

South West Whippet Club Championship Show

16th February 2025

Junior Handling Association Classes

Thank you to the Officers and Committee of SWWC for inviting me to judge the Junior Handling Association classes at this breed club event, a firm favourite amongst many Whippet exhibitors and for me, thanks to the warm welcome of the show's organisers. I was very pleased with the entry of five young juniors and must commend each handler for their sportsmanship and handling skills. Keep up the good work and I hope to see you in the Whippet rings for years to come.

6-11 years (2,0a)

1st – Leia-Rayne Cooper, 9 years old. Secured first place in this class with her composure and confidence. Leia-Rayne stood her dog well on the floor and on the table. Moving forward, Leia-Rayne could present the bite a little clearer. Moved her dog at a correct pace with straight lines throughout the triangle and up and down, would just suggest loosening the lead slightly on the move. Completed the final stack efficiently and cleanly.

2nd – Ruben Chant, 8 years old. This young man did very well handling a young Whippet who wasn't 100% cooperative. Although a less polished performance compared to the winner, Ruben was calm and very sympathetic with his handling style. Just needs to perfect the stack and the lines of the triangle on the move. He talked to his dog throughout which was lovely to see.

12-16 years (3,0a)

All three of these handlers were very gentle which is needed when handling a breed such as the Whippet.

1st – Leightan-Jem Cooper, 12 years old. Leightan-Jem was the most polished handler which edged her to the front of this handling class. Showed the bite clearly and gently, stood her dog beautifully on the table and floor. Leightan-Jem moved her dog at the perfect pace and was always talking to her Whippet, giving encouragement and direction both on the stand and move. A very competent handler with a bright future.

2nd – Addison Pedley-Biggins, 12 years old. Addison handled her Whippet with sympathetic hands throughout. Stood her dog accurately although she could be a little faster at presenting her dog after the triangle and up and down. Also, Addison just needed to move her dog a bit quicker on the move but she had straight lines when moving out.

3rd – Kiara Harmon, 12 years old.

Helen Rishworth-Cutler (judge)