

British Manchester Terrier Club Championship Show
9th October 2021

It was an honour to judge the breed I love so much at this Championship Club Show and I would like to thank the BMTC Membership for this invitation. Also to the BMTC Officers & Committee who worked so hard behind the scenes and on the day, to yet again, hold a successful and welcoming event.

To Elaine, Nigel & Sonia my stewards for the day, a huge thank you. The ring ran extremely smoothly and it was wonderful to have your company.

Finally, to the exhibitors. It was a privilege to judge your beautiful dogs. Thank you for your entry and for your sporting acceptance of my decisions, many of which were extremely close. I was delighted to find my top winners.

BCC & BIS: Straughan & Cripps Talanors Time To Shine At Mannikai

RBCC, BVIS & RBIS: Cawleys Marlblue In A Twirl

DCC: Warners Talanors Time For Fun

RDCC: Plants Plantocracy Bold Bruce

BPIS: Johnsons Carapast Dark Shadows

RBPIS: Harrisons Greenjack Norris Cole

RBVIS: O'Neills Ticknell Hidden Treasure At Megellan

MPD 2(0)

1, Harrisons Greenjack Norris Cole (naf) (taf). 8 month old male who is maturing nicely and was clearly enjoying his day out. Pleasing head with a dark almond eye and fill beneath. Ears over and set high but needing to settle. Elegant shape throughout with correct reach of neck and when stood it was clear to see balanced angles fore and rear by showing slight fore chest and a decent turn to stifle. Depth to chest with the required tuck behind. Moved very steadily in profile with reach and drive but his very gay tail did spoil the overall picture. Coming towards it showed pasterns are needing to tighten, but that should come. Well-muscled for age, coat gleaming and correctly marked throughout. BPD, RBPIS

2, Goodwins X-Pected Dine Mites Doc Holiday At Holtaire (IMP NOR) (naf) (taf) Smaller male in bone and substance and needing to mature and fill everywhere, but compact, a good height and pleasing in shape. Immediately noticed the shine to his coat and the correctly marked mahogany tan. Alert expression with dark almond eyes. Wedged head with length to muzzle and a strong jaw. Ears neat and using them well. Elegant throughout with the flowing curves required in the breed which give the deep chest, slight loin rise and fall to a correct tail set. A little overawed by the day which affected his performance making him canter or pace, though I did see a smooth trot when entering and leaving the ring. Handled very sensitively. Very raw, just needs time.

PD 1(0)

1, Goodwins X-Pected Dine Mites Doc Holiday At Holtaire (IMP NOR) (naf) (taf)

JD 0

ND 2(1)

1, Colleys Gunnar vd Posthoornwieke (IMP NDL) 'Old fashioned' type Manchester being heavier boned and more stocky. Well muscled throughout but this did tend to make him stuffy in the neck and look less elegant all through. Dense jacket of jet black but tan did tend to bleed at the rear. Typifies keen & alert and ears showing that being held high, with tips touching just above a dark eye. Length to a filled muzzle but needs more underjaw for strength beneath. Super shoulder placement and straight legs well under. This was balanced by a well turned stifle giving the required angulation behind. Perfect slight rise in the loin and

fall in croup to the correct lower tail set which was carried perfectly on the move. Once in his stride he moved with reach, drive and rhythm.

GD 0

PGD 1(0)

1, Simpsons Perriford Charmer. 2 year old well marked male. Showing a strong wedged head from the front and side with good fill. Ears set high and a pleasing size but just tending to drop either side of his eye. Eye a little round but dark and showing that sparkle you expect to see in this breed. Overall very elegant but losing his shape over his back & in the loin area as he was carrying too much weight. This also gave the appearance of falling away in the loin. Moved straight in front but footfall wide at the rear which was exacerbated by dropping into a pace. Saying that, when settled he moved smoothly with enough extension and complimented with a perfect tail set and carriage.

