

CRITIQUE

South West Whippet Club Open show

16th September 2018

Thank you for the invitation to judge the show- it was an honour and I was thrilled to have such a large and quality entry.

I was looking for an elegant, curvy Whippet with quality, good top and underline and no exaggerations. I found this in my winners but did have to compromise in some classes.

It is alarming that we now have so many Whippets with upright pasterns- I surprised myself by putting some of them up but only when their other qualities appealed to me. I hope it doesn't become the norm as a running dog needs shock absorbers.

The majority of exhibits had clean and well tended nails and teeth, however a lot of the bitches were carrying too much weight and there were a few who could do with a bath!

Dogs

MPD (2)

These two were 6 month old littermates but at different stages of maturity and development.

1. Miluk's Westwood Prince Liam, handsome fawn/white trim, more mature than his brother and I hope he doesn't grow on much more! Lovely head, long arched neck, straight front, deep chest with well filled front, well developed hind and nicely angulated. Lovely fine quality coat. Moved really well, easy and supple movement with good reach and drive, holding his topline, and true up and down. BPD

2. Harper's Charnwood Flyer of Tumblers, brindle boy who just wanted to play with his brother! Better for size and lots of quality but very immature and rangy at present which is no bad thing. Lovely head, long neck, needing to develop in topline and upright in pasterns. Difficult to assess movement as he was all over the place but the few strides I saw were sound.

PD (5,2a)

1. Howgate & Hull's Palmik King of Clubs, dark brindle parti of 10 months, very together for his age, lovely for size, handsome head, though would prefer a larger eye. Long neck, good fill in front, well knuckled feet. Handled to perfection, showed really well and impressive on the move, with really good reach and drive, just flattened a little on the move and would like more curves.

2. Richards' Richclass Run for Cover, 9 month old pale fawn boy, strong for his age and larger than 1st. Handsome head, long neck, straight front but needs to develop in width and fill of chest. Strong hind, long tail to balance. Sound profile movement, just a little untidy in front movement today.

3. Gerwinat's Grasampa You're a Wizard
JD (5,1a) Nice class.

1. Price's Wheelspin Silver Shadow among Silkdance, 12mth golden fawn boy who is mature for his age but in no way overdone, he has so much quality. Beautiful head with dark eye and lovely expression, long arched neck into well laid shoulders, correct front with good fill and good spring of pasterns. Great curvy top and underline and strong hind with well developed second thigh and low hocks. Fine coat and skin and in excellent muscular condition. Very sound and accurate on the move, with light easy movement, holding his topline. A lovely boy. RBD

2. Neale's Runaround Starman at Stormalong, 14 mth pale fawn, similar dog in a smaller package, lots of quality. Handsome head, elegant neck, straight front with enough fill, neat feet and well sprung pasterns. Moved really well, with good reach but tended to curl his tail on the move which just flattened his topline a little.

3. Andrew's Railfield Rainoir at Sharmus
MD (4,1a)

1. Miluk's Westwood Prince Liam

2. Harper's Charnwood Flyer of Tumblers

3. Gerwinat's Grasampa You're a Wizard
ND (3)

1. Andrew's Railfield Rainoir at Sharmus, fawn of just 12 months, masculine strongly built boy but of lovely quality, handsome head, long arched neck, straight front, good spring of pasterns, correct topline and strong hind. I liked his curves but would like him to carry a little less weight. Moved steady and soundly.

2. Richards' Richclass Run for Cover

3. Ryan's Twiggen Tit for Tat

GD (5,2a)

1. Howgate & Hull's Palmik King of Clubs

2. James' Drakeoak Rum Punch, dark brindle/white trim, lovely head and expression, deep chest, straight front but a little upright in pasterns. Strong arch over loin which is a little far forward, making him a bit bum high when moving, though his movement was sound. Lovely quality coat and skin.

3. Bennett's Alamayn Endeavern

PGD (6,1a)

1. Trouton's Runnel Run for Fun, lovely quality classic fawn boy with a handsome head and expression, strong arched neck into well laid shoulders, straight front with good fill and depth of chest, correct pasterns and neat feet. Good topline and underline, strong hind with well developed 2nd thigh. Fine coat and skin and in super muscular condition. Moved very soundly and accurately.

