

Hitchin and District Canine Society Open Show

Sunday 16th April 2023

Thank you to the Society for inviting me to judge Boston Terriers, Poodles (Min and Standard), AVNSC, the Utility Imported Breed Register, AV and the Utility Groups at your well organised show. It was a long but very enjoyable day, and thank you to all the exhibitors for allowing me the privilege of going over your wonderful dogs. Thank you also to my very efficient ring steward Linda Quin for keeping the ring moving along so well.

BOSTON TERRIER

Puppy (4,1)

1st James' Aprika Fifth Avenue, 6-month-old seal brindle bitch, who strode into the ring with real purpose for one so young. Pretty feminine head with well placed ears, dark eye and alert expression. Pleasing arch to neck, developing shoulders and rib, tidy front and short back with flat topline. Moved very well in all directions, was pleased to award her **BP** and later **UPG2**

2nd Jefferson & Smith's Lovewell No Regrets, another seal brindle baby of just 6 months old, at her first show and not fazed at all. Very similar attributes to 1st, feminine head with appealing expression, dark eye, one ear slightly soft at the tip today. Straight front and pasterns, slightly longer cast than 1st but still presenting a balanced outline, moved very well and in tune with her handler.

Junior (3,1)

1st Sandell's Shawmut Pontiac Chieftan, 14 month old dog of larger type, with a nicely marked brindle coat. Square head with masculine expression, large ears which were well set and a deep well padded muzzle, Good length of neck, developing shoulder and depth of chest. Still slightly down on front pasterns, good rear angulation, and correct tailset. Won the class on movement.

2nd Sandell's Shawmut Shelby Dakota, darker seal brindle bitch, litter sister to 1st. Feminine head with dark well set eyes, and ears used to advantage. Slightly long in loin, tighter pasterns than 1st, with developing rib and forechest. Very eager to get around the ring, so movement was hard to assess today.

Post Graduate (6,1)

1st Jefferson & Smith's Frenboson Its Just Me at Lovewell, 2 year old seal brindle bitch, with an appealing kind feminine expression. Head square and in proportion to body, dark well-placed eye, good ear placement, smooth forehead and wide deep muzzle. Straight front leading down to strong pasterns and neat feet, good depth of chest and spring of rib, flat topline and correct tailset. Slightly long in loin, good turn of stifle and hocks well let down. Moved freely around the ring, and very well handled. Pleased to award her **BOB**

2nd Strickland's Wynele Lady Crystal Melrose, 2 year old bitch with plenty of substance. Head is square with good depth and width of muzzle, dark eye and correctly placed ears. A very well sprung rib with good depth and carried well back. Pasterns are short and strong, leading to neat feet. Flat topline which she maintained on the move. Handled well.

Open (6,0)

1st Mason's Aprika Ella Fitzgerald, 2 year old bitch presented in excellent condition. Typical alert expression on square head, with good width and depth to muzzle, dark eye and flat cheeks. Pleasing arch of neck and good layback of shoulder, straight front and tidy feet. Good topline and correct tailset, and a good turn of stifle. Displaying the typical determined Boston temperament, she gave her handler a hard time, however they pulled it together to be awarded **RBOB**

2nd Levene, Levene, Levene & Lewis' Aprika Dallas, 3 year old brindle bitch, with a nicely balanced profile. Feminine head, with good eye and ear placement. Well defined muzzle, although I would prefer a bit more

width. Straight front and good depth of chest, with well sprung rib and slight cut up. Moved and handled well

POODLE (MINIATURE)

Puppy (2,1)

1st Collins' Deearellas Jazz Jubilee, 11 month old black bitch with a lovely temperament, up to size, head in proportion to body, with dark eye and pigment. Good layback of shoulder, short back and correct tailset. Moved well. Handler would benefit from more ringcraft to gain confidence in the ring. **BOB & BP**

Junior (1,0)

1st Plunkett's Follypath's Red Ruby, 17 month old red bitch with an intelligent glint to her eye. Head long with moderate stop, good dentition with scissor bite. Leathers wide and set low, and a harsh texture to the coat. Short back and good depth of chest. Tight oval feet, would prefer a slightly higher tailset. Her young handler did very well moving her round the ring.

