

HITCHIN & DISTRICT OPEN SHOW 16/04/2023

I would like to thank the committee for the invitation to judge, support and hospitality at their well-run show. Thank you to my steward who kept the ring running in good order. Also, it is important to me to thank the exhibitors for their entries, giving me the opportunity to go over and appreciate their lovely dogs. My decisions were taken in a very sporting manner.

CHIHUAHUA (LONG COAT)

Puppy (1)

1st – JONES - **Flickan Fragrant Flower** Sweet 11-month-old. Happy puppy with good head development for age. She has well placed and feathered ears which she used to good effect at all times. Her coat is of a good texture and the feathering is coming along nicely. She moved out happily with a light, easy action from the front and drive from the rear. **Best Puppy in Breed.**

Junior (2)

1st VAITEKUNAITE – **Milendo Richie Rich** Well coated male, presented in good order. Level topline held on move and standing. Good tailset and correct carriage. Neat body shape and size. Well-rounded head, with dark eyes and set off with well-placed fringed ears, giving a typical foxy expression. Moved out well with drive. **RBOB**

2nd HOLMES – **Baralicia Elsa at Teclo**. This little lady is very promising. She was unsettled in the class which was such a shame. Pretty girl with balanced shape and good head properties. Moved well.

Post Graduate (4,1)

1st BARKER'S – **Baralicia Red Ruby** - This nearly 9-year-old girl moved out very well. Although lacking a little in coat she had adequate feathering. Her construction is good, level topline held well moving and standing. She has a sweet head, with good ear placement and dark eyes. Lovely attitude.

2nd JONES' – **Flickan Fragrance** – Smaller than first placed, but still attractive in shape and appearance. In good coat of the correct texture. Could be a little stronger across the loin to give a level topline. Moved out well, better in front than behind.

Open (3)

1st JONES' – **Flickan Figurine, JW** – Very pretty girl using her well placed ears to good effect. Lovely head of correct shape. Good eye colour and placement. Dressed in a well feathered, correctly textured coat. Well-structured overall, giving her good parallel movement coming and going and a dainty appearance with purpose in profile. Level topline held both standing and moving. **Best of Breed**

2nd HOLMES' – **Torre Del Pilar Neo For Teclo (Imp ESP)** – Black & Tan male of good, proportions. Masculine head. Good eye and ear placements. Level topline when standing, not quite as strong on the move. Moved out well, with correct tail carriage.

CHIHUAHUA (Smooth Coat)

Puppy (1)

1st BARKER'S – **Baralicia Blue Ember** – Sweet baby boy, 9 months old, standing alone his confidence seemed to grow during the class. He was a worthy winner of this class, having a well-proportioned head and good overall balance. He moved out well holding his topline and showing good tail carriage. **Best Puppy and RBOB**

Open (1)

1st DAVIDSON-POSTON'S **Davixity Bruhn Spinillons** – A 4-year-old black and tan male, standing alone in this class. Lovely head, a typical apple shape, well placed eyes, and well aligned ear placement. Good construction, reflected in his true movement. A very spirited performance. **Best of Breed**

COTON DE TULEAR

Puppy (1)

1st HARRIS' **Montewhite Hera (Imp Pol)NAF** – Lovely puppy girl. Correct in head for maturity, good pigment and expected ridge to nose. Black tipped, well-placed ears Correct topline with slight rise over loin. Good movement. Presented well, making a lovely picture standing and moving. **Best Puppy in Breed**

Post Graduate (1)'

1st HARRIS' **Cotonclover Fiorangelo** – Lovely bitch, well dressed in a good coat of correct texture. Well-proportioned head with black pigment to eyes and nose. Moderate neck leading into good shoulders. Topline showing slight rise over loin dropping over croup. Ribs well-sprung. Moved out very well with drive showing black pads to feet when going away and holding topline. **Best of Breed**

Open (1)

