

British Manchester Terrier Club Championship Show

Saturday 24th February 2024

Judge: Ms C Wicker (Mimbre)

Thanks to the Committee for my judging appointment and to all the exhibitors who gave me an entry. Just remember, that no matter what I think, you all take the best dog home with you at the end of the day. Pleased to note that all the exhibits had the correct scissor bite and lovely clean teeth.

Class 1 Minor Puppy Dog (2)

1. Walker's Wystry Depths of Glory for Sizlin – 8 month old nicely built compact dog. Good markings and a lovely dark eye. Narrow front of sufficient depth and forelegs straight and in proportion to body. Pleasant outline with a good tuck up. Moved well at times but plenty of time to improve on this.. One to watch for the future. **BPIS**
2. Davies & Brown's Wystry Agony and Ecstasy – very similar to 1, was told later that they are litter brothers. Very dark markings, cheeky expression. Another good outline with a shapely tuck up, sufficient spring of ribs and correct tailset. Very erratic on the move but settled in his later classes

Class 2 Puppy Dog (2)

1. Davies & Brown's Wystry Agony and Ecstasy – moved much better in this class
2. Symes & Pease Hurrockheath Rylands Lad – 11 months, compact, well built dog with very dark markings. Good wedge shaped head. Unfortunately his movement was quite erratic and he paced quite a bit. I think on grass outside he might have performed better. Mats on a hard floor is not the best surface on which to move an MT to its best advantage.

Class 3 Junior Dog (4)

1. Cole's Rattustrap Soulmate – 14 months. Compact cobby dog with a lovely wedge head. Would have preferred a slightly darker eye but a very soulful expression. Perhaps that's how he came by his name. Correct markings and good condition coat. Moved well.
2. Davies & Brown's Wystry Agony and Ecstasy
3. Erkenwyne Wildfire

Class 4 Novice Dog (0)

Class 5 Graduate Dog (2)

1. Cole's Rattustrap Soulmate
2. Gray & Travis' Clanmarshal Edwardian Star-slightly larger build than 1. Good wedge shaped head with a dark almond eye and all the correct markings. Was not using his ears to his advantage. Close firm textured coat. Unfortunately his movement let him down, being occasionally wide at the back. Once again, I think on a different surface outside this would be improved.

Class 6 Post Graduate Dog (2)

1. Swart's Plantocracy Dapper Dexter – aptly named, certainly a dapper dog. Good head with a dark almond eye and dark markings. Used his ears well with a keen expression. Compact, cobby type build with a decent tuck up and a gleaming coat. Moved well.
2. Bunning's Ysabelkid Dusty Fog - slightly larger build than 1. Good wedge shaped head with a nice expression. Shapely body and well marked. Moved ok but felt that he wasn't giving his all despite his handlers best efforts.

Class 7 Limit Dog (1)

Davies & Brown's Wystry Dempsey's Tipple – small, compact, cobby dog, reminded me of some of the historical dogs from the Churnet kennel. A more old fashioned type. Small wedge shaped head, lovely dark eye. Firm textured coat. Decent spring of rib and shapely tuck up. Moved ok.

Class 8 Open Dog (4)

1. Plant's Plantocracy Bold Bruce – Well built dog with a happy personality. Nice wedge head, with dark eye and good markings. Shapely outline with decent bend of stifle. The best mover in this class. **Dog CC & BIS**
2. Goodwin's X-pected Dine Mites Doc Holiday at Holtaire (Imp) -compact, cobby dog with gleaming coat. Good markings. Not using ears to his advantage. Moved ok.
3. Knight's Ch. Talanors Typically Elite

Class 9 Champion Dog (1)

Warner's Ch. Talanors Time for Fun ShCEX – beautiful dog, I remember judging him as a pup and he has certainly lived up to his name. Fits all aspects of the standard. Moved and handled well,

Class 10 Minor Puppy Bitch (0)

Class 11 Puppy Bitch (0)