2. Leathart & Skelley's Ringmore Dalrymple, smaller fawn dog who is all quality.

Handsome head and expression, long neck into straight front but would like a little more fill. Neat well arched feet, correct pasterns, good topline and underline. Lovely fine quality coat and skin. Moved soundly.

3. Sutton's Palmik Hearts on Fire.

LD (8,1a) Nice class.

1. Tope's Bryarose Theseus at Dewestone, not really noticed this boy before but really liked him, brindle of a lovely size, a series of curves and with no exaggerations, he's just a classic Whippet. Lovely head, long arched neck, straight front, correct

pasterns, good fill and depth of chest, curvy top and underline, strong hind with good 2nd thigh. In beautiful coat and condition and moved really well. Strongly considered him for RBD.

2. Wayman's Speymalt Northern Star JW, Parti dog of a different type but a very nice boy, handsome head, long elegant neck, straight front with neat feet and correct pasterns. Longer in loin and just preferred topline of 1st. Well angulated hind, sound mover in all directions.

3. Lipton's Jothryn Shimmering Gold
OD (9,3a)

1. Tope's Falconcrag Class Act for Dewerstone JW ShCM, he really is a class act too- I've admired this boy since a puppy so was delighted to get my hands on him. So lovely to go over, full of quality- he has a beautiful head and expression, lovely earset, elegant arched neck into correct shoulders. Straight front with good fill, well sprung pasterns, neat feet, ideal top and underline and a strong hind with good 2nd thigh. In perfect muscular condition, so smooth to go over and in beautiful fine silky coat and skin. A pleasure to watch on the move, reach and drive and accurate footfall in all directions, holding his topline all the way. He is a great showman too, love him! BD, BIS.

2. Neale's Stormalong Romantic Romeo, Mature br/wh trim dog who is also full of quality. Love his head and handsome expression, long elegant neck, good top and underline, strong hind. In lovely coat and condition. Moved soundly in all directions, just flattens his topline a little on the move.

3. Wayman's Speymalt See the Stars at Scarletfair
VD (8,4a)

1. Whitehead, Smith & Mixides' Citycroft Never Forget, red fawn dog of 8 yrs who is full of quality, the sire of my RBIS and grandsire of BPIS and another I've always admired. Beautiful head with a soft expression and dark eyes, strong arched neck into smooth shoulders, great front and spring of pastern. Curvy top and underline, strong hind with well developed 2nd thigh, still in fit muscular condition and moved really well. Another I considered strongly for RBD, he just flagged a little in the challenge for best veteran while the bitch was still full of go.

2. Kirtland's Palmik Starlight Raider, 8 yr old fawn boy who is a size larger than 1st but still a quality dog. Handsome head, long neck into smooth shoulders, good body shape but not in quite as fit condition as 1. Beautiful fine coat. Strong hind. Moves really well, just flattens his topline on the move.

3. Bellamy's Palmik Celtic Royale

LCoursing/RD (6,3a)

1. Leathart & Skelley's R. Dalrymple

2. Ryan's Twiggen Tit for Tat, brindle dog, muscular and certainly fit for purpose, but would like just a little more weight to smooth his outline. Handsome head, long strong neck, well filled front, correct spring of pasterns and strong hind. Moved soundly in all directions.

3. Kenyon's Bryntreia First Steps

Sp Height D (7)

1. Price's W. Silver Shadow among Silkdance

2. Trouton's Runnel Run for Fun

3. Wayman's Crème Anglaise's One More Knight at Scarletfair

Bitches

MPB (6) A class full of lovely babies, but difficult to judge as they were all at different stages of development.

1. Trouton's Citycroft Grace Kelly of Runnel, I really fell for this delightful little 6 month old, at her first show but you'd never know it- what a little showgirl. Pretty head and expression with dark eyes, long neck, smooth shoulders, well developed front for age with good spring of pastern and neat feet. Curvy top and underline, strong hind with good 2nd thigh. Super fine coat and skin. Moved steadily and with accuracy and poise, very together for her age and just never stopped showing. Couldn't resist her for BPB, BPIS. Love her!