Post Graduate (2,0)

1st Plunkett's Princess of Olney, 2 year old red bitch presented in a cut down trim. Pretty head and expression, with correctly set eye, good dentition and tight lips. Legs set straight from shoulder, short back, again would prefer a slightly higher tailset. Lovely to see another young handler in the ring, and he moved her very well, maintaining her topline round the ring **RBOB**

2nd Aylmer's Dearella Fun and Laughter, 5 year old black dog, well presented, with a dense harsh coat. Lovely head with a haughty look about him, good topline and correct tailset. Lost out on movement to 1st place today.

Open (0)

POODLE (STANDARD)

Puppy (2,0)

1st Stevenson's Alisiane Eyes on the Prize, very well presented black dog, who was celebrating his first birthday at the show. Delightful expression, with attractive headpiece and dark eye. Compact, balanced outline with straight front and strong pasterns, good shoulder placement and developing chest. Short back and well placed tail. Moved round the ring with drive and exuberance, **BOB, BP and UPG4**

2nd Aylmer's Back to the Fushia, 6 month old apricot male, still very much a baby. Sweet expression with dark eye and black points, good bite and chin. Developing shoulder and rib, would prefer slightly more rear angulation. Tail held high, and moved well

Junior (2,0)

1st Dainty's Myall Noelani Storm, well grown 13 month old black bitch, feminine head and expression, strong foreface and well defined chin. Straight front and good depth of chest, developing spring of rib. Pleasing topline and tailset. Hard to assess movement initially, however she settled enough to show good reach and drive. **RBOB**

2nd Brook's Sculbrook The Beat Lives On, 17th months old and very much a naughty teenager! Presented in excellent condition, with a dense brown coat, proud demeanour and expression, dark expressive eye, with chiselling to foreface, strong jaw and complete bite. Good front assembly, balanced in outline, and pleasing topline. Unfortunately, he was very determined to give his handler a hard time, bunny hopping and pacing round the ring, which made his movement impossible to assess today.

Post Graduate (1,0)

1st Brook's Sculbrook The Beat Lives On, see 2nd Junior

Open (2,1)

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AVNSC UTILITY

Puppy (5,1)

1st Carter & Leigh's Gladmin Capetown Candy, 6 month old gold and white Shih Tzu, and what a delightful friendly bitch. Well presented, with round head and appealing dark eye, black nose and well defined stop. Nicely arched neck leading to developing shoulders and chest. Sturdy frame, with tail held well over her level back. Moved smoothly round the ring, was pleased to award her **BP** and **Reserve Best AVNSC Utility**

2nd Salt's Keola Driving Force, 8 month old brindle and white Shih Tzu, pleasing masculine head with alert expression, dark pigment and eye, good width of muzzle, and correct earset. Arched neck into laid back shoulders, developing chest and straight front. Movement was sound, also presented in excellent condition.

Junior (3,2)

1st Nicholls & Nicholls' Shyllar Turn Back the Clock, black and white Akita bitch of 7 months. Everything balanced and in proportion for her age, with ample bone and substance. Large smooth head, dark eye and developing cheeks, broad muzzle and correct earset. Straight front to well knuckled feet, developing chest and thighs. Maintained a level topline on the move, and in tune with her handler.

Post Graduate (1,0)

1st Giannattasio's Canifelici Black Jack, 5 year old black Eurasier presented in good coat with harsh texture, well feathered on legs and tail. Head of good proportions, dark oval eye, tapering muzzle, excellent dentition. Moderate angulation front and rear, good depth of chest and firm straight back. Sloping front pasterns and sound hocks. Unfortunately distracted by something outside the ring, which made his movement hard to assess.