LD 3(1)

1, Plants Plantocracy Bold Bruce. 2 year old boy standing at the ideal height for this breed. In fantastic coat and tip top condition. Rich mahogany tan with clear markings and well defined thumbprints. Wedged head with fill, strong underjaw and sparkling dark almond eyes. Ears just tending to fall to the side of the eye. Smooth lines from his elegant, crested neck, to a well layed shoulder, short well muscled back, slight loin rise to his lower tail set. Straight forelegs with spring to pastern, deep chest and tuck. Overall a real picture when stood. Moved steadily all ways and gave that little extra in the challenge. Really is maturing into a gem. RDCC

2, O'Neills Megellan Artemis Argentis. This 3 year old male, I'm told, was being shown for the first time and was absolutely loving his day out. He has that look at me factor and was up on his toes the whole time. His tail never stopped wagging which was a joy to see. Very well put together & much of the critique written for the previous dog applies to this male but he does have a better ear set and carriage. Unfortunately, his enthusiasm made him very tense in back and loin so losing his shape there when stood. On the move the tension shortened his stride. He will be one to watch if he can turn down his exuberance a notch.

OD 5(0)

1, Warners Talanors Time For Fun. Just turned 3 years and in superb coat and condition. He has a fair amount of bone for his correct height, but this didn't make him any less elegant. Coat dense & like polished coal but tan is more dark brown than the rich mahogany asked for in the standard. Well marked but thumbprints bleeding a little. Very attentive and alert in the ring which showed in his spot-on ear carriage. Wedge to head and a penetrating dark almond eye which really does capture your attention. Strong, tight jaw but for perfection would like less width and more length in skull. Crested neck, tapering to a clean well laid shoulder. Legs well under, straight and showing the spring in pastern so important for this breed. Shapely in body with a chest to his elbow, sweeping tuck and slight loin rise. Ideal tail set and carried correctly on the move. Did show snatches of heavy front footfall but once in his stride moved far more lightly, strode out and drove from the rear. Well deserved DCC.

2, Barlows Talanors Time For Magic. Litter brother to 1 and another well put together male. Smaller all through but has the required muscle and substance for his frame. Very attentive, typifying keen & alert and so fit for function. Stunning wedged head set to perfection with small, neat ears pointing to a dark eye. Strong body properties but needs more layback of shoulder for his legs to be set underneath. Correctly marked with a deep rich tan enhancing his black jacket. Moved soundly and effortlessly all ways and a real joy to watch but does tend to lean back when stacked and also stands very stretched spoiling his compact outline.

3, Aspdens Exdraco Tony Wilson

CD 0

MPB 1(0)

Johnsons Carapast Dark Shadows. 8 month very pretty girl with a dark eye and sweet welcoming expression. Shining coat with rich tan and correct markings throughout. So confident for one so young and complimented with kind handling from her exhibitor. Needing to body up and grow on everywhere but her shape is all there with good angles fore and rear & she has enough substance for her age. Ears set high but maybe a tad too small and were flighty, but when over they set her head to perfection. Moved straight and true in all directions and as one with her handler. BPB BPIS

PB 0

JB 3(0)

1, Bennetts Eaglespur Full Of Charm. Feminine girl just out of puppy who caught my eye as soon as she entered the ring. Mature for age with flowing lines and has perfect mahogany tan. She has substance without any heaviness and the look at me factor without any sign of arrogance. Her head is long, filled and wedged with a dark eye that was taking everything in. Her high set ears pointed to the eye and framed her face perfectly, but I would like to see more underjaw to give a stronger profiled wedge. Excelled in front assembly with an elegant, crested neck leading to a well laid shoulder with legs well under when viewed from the front and side. This also showed in her movement this end with elbows tight to her rib. Deep chested with sweeping tuck to the loin area and slight rise above. Tail set on perfectly. For balance would like to see more turn to her thigh to give equal angles fore and rear. Moved freely with regular and even footfall. Pushed hard for the top awards. Will watch with interest.