Class 12 Junior Bitch (4)

Four very nice bitches, 2 sets of litter sisters and I'm sure that they will swap places in the future as there was not much to choose between them

1. Cawley & Stockton's Magpiebank Breeze for Marlblue. 15 months old, a compact, feminine girl with a lovely head and expression. Good markings with a gleaming coat. Nice spring of rib with a good tuck up and slight arch over the loin. Moved and handled very well. **RBCC**
2. Brown's Erkenwyne Firecracker – slightly younger at 1 year old but maturing nicely. Good head and lovely dark almond eyes. Used her ears well. Good straight front with decent spring of rib and shapely tuck up. Nice bend of stifle and neat feet. Moved and handled well
3. Harrison's Magpiebank Rayn

Class 13 Novice bitch (1)

1. Jones Erkenwyne Firefly – 12 months old, lovely wedge head with dark almond eyes and good expression. Well marked except for a very wide vent. (My pet hate, sorry). Good condition coat. Thought she was slightly long in body but moved well.

Class 14 Graduate Bitch (1)

1. Entwistle`s Holtaire Runa – very feminine girl with nice wedge head and dark eyes. Sweet expression. Good spring of rib and shapely tuck up. Reasonable bend of stifle, moved well.

Class 15 – Post Graduate Bitch (4)

Very close decision between 1 and 2 in this class

1. Thurlow`s Erkenwyne Silver Seraph- compact feminine bitch with shapely outline showing that slight arch over the loin and a good tuck up. Small wedge head with a lovely dark eye and alert expression. Correct markings and a close glossy coat. One of the better movers of the day and handled very well.

2. Lomas` Hurrockheath Miss Emmeline - slightly bigger build than 1 but still a very nice bitch with good breed points. Nice head and expression, good body shape with decent spring of rib and good bend of stifle. Moved and handled well.

3. Plant`s Spring Wren at Plantocracy

Class 16 Limit Bitch ((1)

Boot`s Ysabelkid Calamity Jane with Harliboo – Happy little girl of a nice size and shape. Good head with a dark eye and kindly expression. Moved well

Class 17 Open Bitch (1)

Knight`s Ch Talanors Typically Special – 7 year old girl still showing herself off like a youngster.

Super head with a small dark eye and alert expression. Good markings. Shapely outline. Moved very well. **BCC,BOS, BVB,BVIS**

Class 18 Champion Bitch (3, 2A)

1. Goodwin`s Ch Digelsa Date Night at Holtaire. A worthy champion bitch, good head, dark eyes and using her ears. Well marked. Moved with reach and drive. Handled well

Class 19 Special Vet D/B 7-9 yrs (6)

1. Knight`s Ch Talanors Typically Special

2. Hebb`s Paucelin Falster JW,ShCM – well built dog, nicely balanced. Good reach and drive for nearly 10years old.

3. Spain`s Ch Talanors Diamond Tornado

Class 20 Special Vet D/B 10 yrs plus (3)

Difficult choices in this class as they are all good examples of the breed and all moved well

1. Olbinson & Kelly`s Paucelin Andoni at Carapast – almost 14 year old compact dog with a good head. Looking very distinguished with his tan turned grey. Nice tuck up and good bend of stifle. Kept his topline on the move. **BVD**
2. Thurlow`s Erkenwyne Lady Guinevere JW, ShCM- very feminine 11 year old girl but not showing her age at all except for her grey hairs. Shapely outline with a good tuck and nice ribs. Moved and handled well
3. Harrison`s Ch Magpiebank Ash

Class 21 Breeders (Dogs bred by exhibitors) D/B (1) W/D

Class 22 Breeders (Dogs not bred by exhibitors) D/B (1)

1. Warner`s Ch. Talanors Time for Fun ShCEx

Class 23. Brace (3) (2 w/d)

1. Thurlow's Erkenwyne mother and daughter team who moved in unison round the ring.