

Critique for South West Whippet Club Open Show 21.9.14
Judge Patricia Bird

My thanks go to the Officers and Committee for inviting me to judge, and to my ring stewards who looked after me so well. I was pleased with the number of dogs entered and with the overall depth of quality, which enabled me to find just what I was looking for in my main winners. Most exhibits were in fit condition, although some would benefit from a little weight loss and a manicure.

MPD (4) 1. Wayman's Speymnalt Northern Star. What a star he is. Composed particolour of super size with masculine head and gentle expression. Good bone, length of loin and angulation. Smooth shoulders and deep brisket, correct pasterns and well knuckled feet. Beautifully presented, with best of coats, moved soundly.

2. Boughton's Danluke Double Tango With Ipanema. What a stunning golden fawn puppy of just 6 months. Loved everything about him. Shapely, with good angulation and movement.

PD (5, 1A) 1. Picolo & Robinson's Kaymark Shotgun Paddy JW. 9 months dark brindle. Masculine and very sound. Dark eyes, long neck and good shoulders, with good infill. Held his topline on the move and really drove from behind.

2. James' Drakesoak Halloween Twist. Pale brindle of correct size, well balanced and sound. Super head with neat ears and strong underjaw, long neck and smooth shoulders. Adequate bone, correct pasterns and neat feet. Moved with reach and drive.

JD (6, 1A) 1. Neale's Stormalong Romantic Romeo. 14 months pale brindle with white trim. He appealed for his collected movement and correct size. Masculine head with dark eyes and neat ears. My hands glided over him. Good shoulder placement and return of upper arm, neat tuck up and gentle rise over the loin. Strong quarters with well let down hocks. Reserve Best Dog.

2. Turnbull's Turnstone Prince of Passion. Silver fawn with white trim of lovely size and type, so elegant yet masculine. Attractive head and long neck, good bone with neat forehand and feet. Well angulated in rear with good second thigh and hocks well let down.

MD (2) 1. Howgate & Hull's Palmik Strike It Right. Gorgeous dark brindle and white scopy puppy with dark pigmentation, making a beautiful outline. Attractive head and long neck, good topline and length of loin, strong quarters and deep brisket, smooth shoulders. Just needs to settle coming towards.

2. Vaughan's Lewcerycar Last Suspect. Attractive pale brindle of good overall shape, correct size and nice type with appealing head and gentle expression. Just moved rather wide today.

ND (5) 1. Neale's S. Romantic Romeo.

2. McConkey's Penbriar Lord Aleaping to Barmoll. Brindle masculine boy with gorgeous head and expression and dark pigmentation. He flowed under the hand and was well angulated with no exaggerations. Super length of loin and strong quarters. Moved soundly.

GD (11, 1a) 1. Neal's S. Romantic Romeo.

2. Mulligan's Ashkyem Big Star. Stunning brindle boy, close up to 1. Mature and masculine with delightful head and expression. Long neck and good layback of shoulder, with good infill and bone. Neat feet and correct pasterns, gentle rise over the loin, strong quarters. Moved soundly.

PGD (10, 3a) 1. Harding-Waite and Waite's Drakesoak Allofa Twist With Caderleth. Loved the overall shape of this brindle dog. Masculine, with strength and elegance and great ring presence. Moved soundly and effortlessly. Superb forehand with good return of upper arm, deep brisket and good spring of rib, gently sloping pasterns and well knuckled feet. Strong shapely quarters.

2. Hooper's Torbers Peaceful Warrior. White with brindle markings. Delightful dog of perfect size, good front assembly. Good bone and moved well with drive and good front extension.

LD (5, 1a) 1. Hill's Kierpark Livin On A Prayer ShCM. Golden fawn with good head and sweet expression, won on his correct movement and size. In fit condition but not course. Held his topline on the move, neat feet and powerful quarters.

2. Hurley's Diaghilev Ballet Master. Attractive particolour with super head and expression. Neat ears, long neck and well angulated. Strong quarters and neat feet.