2. Snelgrove's Kamasal Starlight Rascal at Huntinghill, 8 mth fawn parti girl, taller and different in type but a very elegant girl with lots of quality. Pretty head, long neck, she is quite upright in front and pasterns at present-hope this settles as she matures. Lovely curvy top and underline with a strong hind. Moved really accurately and soundly in all directions.

3. Whitehead, Smith & Mixides' Citycroft Ginger Rogers

PB (3)

1. Howgate & Hull's Palmik Queen of Diamonds, 10 mths br parti girl of a lovely size and balance and a real showgirl. Pretty head with neat ears, arched neck, deep chest, straight front with good fill, well sprung pasterns. Curvy topline, would just like a little more curve to underline. Strong well muscled hind. Super fine coat and skin. Really impressive on the move, with super reach in front and drive from behind. Difficult decision against the Minor puppy- different in type but I loved them both.

2. Davies' Collooney Black Velvet Pasharif, longer in loin than 1st, a very elegant black girl with the most stunning glossy fine coat. Lovely feminine head and expression, long neck, deep chest with good fill in front, curvy top and underline, strong hindquarters. Lovely muscletone and quality, moved well.

3. Aylett's Richclass Tyler's Girl.

JB (5,1a)

1. Wignall's Crosscop the Wonder of You at Starswift, 13 month old very feminine golden fawn bitch, a picture of elegance and lovely for size and quality. Beautiful refined head and expression, long elegant neck into straight front with enough fill. Would like a little more spring of pastern, neat well arched feet. I loved her curvy topline and she has a really good underline, ideal length and a strong hind with moderate angulation. The most lovely fine coat and skin. She was unsettled at times,

looking for her owner, but eventually moved very soundly while holding her topline all the way. RBB

2. Smeath's Willingwisp Sky Lantern, dark brindle girl and another who is very curvy and feminine. She is a reluctant showgirl and didn't show to her best advantage. Beautiful head and expression, long neck, sweeping curves to her top and underline. Moved soundly.

3. Jones' Burnt Sienna Patiently for Chelynna

MB (8,4a)

1. Palmik Queen of Diamonds

2. Whitehead, Smith & Mixides' Citycroft Ginger Rogers, 3rd in MPB and much more settled here. Just 6 months old, litter sister to my BP but much more immature, a real baby and a little overawed at her first show. Pretty head, long neck, lovely curves to topline and underline, moved well in this class. All legs at the moment but when she develops in body should be very nice.

3. Miluk's Wiltshire Princess Ruby

NB (6,3a)

1. Crosscop the Wonder of You at Starswift

2. Taylor's Selinko Sugar Love at Musblaiks, Brindle/white bitch, pretty head, long neck, straight front with good fill and depth of chest, good spring of pasterns, nice curvy outline, fine quality coat and skin. Moved nicely in profile, but moving very wide behind today.

3. Richards' Dainty Devore

GB (8,3a)

1. Peacock's Drakeoak Hot Toddy, fawn/wh trim, a classic curvy girl who I really liked but was carrying a little too much weight. Lovely head and expression, elegant neck into straight front with good fill and depth, smooth shoulders, correct spring of pastern, neat feet. Liked her curvy top and underline. Strong moderately angulated hind with good 2nd thigh. Moved well in all directions.

2. Baulch's Erinnis Mignonette, fawn girl with a beautiful fine coat and skin, pretty head, long neck, straight front with enough fill, strong hind. Moved soundly, just flattened in topline. Not the curves of 1st and another carrying too much weight.

3. Leathart's Ringmore Galatea

PGB (10,3a)

1. Richard's Jimanica Jolly Japes, red fawn bitch with a beautiful head and expression, dark eyes, long elegant neck into smooth shoulders, good front, depth of chest and fill, correct spring of pastern and neat feet. Strong moderately angulated hind with good 2nd thigh. Fine quality coat. Moved very well in all directions, with good reach and drive.