2, McDermott & Corcorans Digelsa Dash Of Class At Gemris. Another beautifully headed eye catcher with a correct wedge, high ear set and carriage. Ears could be slightly larger as they were a little way from her eyes. She has a sparkling and somewhat mischievous eye which almost seemed to smile, and noticeably looking very much like her granddam in head who I remember fondly. She does look a little rangy at present and has lots of maturing to do, but in body she is shapely with curves in all the right places. She is balanced both ends but would benefit from more lay back & return of shoulder, and more turn to stifle to complete the picture. Moved straight & true all ways but not quite with the reach and drive of the class winner. Handled extremely well and one with her exhibitor. Another youngster I will be watching for. 3, Westwoods Eaglespur Guelder Rose

NB 3(1)

1, Westwoods Eaglespur Guelder Rose. Placed 3rd in the previous, very tough, Junior Bitch class. Happy I was able to critique this young lady who I liked very much. Heavier in type and reminiscent of the older Eaglespur Manchesters. Feminine with a pleasing strong and long wedged head. Ears a good size and correctly set though need to be carried higher. Flowing lines all through but her maturity in muscle plus carrying excess weight made her appear stuffy. Her elegance, which she has plenty of, suffered because of this. Would prefer a deeper tan and it did bleed into the black somewhat on the rear legs. Despite her weight she moved effortlessly around the ring, extending from the shoulder and driving from the rear. One of the best movers of the day and beautiful to watch.

2, Watkins Ruffagga Bewitching Girl. Smaller and finer all through and of a very different type to the class winner. Feminine, very neat and perfectly proportioned throughout. Jet black gleaming coat & mahogany tan as per standard with super thumbprints. Pretty headed with a super dark eye and ear tips touching just above. Very fidgety in this class when stood both on the floor and on the table, & moved erratically so making it difficult to fully assess her but stood like a rock and moved out well with a perfect tail carriage in the next class to win it.

GB 3(1)

1, Watkins Ruffagga Bewitching Girl

2, Taveners Eaglespur Red Hot. Not the confidence of 1 and a little unsettled. Correct head piece with the smallish almond eye but a little light. Ears small and set well but carrying them low today. In fit and hard condition which showed in her muscle tone and sleek, glossy coat but tan was a little pale. Elegant in neck with crest leading into a well laid shoulder with straight legs underneath. Compact and shapely in body with strength to her rear quarters. Movement a little close coming and going but did move with reach and drive in profile. Was tending to carry her head a little low on the move which did spoil her outline.

PGB 5(0)

1, Forshaws Jandor Moonlight Melody. Nicely compact bitch who was well schooled and handled. Smaller in build and at 17 months still needs to mature and fill somewhat but that certainly doesn't mean she lacked tone and muscle as she stood in fit condition with a gleaming coat. Loved her feminine head and dark sparkling eyes. Ears carried more than high enough and tips over to point at her eye. Body well put together but would like to see more tuck behind her ribs. Moved particularly well in profile but twisted her rear so not moving on parallel lines back and forth. Tending to stack very stretched making her dip at the back so losing that strong topline and her compactness.

2, Talbots Harliboo Pretty In Pink At Ysabelkid. Rather taller than ideal but not masculine in any way. In hard condition all through with lean muscle and a curvy outline. Would like a slightly darker tan and more prominent thumbprints. Striking long narrow wedged skull but eyes a little light and ears needing to be higher set. Ears were also not behaving at all today. Super neck & forequarters on this lady showing a tapering neck & clean sloped shoulder giving the required angulation for legs to be set underneath. Balanced the other end with a well bent stifle. Moved very smoothly with extension and drive. Tail correctly carried on the move.

3, O'Boyles Plantocracy Hermione At Ruffagga.

LB 3(2)

1, Heller & Houses Marlblue Mcqueen Of Floreydown. Smaller, finer girl but carrying enough substance and bone for size. Pretty headed with a keen dark eye and small ears set high & neatly folded. A good wedge to her head with noticeable underjaw but would like a little more fill to the muzzle. Shapely all through with a deep chest to a sweeping tuck, straight backed to a slight loin rise then a correct fall to tail. Moves out well in all directions but does dip her head making her rear appear high and front legs high step when going around the ring.