OD (12, 2a) 1. Howgate & Hull's Live Tell JW. I loved the demeanour of this compact pale fawn dog, so beautifully presented and collected on the move. Handsome head with neat well carried ears, dark oval eyes, strong muzzle. Good bone, deep brisket, well knuckled feet on strong pads. Shapely quarters with good second thigh and well let down hocks. Fine coat, in gleaming condition. BD. RBIS.

2. Harding-Waite and Waite's Marleben Myracle Magician From Caderleth.. Built on stronger lines than 1, but elegant and of lovely type. Good front assembly and powerful quarters, moved soundly.

VD (10, 1a) 1. Norman's Jarmane Dusky Twilight Blue. 10 ½ years, really enjoying his day and I loved meeting him. His coat is true blue, and his muscle tone is excellent. Beautiful head and alert expression (awaiting his sausage), long neck and smooth shoulders. Good length of loin and a delight on the move. BV.

2. Andrew's Chibuku Political Agenda at Sharmus. Have always admired this fawn dog of nearly 8. His coat is fine and he is in superb condition. His head is masculine and his expression melting. Long neck, smooth shoulder and good return of upper arm. Perfect topline and still has a good underline. Strong quarters and neat feet.

SLC/R (4, 2a) 1. Price's Elmanash Majestic God Among Silkdance. Correct size fawn dog of lovely type. Small ears, good underjaw, long neck and good shoulders. Deep brisket, adequate bone and neat feet. Moved freely with drive and reach.

2. Harding-Waite and Waite's Marleben Myracle Maker For Caderleth. Super fit parti brindle of correct size and pleasing overall shape. In fit condition and moved soundly.

SH (6, 1a) Price's E. Majestic Gold Among Silkdance.

2. Wayman's Scarletfair One Knight. Fawn dog. Moved so soundly and in fit condition. Lovely overall shape and type. Gorgeous head and expression, beautifully angulated with good topline held on the move.

MPB (6) 1. Wignall's Siouxsie Sioux. 8 month pale fawn. A little fidget, but she is a lovely puppy and has a beautiful outline. Dark eye, pretty head and correct ear carriage. Good front assembly, plenty of bone, with good depth of brisket and well knuckled feet. Super length, and topline held on the move. She moves steadily and really drives around the ring. BP

2. Gillespie's Tappinskis Target For Love With Penbriar. Lovely pale brindle of 8 months with gorgeous head and feminine expression with dark eyes neat ears. Good front assembly and well angulated rear.

PB (5, 2a) Peacock's Drakeoak Hubble Bubble. Adorable dark brindle of 10 months with the darkest of eyes and alert expression. Great ring presence and will have a bright future. Long neck, good shoulder placement, deep brisket. Good bone and pasterns and well knuckled feet. Ribbed well back, with shapely quarters. Moved precisely and confidently.

2. Hawker's Mollytop Silver Lady. Pale brindle of 6 months. Pretty head and expression and so feminine. Lovely outline and shapely angles. Moved well.

JB (9, 2a) 1. Turnbull's Turnstone Mamma Mia. Delightful shaded fawn with white trim. So feminine and elegant, of lovely overall shape, with super head and expression, long neck into well laid shoulders, good infill and depth of brisket, good pasterns and tidy feet. Shapely underline and ribbed well back. Strong driving quarters and low hocks. Handled steadily to show her lovely movement with super reach. RBB.

2. Baker's Doobyave Celestial Storm. Feminine and elegant pale shaded fawn brindle with pretty head and dark eyes. Neat ears and long neck. Correct front assembly, good length of loin and moved well.

MB (4)1. Peacock's Drakesoak Hubble Bubble.

2. Howgate & Hull's Palmik Strike A Pose. She certainly is striking. Lovely dark brindle puppy, very shapely with dark pigmentation and flowing lines. Good angulation and super depth of brisket. Correct topline held on the move.

NB (8, 1a) 1. Courtney's Spyanfly Saucy Socks. Shapely brindle with good front assembly and infill, good topline and well angulated quarters with strong second thigh and lovely sweep of stifle. I liked her head and long neck, her fine coat and muscle tone. Benefited from moving a little more slowly.