2. Taylor's Willingwisp Moment of Hope to Musblaiks, golden fawn with a beautiful quality coat and in lovely condition. Pretty head, elegant neck, good straight front with correct fill, curvy top and underline, strong hind. Moved well.

3. Bridge's Chesilven Meadow Sweet

LB (9) Difficult class to judge, a wide divergence of type here.

1. Stephen's Dolce Divine n Delary at Jasteal, brindle bitch with a beautiful head and dark pigment, long neck into straight front with good fill and depth of chest, good spring of pastern, neat feet. Curvy topline but underline spoilt a little by carrying too much weight. Soft close fine coat, very well muscled hind. Moved soundly in all directions, holding topline.

2. Molyneux's Molvine Queen Elizabeth, fawn girl of a very different type and an old favourite of mine. Lovely quality classic girl with a pretty head, elegant neck, straight front, neat feet. Liked her curves, good top and underline, strong hind. Just a little untidy in front movement today.

3. Davies' Danluke Dancing

OB (9,3a) Best class of the day, quality right through.

1. Whitehead, Smith & Mixides' Winter is Coming to Citycroft, gorgeous black/wh trim girl I have admired since a puppy, she is feminine, correct size, racy in outline and of intense quality. Beautiful refined head, long elegant neck into smooth shoulders, straight front with good spring of pastern and neat feet. Sweeping curves to her top and underline, strong well angulated hind with well developed 2nd thigh. Satin fine coat and skin and in perfect fit condition without being over-muscled. Faultless on the move, this girl looks better every time I see her. A classy Whippet. BB, RBIS

2. Boughton-White's Ipanema Girl on Fire, red fawn bitch who is larger all through but still elegant, and she holds and shows herself so well. Beautiful head and expression, long elegant neck, into lovely front construction, fine coat and skin and in super fit condition. Moved very well in all directions, very close up for RBB.

3. Howgate & Hull's Palmik Misty Eve

VB (9,2a) A quality class of older ladies.

1. Snelgrove's Huntinghill Jazzmatazz, 7 year old quality fawn/white girl, a lovely fit veteran in great coat and condition. She is scopey and eye-catching and still a real showgirl. Lovely head and expression, elegant neck, well laid shoulder, smooth curvy topline and she's kept a great underline, good front with enough fill, would like a touch more spring of pastern, neat feet. Strong well muscled hind, she moved and showed really well in profile and accurate up and down, holding her topline all the way. Kept on showing to take BVIS against a super veteran dog

2. Neale's Stormalong Post Haste, nearly 9 year old pale fawn who is curvy, feminine and in lovely coat and body condition. Pretty head, elegant neck, straight front with good fill and depth, good spring of pastern. Curvy outline- another with a great underline. She moved very soundly but without much enthusiasm.

3. Wignall's Starswift Sunset

Lcoursing/RB(10, 3a)

1. Bayley's Collooney Candy Crush, super quality Red fawn bitch with a gorgeous head and expression, long elegant neck, lovely straight front with enough fill and depth, good spring of pastern and neat well arched feet. Would like just a little more curve to topline, she has a lovely sweeping underline though. Strong hind with moderate angulation, she is fit and in lovely condition. She moved really well, with long effortless strides and sound up and down.

2. Logan's Dawesychoice Moon Light Run, 4th in the quality veteran class, a feminine girl of classic type and in fit condition for nearly 8 years old, with a lovely quality coat and skin. Pretty head on an elegant neck, straight front with enough fill, good top and underline, strong hind. Moved really well.

3. Leathart's Ringmore Galatea

Sp. Height (12,4a)

1. Bayley's C Candy Crush

2. Logan's D Moon Light Run

Memorial Stakes (7,3a)

1. Neale's R. Starman at Stormalong- holding his tail better in this class!

2. Leathart's Molvine Zoe, white bitch of lovely outline and quality, very pretty head and expression, elegant neck, curvy top and underline. Well muscled hind with moderate angulation. Lovely fine quality coat and skin. Moved well in profile, she is weak in pasterns hence a little untidy in front movement.

3. Wayman's Speymalt Northern Star

Brace (3,2a)

1. Wayman's two fawn boys who were perfectly in step, both sound movers and lovely to watch them going round together.

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