The south West Whippet Club Open Show 17th September 2023 Judge Mrs Jo Strong

Thank you to the officers and committee for inviting me to judge this lovely club show. A fabulous hall with a big ring that enabled the dogs to show their true movement easily. I was humbled to see how many people had entered and thank everyone of you that made the effort on the day in the most horrid of weather conditions. The quality of dogs there was very lovely to see and I must give a special mention to my 2 veteran classes of 13 males and 11 females entered and what a high standard we have still out there showing, there were a couple that went unplaced today that on another day I would happily have as a winning veteran.

A final mention must go to my stewards, who kept everything going smoothly and enabled me to go straight into the next class.

Class 1 MPD (2,0)

!st Arkell's Hijacked Of Suriya, 9 month old Brindle dog with lots to like about him, nice head and ear set which flowed down his neck and topline, well matched underline with good deep chest. Moved well

2nd Durante & Durante's Duranridge Fire Stone, 8month old boy who was not as settled today as 1st, which showed in his movement and topline, having said that he had the lovliest of heads with a super expression, moved true up and down just not showing the reach of 1st.

Class 2 PD (1,1)

Class 3 JD (6,3)

1st Richard's Richclass from Here On Out, Masculine 13m old male, another with a nice head and ear set, good length to neck which led smoothly into well laid shoulders, lovely return, which showed when he powered around the ring with great reach and drive, he kept his topline while on the move.

2nd Winter & Yeates Zoraden Maserati 15 month old boy who is already showing he is fit for function, strong back and loin, well muscled and a good 2nd thigh. Under all that is a typical curvy whippet shape, with another beautiful head. Only lost out to 1st on reach on profile. 3rd Price's Kierpark Moonlight Shadow Among Silkdance.

Class 4 MD (2,1)

1st Gallie's Erbys Made for Magic 4 year old fawn of good size, nice curvy shape but a little upright in front which made his movement loose, good topline into well angulated rear which he used well showing drive.

Class 5 ND (3,2)

1st Arkell's Chikara Iz Doma Proninykh ATC 21 month masculine brindle boy with a good top line and underline, good spring of rib and strong loin, well angulated, moved ok.

Class 6 GD (15,6)

1st Webber's Lolani Ride a Wild trail JW 16 month old brindle dog with so much to like about him, great for size, great for shape with no exaggerations, his movement is very true coming

and going and totally fit for function, I pulled him out into the final 4 dogs but just felt my winners out moved him on the day, would like to see a little more enthusiasm but I am sure his day will come.

2nd Mcconkey's Barmoll Billy Joel 2 year old fawn boy, heavier set than I would usually choose but had so much else to like, the most beautiful expression and eyes, lovey head and ears, good length to neck with well set shoulders and strong topline and loin, good rear angulation and nice low hocks. Moved well.

3rd Perkins' Southgrove Keep it moving at Zeglynn.

Class 7 PGD (4,1)

1st Wayman's Ranveli Beach boy at Scarletfair 3 year old Brindle Parti who I didnt appreciate until I put my hands on him, your hands just flow over him with ease, good front all the way down through his bone to his pasterns, lovely topline and a strong underjaw, handled to perfection with great movement.

2nd Miluk's & Miluk's Tumblers Westwood Prince Liam 5 year old fawn boy who is just so attractive, another with an appealing expression, strong underjaw and with the best of ears. Lovely curvy shape and strong rear angulation, his handler just needs to stretch him out a little more to see his true shape as he tends to stand with his hocks too far under, moved well.

3rd Livsey's Palmik Ace of Spades

Class 8 LD (7,3)

1st Livsey's Bryntreia Sea of Love, not a boy I have seen before but he just caught my eye, when I looked at his pedigree after, it is hardly suprising when I saw who his parents are. Lovely unexagerated masculine boy who moved so well, holding his topline, great shoulders and bone, enough rear angulation and low hocks. Would like a little more forechest but he still made my top 4 and stood out in this class.

2nd Kirtlands Jupiter Juno, Heavier in type than 1st but still a nice shape, good head and ear, well laid shoulders, nice topline which was held well on the move once he settled. 3rd Bennett's Alamayn Chevrons in Blue.

Class 9 OD (7,1)

1st Byron's Jasarat Gucci, 4 year old male who I have judged before and just keeps getting better, the large ring here today played to his advantage as it allowed his handler to show off his fabulous movement, he has the most beautiful expression and classic whippet shape, he is totally fit for function, when he came into the challenge he stepped up a gear again and I was delighted to award him BD, BOS and RBIS.