1st CLARKE'S **Int/BE Ch Cotonkiss Heaven Help Us** - Handsome male, well balanced and with happy temperament. Good head and expression, correct frontal groove, and stop. Good pigment, well placed dark eyes. Adequate lay of shoulder. Good depth to brisket and well-sprung ribs. Moderate tuck-up. Coat of good texture and well presented. Little reluctant on the move at times. When he moved out, he moved well. In the challenge for best of breed it was a close decision. **RBOB**

GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS

Puppy (1)

1st SOPER'S **Lightoaks Ruby Rocket** – 6-month-old baby girl showing promise. Sweet head. Good colour and texture to her coat. Head developing well. Ears well set and used to good effect. Liked her overall structure and good bone. Typical puppy making her first time handler work hard. When all four feet hit the ground, she moved very well. **Best Puppy in Breed.**

Post Graduate (2,1)

1st CONWAY'S **Stormjac Sassy Girl In Black** – Black bitch of a nice size and shape. Loving her cheeky temperament and expression. Well balanced outline. Moved out well with drive from rear and with correct tail carriage from well set-on tail. **RBOB**

Open (1)

1st CONWAY'S **Ch Stormjac Spocktacluar Nite** – Square set, well balanced black male of good type. Liked his expression and good nature. Good head properties. He moved out well with drive from rear. Well-made front and developed ribs. Pleased to award him **Best of Breed.**

POMERANIANS

Puppy (2)

1st BROWN'S **Altina's Krystal Tiara NAF,TAF** – Sweet 6-month-old bitch. Time to mature, but showing lots of promise. Good conformation overall. Lovely expression from well-placed dark twinkling eyes. She moved out with spirit, and parallel when going away and coming forward. Used her well placed ears to good effect.

2nd GOOCH'S **Pavvali's Private Dancer** – Nearly two months older than my 1st placed this little girl is also promising. Very attentive to her owner, she gave a very good account of herself in both shape, and attitude. Coat of correct texture. She moved out well, but I feel she needs to tighten up a little on the rear.

Junior (2)

1st GOOCH'S **Lireva's Well Fancy That for Cassibawn** – A year old male who pipped the puppy in second place on movement on the day. Good expression and typical cheeky attitude. Well-made overall, good head properties, lovely erect, well-placed ears. Good tail carriage and coat of correct texture.

2nd HOLMAN'S **Altina Alabama True Romance** – still a puppy at 10 months old. This young boy has time to mature and tighten up. He has a profuse coat of good texture. Neat, rounded appearance to head, flat between the ears, with well placed, dark eyes, giving a good expression. Lovely happy temperament. **Best Puppy**

Post Graduate (3)

1st HILLS' **Sharhazlah Kamikazi Devil** – Sweet boy that won on movement in this class. Dressed in a good black coat, this boy is a neat shape with good head properties, erect ears, dark sparkling eyes, showing interest in all around him, giving a good expression. He has a lovely attitude. Moving out with typical buoyant steps, front and rear moving in parallel. Correct tail carriage, he is a delight. **RBOB**

2nd HILLS' **Sharhazlah Luvs A Dare Devil** – Slightly bigger boy. Good head. Balanced shape, moved out okay, a little close behind. Good coat, well feathered tail, carried correctly.

3rd HILLS' **Sharhazlah Devilish Vixen**

Open (3)

1st HILLS' **Ch Sharhazlah's Suave Devil ShCEx** – Lovely shape and outline to this boy. Lovely bone. Good colour to correctly textured coat. Head with foxy expression, good dark eyes drawing you in to a world of curiosity. Good pigment to eye rims and nose. Ears well-placed, erect but mobile adding to the character. Short neck set into well laid shoulders. Moved out freely and true, good in profile and parallel coming and going. Attentive, lively, and just right for me. **Best of Breed**

2nd HOLMAN'S **Altina's Henry Higgins JW** – This boy carries many of the good properties of my class winner. Good head and overall balanced shape. Movement good but not quite as positive as the class winner.

3rd HILLS' **Sharhazlah's Son of a Devil**

Marian Mynott (Judge)

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