Open (3,1)

1st Oorloff, Oorloff, Nicholls & Nicholls' Red Dils Million Reasons for Rovijuca (Imp Cro), 2 year old grey and white Akita with dark mask. Strong masculine head with an alert expression, small correctly set dark eye, strong jaw and excellent dentition. Broad strong muzzle with well developed cheeks, large black nose and fabulous wide nostrils. Thick muscular neck leading down to powerful shoulders, straight front, and wide deep chest. Level back and full high set tail. Strong muscular hindquarters with moderate angulation, he strode out well, with powerful moderate stride. **BEST AVNSC Utility**

AV Imported Breed Register Utility

Puppy (2,1)

1st Cassidy's Ring Riders Teotihuacan at Chinaskys (Imp Hrv), Xoloitzcuintle of just 6 months, slim male with smooth soft black skin, very alert but calm. Good pigment throughout, head is wedge shaped and in proportion to body. Dark medium sized eyes, long finely textured ears, correct scissor bite and developing muzzle came together to present a masculine headpiece with an intelligent expression. Long slightly arched neck, developing shoulders and ribcage, straight front and desired hare feet. Handled and moved well, although distracted slightly by his lead at times, **BP AV IBR Utility**

Junior (3,1)

1st Wallace's Chinasky Blazeing Flames, 15 month old red Xoloitzcuintle dog with a cheerful demeanour. Balanced outline, with head in proportion to his body, long neck, and good width and depth to his chest. Straight front and tidy hare feet, level topline, moderate tuck up and hind angulation, finishing with long thin tail. Moved gracefully with a springy step, handled very well

2nd Piper & Gray's Local Hero's Capotztic with Kamjero (Imp NKK), bronze Xoloitzcuintle dog, also 15 months old. Not quite as developed as 1st place, although still time to mature. Slim and elegant, with dark

expressive eyes and ears used to advantage. Developing width and depth of chest, good angulation and turn of stifle. Moved well with a dainty step and tail held high.

Post Graduate (2,0)

1st Cassidy's Texcoco De Southerland at Chinaskys (Imp Esp) black Xoloitzcuintle just turned 12 months, but totally at home in the show ring. Balanced outline, soft and warm skin, masculine headpiece, with dark expressive eye and good pigment. Long elegant neck, good lay back of shoulder, straight front and neat hare feet, developing width of chest, level topline and moderate rear angulation with hocks well let down. Moved gracefully with a long elegant step. **Res Best AV IBR Utility**

2nd Wallace's Chinasky Goddess of Insanity, 15 month old black Xoloitzcuintle, smaller female with lots to like, however she sadly did not want to show herself today, and was not happy on the table. Pretty feminine head, soft kind expression, and a nicely balanced outline. Moved well but tucked her tail when stationary.

Open (3,0)

1st Cassidy's Athena Goddess of Widsom Iz Kanekso at Chinaskys (Imp Rus) black Xoloitzcuintle bitch, 21 months old. Stunning girl, who stands proud and aloof. Wedge shaped elegant head, straight muzzle and developed cheeks beneath dark expressive eyes. Large finely textured ears set correctly and held erect. Long elegant neck, slightly arched and well muscled, holding her head high at all times. Good angulation front and rear, elbows close to deep well sprung chest, well defined second thigh and good turn of stifle, with hocks well let down. Level topline and well set tapered tail. She made her handler work hard, but showed graceful movement with a long springy step, **Best Of AV IBR Utility and UGP4**

2nd Cunningham's Ir Ch Champ of Noryeong Sanmaek for Yulyeong (Imp Kor), 3 year old red fawn Korean Jindo. Masculine head with alert expression, small dark eye, correct ear set, muzzle straight and of moderate depth, scissor bite. Lean muscular body presenting a balanced outline, with strong shoulders and straight front leading to slightly sloping pasterns. Well muscled thighs and moderate angulation. Handled well, front movement was a tad untidy today

AV UTILITY

Puppy (12, 9)

1st Adam-Slomkowski's Skylax Dare to Believe, 8 month old Lhasa Apso, well balanced male shown in excellent coat and condition, alert dark eye, black nose, with good whiskers and beard. Straight front with heavy furnishings, level topline and high-set well feathered tail. Free flowing movement with a jaunty air, well handled.