2nd Wayman's Collooney Charlie Brown At Scarletfair JW - another with lots to like, beautiful curvy shape with a great head and ears, shoulders were well laid back with correct return of upper arm, good bone, held his topline well on the move. Moved true. 3rd Price's Ch Wheelspin Silver Shadow Among Silkdance

Class 10 VD(13,3)

As mentioned at the top, this class really was one of the best of the day, still so many dogs in fit condition with good muscle tone and great teeth and still holding the shape of their younger years.

1st Ch Citycroft High society JW, what a pleasure to go over this 9 year old boy, one I have always admired from the outside of the ring and he didnt dissapoint, his shape and

movement defy his years and he still holds his own with much younger dogs, the most fabulous head and ears with a melting expression, his front is his best quality and he has a great daisy cutting action. Pleased to award him RBD, BVD & BVIS

2nd Wayman's Creme Anglaise's One More Knight at Scarletfair (IMP NLD) - another I have loved previously, so good for size and very elegant, his movement is so free for 8 years old, he has a lovely head and ear, good bone, good pasterns and low hocks which he definitley uses to his advantage.

3rd Webbers Dark Wing

Class 11 SR/LCD (5,2)

1st Webber's Denimblue Willdo JW Blue boy I have judged before and my opinion is still the same, he is a gorgeous boy, shapely, in proprtion and moves exceptionally well but he has just grown on a little too much, he has the best lay of shoulder and is always turned out in the best of condition. BR/LCIS beating his Mum into reserve purely on his superb movement. 2nd Leathart's Ringmore Dairymple another curvy fawn boy, good for size with a good topline, would llike a little more chest, he lost out on movement today. 3rd Hoddinott's Laguna Luna's Lynx

Class 12 Special Height Dog (8, 3)

1st Wayman's Creme Anglaise's One more Knight at Scarletfair (2nd in VD) 2nd Trouton's Runnel Run for Fun, Good moving fawn boy with a lovely deep chest and good underline, holds his topline when moving, good rear angulation which he uses to drive, nice low hocks.

3rd Leathart's Ringmore Dairymple.

Class 13 MPB (3,1)

1st Gallie's Citycroft Shape of You Via Erbys, 8 mnth old brindle bitch of nice size, long neck into good shoulders and curvy topline and underline, nice bone and pasterns with low hocks, moved well on profile but still a little loose coming and going.

2nd Courtney & Wallace's Nattah Chasing the wind to Courtbirch, 6 mnth old fawn with the prettiest of heads, strong neck, well laid shoulders, good rear angulation and low hocks. I would think this is maybe one of her first shows as she was so nervous and unsettled which showed very much in her movement today but I am sure in time she will settle and get the acolades she deserves.

Class 14 PB (2,0)

1st Whitehead & Smith's Creme Anglasi's Lady Bridgerton of Citycroft (Imp NLD) 9 mnth old fawn & white Parti, Very balanced puppy, with nice bone and pasterns, lovely front and deep chest, feminine and curvy, correct rear angulation which gave her nice drive on profile, true coming and going. BPB, & Pleased to award her BPIS.

2nd Cockwell's Shelsue Tullibardine 11 mnth old Fawn & White Parti, another balanced puppy with many of the same attributes as first, lovely and curvy, nice bone and pasterns, super head and underjaw, would llike a little more infil in chest but that may still come as she is young. Moved true coming and going, just not the reach and drive of first.

Class 15 JB (6,1)

1st Barnes' Dodderidge Strictly Cha Cha, 13m old Brindle bitch who was one of my favourite girls of the day, she is so very pretty and moves to perfection on profile and true up and

down, she has a lovely neck into well laid shoulders, great topline and underline, she just oozes elegance, she is definitely one to watch in the future.

2nd Richards Richclass Miss Atomic Bomb 13m old fawn girl with lots to like about her too, another who had superb movement with a great topline which she held while moving. Great bone and rear angulation. Lovely head with dark eye of correct shape, she was unlucky to meet 1st today.