OB 1 (0) Straughan & Cripps Talanors Time To Shine At Mannikai. A young lady who really is one from the top drawer. Having awarded her Best Puppy in Breed 2 years ago it's gratifying to see that she has matured & blossomed to reach her full potential. Very feminine and flows from nose to tail with lean muscle and a gleaming coat. Mahogany tan and correct markings all through. Long muzzle which is well filled, dark almond eye and ears set and carried to perfection, accentuating her strong head. Elegant, crested neck to smooth well laid shoulder and return to elbow to show enough fore- chest. Elbows tight to a well sprung rib making straight legs well underneath. Correct body curves giving tuck behind a sprung rib and a strong straight back to the rise over her loin. Strength to rear and equal angles with the forehand giving balance. For ideal, height could be slightly less. Her correct body properties are shown in graceful smooth movement in profile, close elbows and parallel lines coming and going. A joy to judge. Delighted to award the BCC and BIS.

Ch B 2(1)

1, Cawleys Marlblue In A Twirl. A girl who I have given top honours to before and one who is brimming with quality. Hard to believe this beauty is touching 8 years as her A1 condition is that of one much younger and still stands with a 'look at me' attitude. Ideal for height with bone and substance to match. A neat compact package all through with a jacket of polished coal and perfectly marked tan, only just touched with a frosting. Thumbprints very apparent. Pretty headed with a well filled muzzle and strength to jaw. Eyes keen and sparkling giving the alert expression required with neat ears above. Elegant all through with clean shoulders, spring to rib and strong hindquarters. Moved out extremely well all ways with no exaggerations. Still at the top of her game. RBCC, BVIS, RBIS.

Sp V D/B -7-9 years 6(1w/d)

1, Cawleys Marlblue In A Twirl.

2, O'Neill's Megellan Rudi Blue. 7 years, up to size and very masculine. No weakness in any department giving strength in bone and shown in hard muscled condition. Really excels in body properties with flowing curves, spring to rib and deep chest. Although a bigger male he still oozes with elegance. Long skulled with fill beneath an attentive eye but muzzle a little square at the nose. Ears not behaving today sadly, but when forward they added to his strong head. Full of beans on the move making his handler work hard but when settled his long smooth stride covered the ground with ease. 3, Boots Ttombowor Princess Phoebe For Harliboo.

Sp V D/B 10 years+ 3(0)

1, O'Neill's Ticknell Hidden Treasure At Megellan. Another veteran with an age difficult to believe, as at 11 years her condition and attitude is one of young girl. Tan hardly touched with grey with prominent thumbprints and a glossy black coat. Muscled condition enhancing her correct lines. Feminine in head with good enough ear carriage. Noticeably well made front with crested tapering neck to clean shoulders, correct angulation showing forechest and placing legs underneath. Strong in pastern with neat feet. Deep sprung rib and firm loin. Turn to her stifle giving balance. Very settled going around the ring, showing easy smooth movement and straight going and coming. RBVIS

2, Cawleys Victor James Montague. Full of enthusiasm and an alert terrier attitude making this boy up on his toes and only his frosted tan gives away his 11 years. Super headed with length and fill to skull. Strong underjaw giving a wedge in profile and from the front. Ears held to perfection and a small sparkling eye. Reach to neck, short backed, strong in loin & clean straight limbs. Would like a deeper chest and is a little straight in stifle. Moved out well and as one with his handler. 3, Olbinson & Kelly's Paucelin Andoni At Carapast

Bred by exhibitor D/B 5(3)

1, Plants Plantocracy Bold Bruce

2, Aspdens Exdraco Tony Wilson

Not bred by Exhibitor D/B 5(0)

1, Warners Talanors Time For Fun

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Brace 4(2)

1, O'Neill

2, Plant

Judge Estella Saxton, Rattustrap