2nd Salt's Keola Driving Force, see 2nd AVNSC Puppy

Junior (5,2)

1st Humphries' Misha Medvezonkas Chocol, 15 months old French Bulldog male with brindle appearance. Plenty of bone and substance, with strong masculine head. Correct ear placement, gentle wrinkling to forehead, good width and depth to muzzle and upsweep of jaw. Would prefer a darker eye. Chest is deep with well sprung rib, gentle roach on topline, slightly long in loin. Moved well, handler would benefit from ringcraft to gain confidence

2nd Neale's Saxtead Toot Sweet, 15 month old gold sable Tibetan Spaniel with an appealing black mask. Soft dark expressive eyes, medium well set ears with feathering, and a blunt cushioned muzzle comes together to create a lovely feminine head. Level topline held on the move, and plumed high set tail. Good spring of rib, firm shoulder and moderate stifle. Shown in excellent condition.

Post Graduate (5,0)

1st Penn's Dalfellin Agape, 2 year old dalmatian bitch with a balanced outline, well defined glossy coat, and a feminine head with no sign of coarseness. Long neck into well laid back shoulder, straight front with good depth of chest and well sprung rib. Strong loin and good turn of stifle. Smooth long strides around the ring, maintaining her topline, and handled well.

2nd Humphries' Misha Medvezonkas Chocol, see 1st Junior AV Utility

Open (3,3)

Veteran (7,1)

1st Buckles' Karshok Mister Kandie Man JW, 8 year old Tibetan Terrier, presented in excellent condition, with profuse sable and white coat. Square balanced outline, masculine head with an alert expression, firm well muscled body, he moved round the ring with an effortlessly smooth stride.

2nd Cunningham's Morningcalm Firethorn of Yulyeong, 8 year old white Korean Jindo. Nicely balanced bitch of medium size, feminine head of good proportions, ears well used and adding to alert expression. Well muscled and in good condition throughout, handled well

UTILITY GROUP

UG1 Lhasa Apso Chamber's Kutani Enigma. 3 year old gold bitch, who won the group with her effortless movement around the ring. Presented in excellent coat and condition, she was a delight to go over on the table. Feminine head with dark eye and melting expression, balanced throughout, maintained her topline and tailset and showed herself to full advantage.

UG2 French Bulldog Brooks and Cairn's Corursus Become the One JW, well marked brindle celebrating his second birthday today. Presenting a cobby outline, full of breed type with no exaggeration in any area. Well off for bone and substance, and correct topline. Moderate angulation front and rear, with pleasing spring of rib. Masculine headset with typical expression, moved very well and at one with his handler.

UG3 Miniature Schnauzer Parker & McDonald's Violis Wait N'See, 2 year old male with pepper and salt coat of harsh texture. Smart and stylish with strong masculine headset, alert expression and an overall balanced and robust outline. Moved and handled very well

UG4 Xoloitzcuintle, Cassidy's Athena Goddess of Wisdom Iz Kanekso at Chinaskys (Imp Russia) see 1st Open, AV IBR Utility

UTILITY PUPPY GROUP

UPG1 French Bulldog Bryant's Archness The Audacity, 10 month old brindle male, and another excellent example of the breed. Maturing masculine head with soft melting expression, compact outline, developing shoulder and rib, correct topline and cut up, short loin. Moved soundly in all directions, handled and presented well.

UPG2 Boston Terrier James' Aprika Fifth Avenue, see 1st Puppy, Boston Terrier

UPG3 Miniature Schnauzer Parker & McDonald's Violis Storm Tracker, 11 months old and well presented in a harsh pepper and salt jacket. Nicely balanced outline, masculine head with dark eye and alert expression. Straight front and developing chest and rib, he moved round the ring with vigour, maintaining his topline

UPG4 Standard Poodle Stevenson's Alisiane Eyes on the Prize, see 1st Puppy, Poodle (Standard)

Sue Worrell (Miamou)