3rd Perkin's Kierpark Just a song at Zeglynn

Class 16 MB (4,1)

1st Gallie's Citycroft the Shape of You Via Erbys (as 1st MPB) 2nd Ellsmore's Kamasal Starchaser, Brindle girl nice general shape when moving but on the stack she tends to not be stretched out enough, nice head and ears. 3rd Temple's Dapperdiva Angel's Envy at Ottercomb

Class 17 NB (8,3)

1st Saxby's Sandspring Sea Coral, 19m old fawn & white part of good size, very feminine and curvy, well laid back shoulder with good return of upper arm, well muscled and fit for function, good curves and rear angulation which she used well moving on profile. 2nd Ellsmore's Kamasal Starchaser as 2nd in MB 3rd Gallie's Erbys Fire and Ice

Class 18 GB (10,3)

1st Howgate & Hull's Palmik Truth about Love JW what can I say about this perfect 18m fawn girl, she is just so feminine, curvy and balanced, everything a female whippet should be, on top of that she has the most beautiful head with the best expression. Correct shoulder into topline which she held on the move and boy can she move, she drove all the way around the ring but still managed to keep that elegant daisy cutting action. Pleased to award her BB & subsequently BIS. Well deserved.

2nd Perkin's Southgrove Kiss from a rose at Zeglynn ShCM. Fawn girl with lots to like about her too, good head & eye with strong underjaw, good length to neck into a strong back, she kept her topline on the move but tended to lose it when stacked as she was fidgeting and playing her handler up a little, well muscled and moved well. 3rd Hoddinott's Sandspring Seahawk.

Class 19 PGB (10,2)

1st Baulch's Whisterfield Je Ne Sais Quoi, Pale fawn girl who was nice for size, nice head and ears, good bone, nice pasterns, curvy topline and underline, well angulated and moved well.

2nd Joes & Jones' Mac Bells Purple Patch Over Chelynnah (swed Imp), Brindle girl with a lovely head and eye, good for size with a good rise over loin, good rear angulation and low hocks, moved well, close call between first 2 but prefered the infil of 1st. 3rd White's Iscaglades Goldilock

Class 20 LB (6,3)

1st Trouton's Citycroft Grace Kelly of Runnel, one I have judged before as a youngster and she is still improving, she is what I consider an old fashioned type of bitch with no exagerations, really good for size with all the curves in the right places, well turned out in fit

condition and moved really well. Unlucky to come up against such tough competition in the challenge,

2nd Whitehead & Smith's Citycroft Seattle another nice girl but slightly longer in body and rear angulation, nice head with good dark eye & strong underjaw, good curvy shape and low hocks, moved beautifully around the ring, true coming and going. 3rd Baulch's Erinnis Mignonettte

Class 21 OB (3,1)

1st Woodward's Bryntreia Whispered Love at Palmik, A girl I have liked from the outside of the ring previously but I think having a litter has given her a beautiful final shape, pretty head with good ears, great forechest with deep chest, great curves, moved beautifully. Pleased to award her RBB.

2nd Stephen's Jasteal Goddess of Godrevy, another pretty girl with a good head and eye, finer in bone but still correct in shoulder with a nice curvy shape, good rear angulation and moved true, just not the front movement of 1st.

Class 22 VB (11,4)

1st Mcconkey's Barmoll Baileys on Ice, nearly 9 year old fawn bitch who doesnt look her age at all, still has super muscle tone and great teeth. Just loved her beautiful head and ears and coorect eye, her curvy topline stayed on the move and she has a correct lay of shoulder with good bone & pasterns, moved well. RBVIS

2nd Lawrence & Woodwards's Palmik Kandalama Dusk till Dawn JW Shcex VW, another 8 year old beauty with a similar head shape and good teeth, good forechest and bone, lovely lay of shoulder into nice topline, great rear angulation which propelled her around the ring with little effort. Would prefer her to carry a little less weight but she is definitely not fat. Loved to see how she still enjoyed her showing, especially as it meant she got her sausages at the end.

3rd Baulch's Whisterfield Je Ne Sais Quoi.

Class 23 SRLCB (6,3)

1st Webber's Zoraden Fifty Shades Darker JW, Black bitch whose coat just shone, she was in fabulous condition, with great muscle tone, fit for purpose which is what I would expect in this class especially, on top of that she had a great lay of shoulder, a curvy topline which she kept on the move and a correct head and ear. RBSR/LCIS

2nd Leathart's Ringmore Day Lily, this correct sized girl, although I note a veteran now, is still in fit condition, well muscled with great bone, nice curvy shape and good rear angulation, correct head and eye and moved ok.

3rd Hoddinott's Sandspring Sea Hawk

Class 24 Sp Height Bitch (9,6) 1st Trouton's Citycroft Grace Kelly of Runnel (1st LB) 2nd Leathart's Day Lily (2nd SRLCB) 3rd Limb's Kenzduo Tagliatelle

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