2. Hurley's Veredon Evita. Similar to 1. Feminine and shapely, in good condition with pleasing outline. Moved well.

GB (15, 3a) 1. Quirk's Almakaala Wispers on Wings. Loved this correct size brindle with dark pigmentation and glamorous head. She excels in front assembly and has good bone, correct pasterns and lovely feet. Good length of loin and shapely underline, held her topline on the move and went round the ring like a dream, using her hocks to drive off.

2. Courtney's Spyanfly Saucy Socks.

PGB (11, 2a) 1. Rees & Jones Kierpark Sweet Child Of Mine JW. Oh wow, I loved this elegant free moving brindle bitch and was pleased to award her Best Bitch and Best in Show. She was lovely to go over and on the move was powerful yet feminine. She has a lovely head and expression, a long neck and good shoulder placement, a correct forechest, with deep brisket and shapely underline. Her topline was held on the move, and her quarters are shapely with good second thigh and well let down hocks. I think she really is fit for function.

2. Hooper's Torbers Damara. Eye catching and beautiful shaded fawn particolour of super size and type. Exquisite head and pigmentation with lovely feminine expression. Well constructed in all departments and moved true from all angles.

LB (12, 3a) 1. Turnbull's Turnstone Hot Secret. Quite a tall girl, but lots to like about her. Pale brindle with good head and kind expression. Very shapely, with pleasing front assembly, and smooth shoulders. Good depth of brisket and ribbed well back. Curvy quarters, and elegant precise movement.

2. Hawker's Mollytop Tear Drop. Brindle with good pigmentation and lovely overall shape. Feminine expression, long neck and correct front assembly. Good feet, moved well.

OB (10, 2a) 1. Boughton-White's Whiptails Happiness and Joy At Ipanema. It was a joy to judge this lovely bitch. She epitomises the breed standard, and is just right for size and type. Golden fawn, lovely to go over with everything in the right place. Super coat and muscle tone, pretty head and expression, good underjaw, long neck and smooth shoulders. Deep brisket, gentle rise over the loin. Sweeping quarters, moved so elegantly.

2. Neale's Stormalong Post Haste. Similar comments apply. This shaded fawn is so correct in size and type and I loved her composed ring presence. Sweetest of expressions and moved so soundly.

VB (8, 1a) 1. Molyneux's Molvine Thomasina. 8 year old fawn of the most gorgeous shape and type. She is in lovely condition with a beautiful coat and good muscletone. I loved her feminine expression, and she is correct in all departments, with a lovely front assembly, good depth of brisket and good feet. She moved well, using her shapely quarters.

2, Taylor's Willingwisp Star Singer. Another super bitch. Pale brindle enjoying her day out and of super shape and size. Moved well and in good condition.

S LC/RB (8, 1a) 1. Ryan's Moonlake Mercedes. I loved this dark brindle girl and wouldn't change anything about her. She is so well constructed and is super fit, moves so well and was well handled to take B R/C.

2. Leathart's Ringmore Fair Rosamund. I confess this lovely golden fawn girl has always been a favourite of mine. I loved going over her, and found her so well put together and in lovely condition. She is feminine and has the sweetest expression, looks capable of doing what she was made for.

SHB (16, 7a) 1. Neale's Stormalong Post Haste.

2. Mulligan's Ashkyem Painted Sun. Shapely brindle particolour, beautiful head and expression with pleasing pigmentation. Well put together, correct in all departments and moved well.

Margaret Ironside Memorial Open Stakes (8) 1. Leathart's Molvine Zoe. Pretty white bitch, with enchanting head and small correct shaped ears. Alert expression, and beautifully constructed. In fit condition and moved like a dream. Loved her overall shape and feminine curves.

2. Neale's Stormalong Post Haste.

Progeny (1) Norman's Jarmane Jackie's Song. A lovely family group exhibiting type, shape and correct movement.

Brace (7) 1. Molyneux's fawns beautifully shown and of lovely type, moved so soundly. A pleasure to watch going round.