

Northumberland and Durham Bulldogs Club

14<sup>th</sup> April 2013-05-03 Judge: Kevin Davis (MyStyle)

Thank you to the Northumberland and Durham Bulldog Club for inviting me to judge their Championship show and for their wonderful hospitality. I was very pleased with my entry and thank all the people who came, especially those who travelled a long way.

I must say overall I was a little disappointed with the quality of the dogs. I noticed that a few of the current top dogs were missing and it's a shame that they didn't have the courage to show fearlessly as they may have been surprised at the honesty of my judging. As usual the puppy classes were busy and I had some very promising pups to judge. I found the quality of the bitches to be higher than the dogs throughout, although my Dog CC and Reserve CC were worthy of their awards, and it seems we are finally getting the message about obesity as most were shown in firm, fit condition. Eyes have also improved with no obvious health issues. I have kept my critique short and to the point and I hope it can give you an insight to my thinking as I think it is important to understand the reasons for the judges placings.

The general health of the dogs was very good. Eyes were excellent in general but too short necks and weak hind quarters were a bit too common. Nose rolls and nostrils were generally good and with the new standard it is far easier to reward a dog without typical nose placement. Presentation and handling continues to improve which makes judging even more pleasurable.

Minor Puppy Dog (9, 3abs)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Simpson's **Jackarhys Morpheus**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bannister's **Triarder Dreamseen at Andlare**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Salkeld's Salkysbully **Dodgy Dave**

Mixed class with very different types ! **Winner**, giving away a little age and maturity to **Second**. Preferred this one's type, red and white, very flashy and of correct size for age. **Second** brindle/white, slightly bigger and longer cast, but equally good in front. Both with good, straight, strong bone to neat rounded feet. Both with very pleasing heads, with good, dark, sound round eyes, open nostrils and subtle nose rolls and excellent pigmentation. Preferred the sweep of under jaw on **Winner** but the ear size and carriage on **Second**. Both had good body shape, ribs, and toplines, but preferred the tail on **Winner**. Both a little short in neck, which hopefully will improve with maturity. Both had good hind quarters and moved soundly and correctly.

Puppy Dog (6, 0 abs)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Murphy's **Britishrose He Who Dares** (Best Puppy Dog)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bell's **The Earl of Pendlebrier**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Smith's **Carasmel Let Me Be Your Star**

Nice class but these two stood out and were difficult to split. Less than two weeks difference in age but I am sure these two are going to meet and change places regularly. **Winner** White, of good size and balance with good tacked on shoulders and top line and slightly better tail set than **Second** r/w flashy, standard size and equally well balanced. Both with good length of flat skull and sound dark eyes. Good pigmentation and expression. Preferred the ear size and carriage of **Second** and although both had good sweep of under jaw the **Winner** was wider between the canines. Both had full acceptable nose rolls and open nostrils, and were very pleasing in profile with enough neck for age, Preferred angulation on **Winner** as **Second** was slightly over angulated on hocks. Both moved soundly and showed well.

Junior Dog (9, 2 abs)

1<sup>st</sup> Mander's **Milasha Boris at Erimusbull**

2<sup>nd</sup> Blane/Soular's **Cholto Alejandro**

3<sup>rd</sup> Bagguley's **Gervase Marco Polo**

A bit disappointing and a real mixture in this class ! **Winner** w/r unexaggerated in any way. Very clean cut while **Second** while a bit more course in head and heavier set all round. Preferred the type of **Winner** with a few more curves in the right places. Both had nice square fronts with straight bone, and the **Second** heavier bone to feet. Preferred the eye shape on **Winner** and nose roll a bit heavy on **Second**. Preferred the top line on **Winner** but **Second** had a better tail. Both moved OK.

