Hitchen & District Canine Society – Open Show 16th April 2023 – Judge: Jane Peakin

I was delighted to be invited to judge at this friendly and well-run show. Although I usually judge terriers, it was great to go back to my working breeds roots and my thanks to the exhibitors who showed under me.

Norwich Terriers – I was very lucky to have two very good examples of the breed to go over.

Puppy (1/0) 1st Haynes' Ragus Taking Steps with Alantro. 11mnths young man. What a super puppy. Loved his compact body and typical head with ears on top and expressive eyes. Movement reasonable but plenty of time to tighten. A very close decision in the challenge, just preferring the maturity and length of neck of the BOB. I'm sure he has plenty to come. RBOB/BP

Junior (0)

PG (3/2) 1st Haynes' Alantro Silent Step. 23 months bitch. Quality bitch with plenty to like. Short body with deep brisket, medium length of neck into level topline. Good forechest and straight front. Typical, feminine head with good earset and eye. Correct mouth. In good coat and moved well both ways. Maybe prefer less exaggerated tailset. BOB

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<u>Dobermann</u> – I found exactly what I was looking for today and was delighted to see my BOB go BPIS

Puppy (2/0) 1st Brown's Jojavic Shaken Not Stirred – 6 months black dog. Quality boy with lots to like. Super front with good forechest and length of upper arm. Correct arched neck into good topline with gentle slope. Square body and deep brisket. Good feet. Head of good length and depth of muzzle. Movement just needs to tighten. 2nd – Ingram's, Lack and Tousent's Jojavik Spangled Mob – 6 months black bitch. Litter sister and another nice one with plenty to come. Good square body lines, feet a little overdone for me. Just preferred the front of my winner today.

Junior (1/0) 1st Wilson's Pursang Shimmy Shimmy Ya – 11 months liver dog. This masculine boy stood out for me having plenty of bone, square body and not being overdone in angulation behind. Super front with plenty of forechest and good length of upper arm, a good arched neck into correct slightly sloping topline and good tailset. Excellent feet and moved effortlessly showing drive and reach. Good head with typical profile. Would prefer slightly tighter lips but super eye and good earset completed a typical expression. Pleased to award him BOB/BP and thrilled to see him go Working Group 1/Puppy Gr 1 and later BPIS

PG (3/1) 1st Lawrence's Rantowish The Silver Bullet – 23months liver dog. A quality boy with good head and expression. Deep brisket with good forechest and length of upper arm. A tad long in loin and just preferred the less angulated rear construction and bone of my BOB, but nonetheless a very typy boy. Showed and handled well. RBOB. 2nd Adams & Springett's Aritaur Lapis Lazuli – 2yrs black bitch. Nice girl with feminine head. Good depth of brisket and straight front. Would prefer a little more length of upper arm and tighter in pasterns. Showed well.

Rottweiler

Puppy (0)

Junior (1/0) 1st Cocks' Jaqary Blaze Of Glory 13 months dog. Substantial boy who was really over the top today and gave his handler a very tough time making his movement difficult to assess. Liked his powerful body lines with good moderate length of neck into strong topline and good front and rear angulation. Head was of good length with broad skull and good muzzle ratio. Would have preferred better placed, smaller eye. RBOB

PG (1/0) 1st Byrne's Maraj Moon – 23 months bitch. Substantial girl with plenty of type. Good body lines with deep brisket, moderate length of neck into good topline. Prefer neater feet. Very good head with correct eye and earset giving typical expression which tipped the balance in the challenge. BOB

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A.V Good Citizen Dog Scheme (31/19) A class full of super dogs and I could have easily placed more.

1st – Benton's Ch Oakestelle Venus De Milo VW ShCEx – 9 year old Smooth Collie merle bitch. Took my eye immediately. Loved her quality and type. Beautiful chiselled head, expression and really well made throughout. Moved accordingly and took this class with some in hand. 2nd – Krieger's Bloomingstar Dancing Girl At Phyllberry – 19 months Miniature Schnauzer black bitch. Very smart little girl and so well balanced. Square in outline and moved absolutely straight both ways Showed her socks off.

 3^{rd} – Harding's Eveninghill Going Dutch SGWC – Golden Retriever

Res – Harris Magri's Jasmine Pink Bezy Bezy (Imp Pol) - Briard

VHC - Lawrence's Rantowish The Silver Bullet - Dobermann