South West Whippet Club 26 Class Championship Show Wellsprings Leisure Centre, Taunton, Somerset Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2013 Wendy P Spencer DOG Judge

Firstly thank you for the lovely entry, some high quality dogs and not enough cards to go round in some classes. We have a sporting breed, muscle tone is very important, obviously too many today have spent too long by the fireside, resulting in spongy condition. Quite a few hind actions lacking drive too I noticed. My decisions were made on soundness and quality. We are lucky to have a lot of expert handlers and dogs in good condition out there.

Class 1 Veteran Dog 8 (1)

1 Candler-Smiths BARMOLL BARRISTER Sh CM. Nicely sized, good front, deep brisket. Lovely reachy neck strong body and good bend of stifle. Smart old boy and best veteran.

2 Andersons WOOLSOCKS RED KITE. This dog is a favourite of mine but he is beginning to show his age and obviously likes his food. Still elegant and very sound throughout

3 Rishworth's DALEKO HIGHLAND BOY

Class 2 Minor Puppy Dog 13 (2)

- 1. Wilton Clark's SHALFLEET SKYFALL. Light brindle, Lovely head and strong neck in correct shoulders. Good length and sweep over the loin. Physically mature for his age, but a fidget who put all his energy into his movement, really flowing round the ring. Best Puppy Dog and Best Puppy in Show (referee).
- 2. Harper's RAILFIELD RAINIMAGE WITH TUMBLERS. Liked this one too, still immature, but classy lines and overall balance. Nice head, elegant strong neck, longer trunk than 1 and more leggy. Needs to drop into his brisket. Strong hindquarters driving well.
- 3. Dillons' COLLOONEY FANTASTIC MR FOX

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Class 3 Puppy Dog (2)

- 1. Mason's APHRAEL WHAT A KAFUFFLE. Smart puppy, lovely shape, already good depth and tuck up. Ideal size for his age, good bone and balanced, with a gentle sweep over the loin. More mature than 2 and moved with purpose.
- 2. Wilton Clark's SHALFLEET SKY BLUE. Different mould to 1 and litter brother to winner of minor puppy. Flashy dark brindle and nice size. Strong head, reachy neck in good shoulders and depth already evident. Similar lines to brother, less mature, flatter back but good front and hind angulation. Flowing mover.
- 3. Seers' ESPINORE EAGLE ROCK

Class 4 Junior Dog 6 (1)

- Copley's VEREDON TAWNY OWL. Just out of puppy light brindle white trim in good hard condition. Moved out well and drove well behind. Very masculine throughout, nice head, dark eye. Graceful strong neck in good shoulders. Broad back finished off with good sweep over the loin. Held his tail a little high on the move which I'm sure will settle with age.
- 2. Andrews CITYCROFT ONE SMALL STEP FOR SHARMUS. Very different to winner, slightly apprehensive today. Could be in harder condition, but nice outline, very sound throughout and moved well. Lovely head, super dark facial features.
- 3. Mixides' CITYCROFT STAR GAZING OVER YIALOUSA

Class 5 Yearling Dog 10

- 1. Candler Smith's MAIDENBOWER MAKE BELIEVE. Not oversized but everything in proportion, good angulation all round, lovely head, graceful neck in good shoulders. Good pastern although front feet could be tighter. Nice clean body lines with good hind end. Plenty of drive on the move but a little erratic in front today.
- 2. Smeath's CHARUZIAN TOPAZ AT WILLINGWISP. Lighter fawn, striking head markings and gentle expression, very sound all round, good depth, neat feet, springy pasterns and a good mover, not much enthusiasm though today.
- 3. Griffiths' PELYMA OBI WAN KENOBI

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Class 6 Novice Dog 16 (4)

- 1. APHRAEL WHAT A KAFUFFLE. As before
- 2. Dillon's DANLUKE DIAMOND IN THE RUFF. Bright fawn, more racy than 1 beautifully presented and handled well, nicely balanced overall, Nice head, muscular neck liked his outline and flow into his hindquarters. Powerful mover holding his topline well. I feel these two could change places easily.
- 3. Morris's GILNOCKE DEVINE AT CROSSCOP