Novice Dog (1, 0 abs)

1<sup>st</sup> Laverick/Billingham's Lenny **The Firm Boss at Tinkabull**

Stood alone

f/w Standard size, clean cut, unexaggerated type. Nice head with good length of flat skull. Nice neat rose ears. Sound, well spaced dark eyes. Nice black nose with open nostrils. Good width and length of foreface. Good turn of under jaw. A little tight in front and brisket but straight bone. Nice square front, good top line, but lacked a little rib. Well angulated hindquarters and moved well.

Undergraduate Dog (4, 2 abs)

1<sup>st</sup> Natriss' **Carasmel Hamilton at Soulttime**

2<sup>nd</sup> Laverick/Billingham's **Fusion Forever at Tinkabull**

Only two in this class. Both red and white of standard size with good flat skulls. **Winner** neat rose ears and carried slightly better than **Second**. Both with good layback and open nostrils, although **Winner** had darker and sounder eyes than **Second**, **Second** with better sweep and trueness of under jaw. Both had square enough fronts and good bone but both lacked a bit of substance. I preferred top line on **Winner**. Both could do with better tails. Both moved OK and soundly.

Post Graduate Dog (5, 1 abs)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dauphin-Simmons **Senidan Bianco Pablo**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Peacock's **Coatesmar Crusader**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Colwill's **Wearbull Fabulous Josh**

Two slightly different types. Both standard size but **Winner** white colour with more all round substance and bone than **Second** who was slightly higher on the leg and not quite the depth of brisket as **Winner**. Both had enough turn of shoulder and straight bone to neat feet. Preferred head on Winner with more open nostrils and better width of under jaw. Both had nice rose ears and sound dark eyes. **Second** had the tidier top line but **Winner** prevailed in tail and hind quarters . Both moved well.

Mid Limit Dog (6, 2 abs)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Smith/Powell's **Carasel Johnson**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Austin's **LeKerry Le Stanley**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Davies' **The Miz at Baalzebul**

A much nicer class with two of the better dogs on the day competing. Both r/w and both looked better in profile than front on. Both have very pleasing head characteristics with fine wrinkle and good flat skulls, neat ears and open nostrils. Completely different expressions, as **Winner** has a more brick shaped head and a softer yet still intelligent look with his sound, well placed and set open eyes. While **Second**, a more angry expression created by a slightly unparallel eye line which I think is not helped by his unusually high set back nose with the tip almost above the eye line. Never the less he was stronger in foreface and a better under jaw than **Winner**, Although fronts are not these two's fortunes, both a little tight, they both have lovely body shapes with short backs and good top lines. Both moved well.

### Limit Dog (7, 2 abs)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pearce's **Sodburybull Coldplay**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Goodwin's **Britishpride Sinatra**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Booth's **Hobtop Raffles**

Very close between these two but it was the ring presence of the **Winner** (white) that swung it – One that has always caught my eye, slightly over size but well balanced and with a few more curves that **Second** (red). Both very pleasing heads but rise of skull and eye shape better on **Second**. Ears equally good on both but **Winner** with more sweep and width of under jaw. Front on both very impressive with **Second** the slightly better shoulder angulation. Both with lovely straight bone to neat feet and square fronts. **Winner** better in profile with a shade more reach of neck. Both moved soundly just **Winner** moved with a shade more animation and held his top line better.

### Open Dog (6, 3 abs)

- 1<sup>st</sup> McGreevy/Truong/Babcock/ Serion's **IR CH/AM CH Babby's Wanna Be Startin Somethin of Surfcity** (Dog CC)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bragger's **Prideofbully Winstone** (Res Dog CC)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May's **Merseyside Magic at Bishopspark**

