

Basset Hound Club of Wales – Open Show 21st March 2010

Judge: Stephen Archer (Roamanbay)

It is with extreme gratitude that I thank the members and committee of the Basset Hound Club of Wales for their support in inviting me to judge at their Spring Show. Many thanks to the exhibitors for travelling near and far on such a beautiful sunny day. I hope all the exhibitors, like myself, enjoyed the hospitality and warm welcome that you always receive at this show. Special thanks to Arthur for being my excellent steward.

Veteran Dog 2(1)

1st Isted & Melbourne Dereheath Pedridot at Dearduenna. Red & white hound of substance - 8 years old. Presented a strong and balanced appearance both stood and on the move. Dark eye and soft expression with correct amount of wrinkle. Good length of neck leading to a good lay of shoulder with a neat foresheet sitting nicely into croup. Level topline both stood and on the move. Muscular hind quarters which he used perfectly with drive on the move. Little naughty on the day for his owner but showed to perfection. Pleased to award him BVIS and RBIS in show – extremely pleased to see him gain his championship title a week later.

Puppy Dog 1

1st Storton, Isted & Melbourne Dereheath Going Dutch. 7 month old solid tri dog. Gentle soft expression with a dark eye and correct bite. Deep chest and nice length of body. Moved with enthusiasm and well presented. A raw baby boy that needs to develop further.

Junior Dog 2

1st Storton & Melbourne Diheath Maximus. 11 month old tri dog. Fabulous head, nice forechest – dark eye and correct mouth. Presented a nice outline both stood and on the move. Nice length of body though would like to see more length of rib. Lovely rear angulation and moved true with drive. Challenged hard for Best Puppy but preferred the overall construction of the bitch. On to watch as he matures.

2nd Beale & Newman's Woferlow Alfred Jingle. 16 month old open tri boy. Nice head with the softest expression – dark eye, correct bite and good length of leathers. Nice sternum and tight feet. Nice length and excellent ribbing. Good rear angulation. Lovely temperament and well presented. Nice boy that needs time to come together and settle.

Novice Dog 1 (0)

Post Graduate Dog 1 (0)

Limit Dog 2 (1)

1st Kelsey's Rakefoot Tennyson Bay through Malacante. Big red and white boy with a strong head, dark eye and soft expression. Correct bite and length of ear. Nice rear angulation. Presented well.

Open Dog 7 (4)

1st Newman's Ch Woferlow Border Patrol. Black Blanket boy with a super head and attitude of a true show man as soon as he entered the ring. Deep forechest and good length of body and rib. Tight well knuckled feet. Moved with drive, true both fore and aft. Little wide in front for me. Pushed hard in the challenge and as always showed and presented to perfection. RBD

2nd Kelseys Malacante Bay of Silence. 6 year old tri dog. Strong head, soft expression. Correct front assembly and tight well knuckled feet. Good length of rib and rear angulation. Preferred the overall movement and construction of 1.

Veteran Bitch 3 (1)

1st Bray Lodway Dreamer. 12 year old dark tri lady. Lovely long ears and softest expression. Beautiful head and long reach of neck. Good shoulder and front assembly with prominent sternum not often seen in the ring today. Nice length to her body. Moved true and with the drive as one would expect of a lady of her age. Reminded me a lot of one of my first bassets.

2nd Beale's Richsomes Love In Your Eyes. Very different type to 1st. 7 year old Dark tri. Dark eye and correct bite. Well set, soft ears however would prefer a little longer. Neat front with good shoulders and excellent ribbing – though shorter in body than I would like, moved with drive and expertly handled. Overall, preferred the construction and type of my winner, though a difficult decision when comparing such extreme age variation.

Puppy Bitch 4

1st Tryhorn's Moragden Marcasite. 7 month old open tri. Lovely head, soft expression, dark eye and well set long leathers. Good strong neck nicely arched. Lovely laid back shoulders and prominent sternum. Correct front assembly. Good bone and well knuckled tight feet. Nice length to the ribs well sprung. Nice rear angulation which she used with drive. A little shy on the day but hopefully as her confidence improves she will be one to watch. No hesitation in awarding her BP.

2nd Fleethams Kimbleholme Bewitched. 11 month dark tri. Nice head with the sweetest expression, nice ear set and dark eye – though prefer a little less haw. Neat well constructed front, nice shoulders and good ribbing. Moved true and with drive. Preferred the rear construction of the winner. Handled well.

Junior Bitch 2 (1)

1st Barrenger's Swanhild. Nice open tri with strong head and good ear set. Would like a darker eye. Correct neat front and well set shoulders. Good length and ribbing. Would prefer more rear angulation though moved with drive. Well handled and presented.

2nd Fleetham's Kimbleholme Fairytale. Red and White bitch – larger in type. Nice head and long strong neck, neat shoulders and prominent sternum. Carrying a bit too much weight today and this spoilt her overall picture.

Novice Bitch 1

1st 1st Tryhorn's Moragden Marcasite

Post Graduate Bitch 9 (4)

1st Tilstone's Keepersnook Betty Boo. Caught my eye as she entered the ring. Lovely typy bitch with a good head, dark eyes and soft expression. Lovely front assembly nicely laid

back shoulders and prominent sternum. Long strong neck. Good ribbing leading to a cracking apple bottom. Drove around the ring with drive and enthusiasm. Using her well angulated rear well. Lovely picture stood and on the move. Pleased to award her BB and BIS

2nd Newman's Bernice Von Der Kreuzbriete to Woferlow. Black Blanket bitch, larger in type than winner. Nice head, soft expression. Nice nest front, good ribbing. Good rear angulation and level topline both stood and on the move.

Limit Bitch 8 (2)

1st Newman's Woferlow Tooty Frooties. Fell in love with this little girl when I first saw her. Beautiful head and expression, dark eye and well set ears. Good shoulders, nice ribbing and the best angulation and movement of the day. Drives around the ring and show to perfection. Would like to have seen a more prominent sternum.

2nd Tryhorns Moragden Maggie May. Mottled tri – larger type than winner. Lovely sternum and tight well laid back shoulders. Lovely head and strong neck. Presented a lovely picture stood but let down by her front movement. Though a very nice bitch overall.

Open Bitch 9 (5)

1st Freer, Rodgers & Armstrong's Switherland Double Image. Very tidy little girl. Soft expression, nice head, though would prefer a longer ear. Neat well constructed front and sternum. Nice laid back shoulders. Good ribbing and excellent rear angulation which she used well. Moved with drive – true and balanced on the move. Lovely outline both stood and on the move. Pretty picture overall. RBB

2nd Thexton & Martin's Barrenger Proper Handful. Pretty head, very correct. Super front assembly. Nice shoulders and good ribs. Moved nicely with drive. Preferred the movement and overall picture of my winner.