

The Midland Counties Airedale Terrier Club. 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Many thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge at their club show, I felt honoured to be entrusted with the task. The show itself was a friendly affair, in a fun environment, with a good sporting outlook. Many thanks to the exhibitors who presented their dogs in front of me, the time, effort and expense to doing this are appreciated. The hospitality was excellent. The entry was small but varied, with some varying examples of this fun breed. At times I was splitting hairs. It was difficult to find the complete package, some excelled in heads, others were balanced throughout & others movement was more positive. Made me think. I was pleased with my overall selection for Best in Show, Browns, Jokyl Noble Princess for Oceanaire. A good quality honest bitch.

It was good fun to judge the special classes & I made the exhibitors work for their prizes.

Dogs

Junior (1)

1. Toulsons, Toulsyork Noted Nat. 12 mth male. Good for overall size and balance, which clinched him best dog. Head was balanced, but could be less wedged. Good dentition, Dark eye & good ears and set. Ample length of neck and clean shoulders. Straight in front. Ample ribbing with good topline. Strong through loin. Tailset on top. Rear angulation ok. Sporting a well coloured crisp jacket. On the move, he kept his topline, moved out well behind, but a little loose in front. BD. RBIS.

Post Graduate (3)

1. Brennans, Buddonwood Blackjack. 2 yr old. Good for Balance and substance. Balanced head, big strong teeth and clean bite. Clean shoulders. Good ribbing with depth. Strong through loin. Well angulated rear. Good for bone throughout. When settled moved out well. RBD.
2. Moules, Doraemi Buffalo Soldier. 19 mth male. Very good for shape, type and balance, however not the substance of 1 at the present time. Good in head, balanced, tidy ears, good bite and small dark eye. Short coupled with good tailset. Good for bone. Sporting a well presented jacket of good texture. Moved well on tidy feet.

Veteran (2,1)

1. Steinkes, Magwyr Be Dazzled. 12 year old & enjoying her showing, a credit to her owner. Balanced head, small dark eye, ears ok, scissor bite. Good for bone, well ribbed up. Level topline, good tail set. Well angulated, moved and handled well. BVIS.

Bitches

Puppy (1)

1. Toulsons, Toulsyork Only Olga. 8mth. Balanced head, dark eye, good bite, ears need to settle. Straight front. Strong through neck and clean shoulders. Ample bone. OK in ribs, loin and tailset. Good rear angulation. Very well presented. Look great on the move in profile but very loose as would be expected at this stage of development, in front and behind. BPIS

Junior (3,1)

1. Hampton & Halls, Muliebrity Enchanted Bay. Good for size, overall shape and balance. Well made throughout. Pleasing in head, with good eye, bite and ears. Good neck, clean shoulders, ample ribbing an decent tailset. Ample bone and good rear angulation. Sporting a crisp jacket. Moved steadily.
2. Keay, Kentixen Gold Dust to Jaymitch. Stronger bitch and up to size. Strong through head, good in neck, longer cast than 1. Good in jacket , ample bone.

Post Grad (6,1)

1. Toulsons, Toulsyork Nefarious. Good for size, balance and overall shape. Head ok, small eye, good bite & ears ok when used. Ample body and bone throughout. Good depth of chest and strong loin. Tail set good with plenty behind and decent angulation. Sporting a colourful jacket and put down in good muscletone. Moved steadily and covered the ground with purpose.
2. Collins, Colldale Ring of Fire. Movement cost this lady, rather sluggish & tail down, not a happy bunny at times. Lovely to go over and the best head in the class. Good ears, eye and bite. Tidy neck and lovely clean, sloping shoulders. Ample depth of chest, tail set ok and good rear angles. Sporting her best jacket.

Open (3,1)

1. Browns, Jokyl Noble Princess for Oceanaire. Good honest sound bitch, with nothing exaggerated. Cobby build, with strength. Good length to a balanced head, well filled foreface with dark eye & tidy ears, good dentition. Substance throughout with good bone. Clean shoulders and nicely ribbed. Strong quarters with good rear angulation. Sporting a decent jacket. Showed well, without fuss and covered the ground when on the move, keeping her topline. BB & BIS.
2. Collins, Colldale Adventuress Girl. Good headed bitch. Ears ok when used. Ok through neck and shoulders. Good ribbing, tail set ok, plenty behind and decent rear angulation. Little longer cast tan winner. Sporting a good jacket. A little nervous today which showed on the move, Did enough in the challenge to clinch RBB.

Special Pet Classes.

These were great fun and should be part of every club show. All the dogs had great dispositions and a credit to their owners.

Most handsome (1) Herrins, Barney. Stood alone, but a worthy winner.

Prettiest Bitch (2) 1. Todds, Doraemi Brown Eyed Girl. 2. Herrins, Daisy Sheriffs Red Tulip. Close call between these 2 beauties, just preferred the overall head of 1, I swear she winked at me.

Waggiest tail (2). Easy winner here, with Herrins, Barney, never stopped.

Dog judge would take home (3) 1. Herrins, Barney. 2. Herrins, Daisy Sheriffs Red Tulip. Another win for Barney here, his appeal did it.

Best Pet in Show : Todds, Doraemi Brown Eyed Girl. She demanded my attention for overall balance & presence.

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