Class 7 Special Beginners Dog 5

- 1. S deLacey-Munday's WHIPOWIL SEA LORD. Blue white parti, nice old fashioned type of whippet, no exaggerations, neat and tidy. Strong front, legs and springy pasterns. Well laid shoulder, correct length and hind angulation. Lovely reachy movement.
- 2. Hughes' PENBRIAR CORRULEAM STAR. Very different type, larger and well muscled. Nice topline, good depth and tuck up with strong hindquarters he used well on the move. Not happy today and determined to fidget.
- 3. Price's ELMANASH MAJESTIC GOLD AMONG SILKDANCE JW

Class 8 Graduate Dog 4 (1)

- 1. Mixides' CITYCROFT STAR GAZING OVER YIALOUSA. Striking red fawn with super black muzzle. Lovely angulation fore and aft, good length and strong broad back. Hocks well let down and drove well on the move. Nice elegant boy.
- 2. Harding's KIERPARK BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY. Brindle. Everything on a larger scale than one, but overall balanced and handled well. Sound easy mover.
- 3. Third's BRUNTSFIELD ROCK PIPIT

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Class 9 Post Graduate Dog 14 (2)

- 1. Turner's DEJARE BEAU AMI AT SAMMOLL. Loved this little dog, another out of the old fashioned pot. Nice head, and strong neck not too long into good shoulders. Correct length, strong hind end and good bone. Neat feet, springy pastern and lovely reachy movement Pleasing outline to the eye.
- 2. McConkey BARMOLL BILLY ELLIOT. Another nice one, lovely size, equally good in all quarters, lovely depth and overall balance. Springy pasterns and neat feet. Just preferred movement of 1, but could change places.
- 3. Wayman's COBYCO CHASING STARS AT SCARLETFAIR JW

## Class 10 Mid Limit Dog 9

- 1. Keenan's CITYCROFT NEVER FORGET. Very masculine red fawn, showed well, good front, nice lay of shoulder and length. Nice feet good springy pastern. Moved well but without enthusiasm which would improve if handler walked faster.
- 2. Sykes' LANAKESHENA LOVE IN MOTION AT VEREDON. Another nice dog, shame they were in the same class. More racy and moved with purpose and drive. Extended well in front. Strong male head, gentle expression. Well made throughout.
- 3. Clarke's YIALOUSA FRISCO BAY AT SUNWALKERS

Class 11 Limit 19 (2)

- 1. Dillon's COLLOONEY BILLY THE WHIZZ. Classy pale fawn with white trim. Loved his movement so easy and flowing. Nice head, strong underjaw, just the right amount of neck in good shoulders. Longer back than I usually like but it all looked so balanced with good bone and strong hind end. Presented and handled with aplomb, deserved his RCC
- 2. Snelgrove's HUNTINGHILL JAZZTASTIC. What a pity these two were in the same class, another with classic lines, nice head, shoulder and length. Strong hindquarters, neat feet. Just preferred movement of 1 today.
- 3. Candler's MAIDENBOWER MODERATOR

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Class 12 Open 9

- 1. Wilton-Clark's CH SHALFLEET SIMPLY A LORD. Loved this dog, a worthy champion already. Super head and expression. Deep chest and beautifully balanced from his head to his tail. In super condition, his coat really shone. Loved his outline, everything flowed with no exaggerations. Couldn't fault his movement. What a sparkler. Dog CC and BIS.
- 2. Turnbull's TURNSTONE CRACKAWAY JACK JW. Pale brindle, rather overshadowed by the winner, but an equally good dog. Slightly taller with a lovely front, good shoulders and flowing outline. Not always a motivated dog but looked as if he was enjoying himself today. Moved well but lacking the sparkle of 1.
- 3. Copley's CH VEREDON VIP JW

Judge Wendy P Spencer.