This class found my Dog CC and my res Dog CC. Two very nice dogs with different fortunes. **Winner** (white/red), very impressive stacked up with a ring presence that demands your eye ! **Second** (red/white), more flashy than **Winner** and more pleasing on the eye on the move with his more controlled movement. I have always been told to reward a dogs virtues and how refreshing it was to go over my **Winner's** head, as not only did I find the widest jaw of the day with real sweep, it was true aswell. Both had good flat skulls with the **Second** slightly longer. Ears, to be fair aren't either of their best virtues, with the carriage on Winner and the texture and size on **Second** not great, but their other virtues far outweighed these. Both had good layback and open nostrils, but preferred eye placement and shape on **Winner**. Jaw on **Second**, not as wide as **Winner**, but also true. Front on **Winner** very typical with tacked on shoulders, while **Second** equally strong in bone has not quite the width between the shoulders and brisket as **Winner**. Both had nice straight bone to neat feet and both very nice in profile with nice curves in the right places. Both with correct length of back and both had well angulated hind quarters. Tails not the greatest on both, but no signs of problems when handling. Both move their width on the front although Winner wasn't so correct as Second on rear movement, was still sound and I was very happy to award him, for his outstanding virtues the CC, and the **Second** for the prestigious Res CC !

### Minor Puppy Bitch (11, 3 abs)

- 1<sup>st</sup>      Rudd's **Myeisha Hydra**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>      Bentley's **Triarder Like a Dream**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>      Rose's **Redrose Sweeter Than Sugar at Rosebull**

Nice class with a few that will change places regularly. First two of same age – 8 months). **Winner** (red/white) **Second** br/white). Both with pleasing heads for age with good flat skulls and nice fine wrinkle, neat ears, sound dark eyes, and open nostrils. **Winner**, slightly wider in under jaw. Both have good square fronts and deep briskets and strong, straight bone to good feet. **Winner**, a bit shorter in back than **Second**. Both with good spring of rib, but preferred the top line and tail on **Winner**. Both with good hind quarters and both moved correctly and soundly, although **Second** was better schooled.

Puppy Bitch (12, 2 abs)

- 1<sup>st</sup>      Tuesley/Edward's **Rosie Tee Kirkade** (Best Puppy Bitch)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>      Taylor/Mackrell's **Goldfayre Pandora**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>      Davies' **Baalzebul Theia the Titan**

Only two days between these two – 9 months so still plenty of maturing to come from both. Both red/white and very flash with good head virtues. **Winner**, slightly longer and dryer in skull. Both with good, sound, dark eyes and good pigmentation. **Second** bigger nose but both with open nostrils. **Second**, wider foreface but both with good turn and width of true under jaws. Preferred the front on **Winner**, as not as exaggerated as **Second**, but both with strong bone, good depth of brisket and neat feet. I preferred **Winner** in profile with a lovely reach of neck and gentle rise from wither to loins. Both had good tails and I preferred the rear angulation on **Second** but the overall balance was better on **Winner**.

Junior Bitch (9, 2 abs)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Eaton's **LaRoyals Next Top Model Ricatori**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sakeld's **Sodburybull Sunset Beauty at Salkysbully**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Smith's **Carasmel Henryetta**

Two nice juniors with only a weeks difference in age and only just into junior. There is plenty of time on their side yet for maturity. **Winner** (red/white). Nice size and very flashy. Second (white) but with her excellent pigmentation also very pleasing on the eye. Both good flat skulls with fine wrinkles but **Winner** with slightly better ear carriage. Both have good noses with open nostrils. Preferred the eye rims on **Second** but both had sound dark eyes. Both had good turn and width of under jaw, and enough length and width of foreface to create nice expressions. Both have good fronts but **Winner** had a little more turn of shoulder and width of chest making a lovely square front. Both pleasing in profile with good reach of neck for age, and nice curves in the right places along good lengths of back. Both had good tails and nice hind quarters and although **Second** was a bit excitable on the move she, like Winner moved correctly and soundly just not as controlled as **Winner**.

