

I would like to thank the committee of the Basset Hound Club of Wales for inviting me to judge at their show. It is an honour and I would like to also thank all the exhibitors who entered as it was a joy to judge with some of the classes having very close results.

Veteran Dog (2)

I love the oldies class and here are two lovely ones.

1st-Haynes Harebolt Echo - 9year old, good type, r/w excellent bone and substance, correct front and shoulder placement, tight feet well sprung ribs level topline moved well around the ring. **Veteran Dog.**

2nd- Whitehead's Bassbarr Jacobite at Ardenmill - 9 year old r/w, good head dark eye, more bone than 1 , deep body good ribs carried well back tight feet level topline. Just did not want to walk today.

Puppy Dog (1)

1st- Taor's Taormina Harlequin - 7 month tri dog, good size and shape, good bone tight feet , rib cage carried well back nice head dark eye good leathers. Shame he didn't want to walk but will come on. **Best Puppy Dog.**

Novice Dog (1)

1st- Davies & Hunt's Valandee Dark Dandy - black blanket tri, super bone masculine head, very dark eye, nice front good depth to body and ribs moved with drive.

Post Graduate Dog (1)

1st- Whittock's Woferlow Patrolman at Whitline - r/w dog lovely male nicely balanced and moved with drive and purpose, lovely head & eye, sound front excellent ribbing carried well back level topline , well bent stifle. Pity didn't stay to challenge.

Limit Dog (1)

1st- Davies & Hunt's Viahninns Harvest Gold - r/w dog, masculine dog, dark eye nice expression, good bone, nice feet, kept topline on the move.

Open Dog (4, 1abs)

What a superb class to judge as these dogs could so easily swap places if judged again.

1st - Thexton & Martin Barrenger Beswick JW ShCM - quality tri dog excellent head, dark eye, muzzle and leathers good, occiput with a well arched neck leading to well laid back shoulders, good bone tight feet, well sprung ribs, level topline good bend to stifle moved with great drive round the ring. A very outstanding dog. **Best Dog & Reserve Best In Show.**

2nd - Archer's Bertie Black to Roamanbay - lovely tri dog good head and expression correct front well boned tight feet deep ribs well angulated quarters, excellent movement with drive handled well. Just preferred 1 this day. **Reserve Best Dog**

3rd - Armstrong's Lauralee Never Say Never - tri dog nice head dark eye, good front, ribs well back good bone moved well.

Veteran Bitch (2)

Another very nice oldie class

1st - Bray's Lodway Dreamer - 11yr tri bitch, feminine head dark eye, long leather, kind expression correct front, nice feet good ribs and level topline, good quarters moved well for her age. **Veteran Bitch & Best Veteran in Show.**

2nd - Haynes's Clementine at Harebolt - 11yr r/w bitch good type, sound movement, good front and bone nice ribs.

Puppy Bitch (2)

1st - Taor's Taormina Amethyst Angel - tri bitch beautiful head and dark eye, good front, ribs correct and well back, well angled quarter and bend of stifle, moved well. Loved this pup. **Best Puppy & Best Puppy in Show.**

2nd - Huntley's Yarwoodine Tilly Trotter at Sprengualley - tri bitch, dark eye good leathers, finer boned than 1 didn't move as well.

Junior Bitch (3)

1st - Tryhorn's Moragden Maggie May - very smart tri bitch with mottling, beautiful head, serene expression, good neck and shoulder placement, depth of body with well sprung ribs, good bend to stifle, level topline moves with drive. Super bitch and one to watch in the future.

2nd - Thexton & Martin's Argemore Flanders Fields of Barrenger - pretty feminine head, dark eyes good leathers, well developed front and shoulders, good ribs, level topline on move. Close between 1 & 2.

3rd - Steers's Houndstone Dottie Lottie - tri bitch lovely expression, dark eye, good leathers good ribs level topline on move.

Novice Bitch (5)

1st - Tryhorn's Moragden Maggie May.

2nd - Danel's Brackenacre Beau Belle of Widgerleydown - black blanket tri bitch lovely head nice reach of neck and good shoulder placement with a deep chest and long ribs well back nice bone and good turn of stifle pity it came up against 1.

3rd - Archer's Dearduenna Zazie at Roamanbay - tri bitch feminine head dark eye, good shoulder placement and rear, moved with level topline.

Post Graduate Bitch (5, 1abs)

1st - Danel's Houndstone Harriet Hazel at Widgerleydown - tri bitch a quality and type and not overdone, very attractive head with dark eye, well boned neat front, good length of ribs carried well back, good bend of stifle moved well. I have liked this bitch for sometime well deserved. **Reserve Best Bitch.**

2nd - Turner's Devonhound Moonlight Mistletoe of Zeal - r/w bitch nice head correct leathers with dark eye, good ribs, rounded quarters moved well pity she had been washed the day before and didn't put her tail up.

3rd - Bray's Brackenacre Vivacious - tri bitch dark eye good leathers, ribs carried well back, well boned tight feet. Moved well.

Limit Bitch (4)

1st - Thexton & Martin Barrenger Proper Handful - tri bitch, very sound with very nice head, dark eye, well laid back shoulders, good front and tight feet moved soundly with level topline. Quality bitch.

2nd - Armstrong's Clavidar Talk of the Town at Lauralee - mature open tri bitch with a good head dark eye & leathers, well sprung ribs carried well back moved with drive.

3rd - Tryhorn's Moragden Mazin Mazie - r/w bitch, well proportioned feminine bitch with a kind expression well boned good front and shoulders kept topline on move.

Open Bitch (5, 1abs)

What a beautiful class to judge with superb bitches.

1st - Beale's Richsomes Love in Your Eyes - open tri bitch, quality bitch with feminine head, dark eyes, good leathers, nice reach of neck on good shoulder placement and sound front, deep chest with well rounded ribs and correct rear angulation to bend of stifle, moved with a level topline. Moved with drive and purpose. Both handler

and dog showed to perfection. A great ambassador for the breed and I was delighted to award her Best In Show over an outstanding dog. **Best Bitch & Best in Show.**

2nd - Armstrong, Freer & Rodgers Switherland Double Image - tri bitch, good head dark eye long leathers, sound front well made with ample bone moved well but not as good as 1.

3rd - Archer's Dereheath Chica at Roamanbay - tri bitch well balanced, nice head good reach of neck long rib cage and level topline on the move.

Special Beginners Dog or Bitch. (3,1abs)

1st - Danel's Brackenacre Beau Belle of Widgerleydown.

2nd - Steer's Houndstone Dottie Lottie.

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