorgeous expression on this boy. Slightly arched strong neck into well laid shoulders. Plenty of bone shown in legs and good strong feet. Superb deep chest with good

breadth and well sprung ribs. Body strong. Rear showing good turn of stifle and well angulated hocks. Really super dog!

WG3: Garrood's Ukusa Dobrynya: Again this RBT just stood out for me today. Such an impressive example of the breed. Pushed the first two hard and well deserved his placing.

WG4: Graham's Akna Voorhees***: Very nice CED, who was thoroughly enjoying her time in the ring! Nicely constructed bitch with good muscle. Showed good drive when finally settled on the move. Very well handled.

WPG1: Bryne's Maraj Moon: What a cracking 11 month old Rottweiler this lad is! He had his work cut out as I loved WPG2 but he just kept giving the whole time! Super construction, muscle coming on nicely and super coat. Lovely head with a nice broad skull, dark eyed and well set ears, giving such a super expression on this young dog. Lovely arch of neck into well placed shoulders. Chest of good depth for his age, with nice spring of rib. Good amount of bone. Nice tail set. Overall a really promising young dog, one I will look out for.

WPG2: Hawkins' Boese Bubblicious at Mellhawk: Another youngster who just shone in the challenge! She really pushed hard for 1st but, as in her class, just lost out on her maturity. She is just gorgeous and so well put together! I think she will do very well as she matures.

WPG3: Bailey's Akna Ice Station Zebra***: A very lovely young CED, who, when settled, showed promising movement. Well constructed and very well handled as he was playing up a tad!

WPG4: Goodman's Bourgeoisie Raise The Roof at Henschbull: Nice young DDB dog, who just needed to settle. He has good construction overall. He has a long way to go in maturing but, overall, a promising young dog.

Judge: Julia SIMS (Snowspeeder)