Maiden Bitch ( 1,1 abs)

Novice Bitch (1, 0 abs)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Westmorland's **Maxibullz Joy to the World at Gailbulls**

Stood alone – brindle/white. Healthy type with flat skull and small rose ears. Unexaggerated head with fine wrinkle, sound dark eyes and good pigmentation. Nose placement to suit new standard and open nostrils. Under jaw lacked a bit of sweep. Square enough front with straight bone to neat feet. Good brisket and forechest. Good reach of neck and length of back. Good top line. A little high in hock but moved well.

Undergraduate Bitch (2, 1 abs)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trevor's **Newrock Guilty Pleasure at Davisil**

Stood alone. Nice type this one. Lovely head with good flat skull and fine wrinkle. Nice dark, well spaced eyes. Good nose with open nostrils. Nice pigmentation. A good turn of under jaw. Nice square front with straight bone to neat feet. Good brisket. A shade short in neck but pleasing enough top line. Tail not her fortune but nice hindquarters and moved well.

Post Graduate Bitch (8, 2 abs)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lennox's **Cherishabull Touch of Class**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Raper's **Myeisha Love Me Tender at Macabodi**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Muir's **Izzy Heir Apparent**

Two nice bitches with many virtues. **Winner** (white) Lovely type and with a bit more schooling could do very well. **Second** (red/white), A bit more feminine and with a slightly better front than winner. Very nice head on **Winner** with good long, flat skull with nice fine wrinkle. Nice ear carriage and sound, dark eyes. **Second**, good flat skull and nice ears but a little dryer in forehead and not quite the strength of foreface as **Winner**. Both had true jaws but **Winner** excelled in sweep and width. Both nice in body shape and top line but both could do with a shade more neck. Preferred the strength in hindquarters on **Winner**, but the more controlled movement of Second. Both moved soundly.

Mid Limit Bitch ((4, 3 abs)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Davison's Best **Bulldoggirona Chanel at Brampton**

Stood alone. Standard size (red/white). Nice, very feminine bitch. Good length of flat skull although a shade on the dry side for me, but probably what the new standard is asking for. Well placed, small rose ears. Good sound, round dark eyes. Nice nose with open nostrils. Good pigmentation and true under jaw. Good square front with straight bone to neat feet. Nice in profile with correct length of back and reach of neck. Tail a little tight but nice hindquarters and moved well..

Limit Bitch ((10, 3 abs)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hurst's **Bollglade Me Me** (Bitch CC and BIS)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Eaton's **Ricatori Florence Baby JW**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stutter's **De Ca'n Benet Starmenta Linminst (Imp Esp) JW**

Two lovely bitches, both with many of the major characteristics of the breed. **Winner** (fawn/white) my Bitch CC and BIS. Quality bitch and more standard size and slightly more feminine than **Second** (red/white). Both with pleasing head qualities. Good flat skulls, well placed ears carried correctly, Both with good width of foreface and sound dark eyes. Both with good noses and open nostrils and turn of under jaws. **Winner** slightly more square fronted and balanced bone, but both straight boned to neat feet. Both with nice toplines good ribs and pleasing hind quarters. Both moved well and soundly, just loved the overall balance and quality of **Winner**. A pleasure to award her Bitch CC, and her title.



Open Bitch (9, 4 abs)

1<sup>st</sup> Stead's **Cookie Dough at Chezzasbully** (Reserve Bitch CC)

2<sup>nd</sup> Goodwin's **Britishpride Biba**

3<sup>rd</sup> Lunt's **Jaqls Britney**

Two different types but both with many nice virtues. Both with very honest heads, good flat skulls, nice fine wrinkles and neat, well carried, rose ears and sound dark eyes. Both had good turn of true under jaws. **Winner** (red/wh) slightly better nose but both with open nostrils. Preferred the front on **Winner** (RCC), with a better turn of shoulder, slightly heavier bone and deeper brisket. Both had good straight bone to neat feet, good body shape and ribs, but **Winner** with better reach of neck. Both with good top lines and tails, but preferred hindquarters and movement of **Winner**. Both moved soundly, but preferred hindquarters and movement on **Winner**.