

The British Manchester Terrier Club

Open show. 24/02/2024

Judging Critiques: Dr Suzanne Smith (Simjest)

Class 1. Veteran dog.

1st: Harrison's CH Magpiebank Ash

This 10 year old dog is in excellent condition, fit and well muscled. A well balanced dog with dark eyes, well held ears, nice deep brisket and strong hindquarters with a good bend of stifle. He showed me a keen expression and moved with a clean, free flowing movement. It was the condition and muscle on this boy that put him above the 2nd place today and I was happy to also award him **Best Veteran Dog and Best Veteran.**

2nd: Hebb's Pauceine Falster JW ShCM

A well proportioned 9 year old dog with a lovely lively and alert expression. With good fill under his dark eyes, clean front and forelegs set under. He carried his tail correctly including on the move which was straight and balanced. Still very much fit for purpose and not with quite the same muscle as first place.

Class 2. Minor Puppy.

1st: Walker's Wystry Depths of Glory for Sizlin

This 8 month old puppy dog showed such confidence in the ring today. His markings are nicely balanced with distinct thumbprints and a lovely dark mahogany tan. A lovely compact and well balanced overall appearance with nicely held ears, sparkling eyes, good bend of stifle and correct tail. His front was straight with good angulation at the shoulder. Two things that particularly caught my eye today were his really nice, free flowing movement not at all bothered about being in the ring, and his beautiful expression that just made me smile. I was pleased to award his young dog **Best Puppy Dog and Reserve Best Dog**

2nd: Davies and Brown's Wystry Agony and Ecstasy

Slightly larger set 8 mth old puppy dog but all in proportion. With a nice wedge shaped head, well held ears and a smooth and glossy coat with much heavier markings than first place and thumbprints that bleed into the black on his front legs. Nice rise over the loins and straight hind legs. His front legs were set well under but his front feet tended to turn out ever so slightly when stood – this may well change

as he grows and it certainly wasn't apparent on the move, which was straight and balanced.

Class 3. Puppy dog

1st: Davies and Brown's **Wystry Agony and Ecstasy**

2nd: Sykes and Pease's **Hurrockhealth Ryland Lad**

I particularly appreciated the beautiful strong head on this puppy. A well proportioned dog in general with nice markings and lovely dark, sparkling almond eyes. His ears are a little temperamental still. Front legs were set well under with a nicer clean front. He was a little nervous which showed in how he held his tail on the table but plenty of time to gain that confidence.

Class 4. Junior Dog

1st: Cole's **Rattustrap Soulmate**

I admired this 14 month old dog's compact and well balanced conformation overall. He has a good head with a slightly lighter eye and ears set well. Well sprung ribs and nicely developing muscle especially over hindquarters. His shoulders are well sloped and his legs are straight, set under in front of his deep brisket. He held his tail well whilst stood and on the move and I really appreciated his movement which was flowing with plenty of reach and drive.

2nd: O'Boyle's **Ruffagga I'm The Man**

The tan on this dog is rich and dark and his thumb prints are distinct. I especially liked this dog's lovely strong head, dark eye and arch of neck. His ears are held well and his expression was alert and lively. His chest wasn't just as deep as first place but he showed a nice rise over the loins with a perfectly set tail. On the move he was straight and balanced, just not quite as free flowing as first today.

Class 5. Beginners Dog

1st: Earle's **Rattustrap Beer Humbug**

A larger dog but well proportioned with a good strong head, dark sparkling eyes and good ears. Well sloped shoulders and good spring of rib. His hindquarters are developing good muscle and his stifle is well bent giving a pleasing overall appearance. It was difficult to assess this dog's movement today. When he did move it looked fine but would have ideally liked to have seen more.

2nd: Lancaster's Erkenwyne Wildfire

Although this dog was able to demonstrate more in the way of correct movement than first, his overall conformation, whilst correct, was impacted by lacking substance. That said he had a lovely wedged shaped head with good fill under the eyes. He had a nice arch of neck, clean straight front and good deep brisket. He carried his tail a little higher than first place and his movement was well balanced overall.

Class 6. Post Graduate Dog

1st: Swart's Plantocracy Dapper Dexter

Compact and with substance and overall pleasing proportion and symmetry and curves with a deep chest and neat tuck up. Beautiful, correct shaped head with a lively, alert expression. His clean front was complimented by him being on his toes showing off his alertness. Strong hindquarters and correct tail and a pleasing free flowing, well balanced movement with reach and drive

2nd: Bunning's Ysalbelkid Dusty Fog

Lovely smooth and glossy coat with good markings and a pleasing strong head on this dog with a good arch of neck. He has a well sloped shoulder and clean front. His hindquarters are strong and well muscled and his tail is set well and held well on the move. He sits back on his longer pasterns slightly which is why he was placed below first. That said he moved confidently and smoothly with good balance.

Class 7. Limit Dog

1st: Davies and Brown's Wystry Dempsey's Tipple JW

A smaller set dog but all in proportion and fit for purpose. He has a lovely glossy coat in good condition with nice markings. His dark sparkling eyes are set in a correct wedge shaped head. His front is clean with good angulation at the shoulder. A good deep brisket and strong hindquarters give this boy a pleasing overall appearance. A little bit distracted today but definitely alert and keen. His movement was straight and well balanced.

Class 8. Open Dog

1st: Warner's CH Talanors Time For fun ShCEX

My opening notes on this dog are 'got it all'! Strong, beautiful head with dark almond eyes with good fill under and perfect ears. His coat is glossy and firm and he looks in tip top condition with a dark tan and distinct thumbprints. When I went over him I

wasn't disappointed noting good angulation at the shoulder and well muscled hind quarters. His deep brisket and well bent stifles are a good example of the strong but elegant pleasing symmetry of this breed. With a keen and alert expression his movement was as balanced and free flowing as I was expecting. I had no hesitation in giving this dog the award for **Best Dog and Best Opposite Sex in Show**

2nd: Knight's CH Talanors Typically Elite

Another beautifully proportioned dog who knew how to show himself off in the ring today. Well set ears framing a correct shaped head with a lovely alert expression. This boy is slightly wider in the front than first which placed him in 2nd today. He is strong in the hindquarters and he moved well with reach and drive.

Class 9. Veteran Bitch

1st: Olbinson & Kelly's Rattustrap Citra at Carapast

A beautiful female with a lovely feminine wedge shaped head, dark eyes with good fill under and good arch of neck. Her coat is glossy with good firm texture. With front legs set well under her and a good bend of stifle at the rear, this girl has an overall well balanced, compact conformation that is sound in substance and pleasing in her curves. She showed off beautifully today holding her tail perfectly whilst stood and on the move. Her movement was so well balanced and effortless with good reach and drive. She thoroughly deserved to be awarded **Best Veteran Bitch and Reserve Best Veteran.**

2nd: Boots Ttombowor Princess Phoebe for Harliboo

This elegant girl demonstrated sound substance and a pleasing, well balanced conformation. In lovely condition she has a beautiful correct head with good ears. She has a straight front with good shoulder angulation and deep brisket. With a rise over her loins her hindquarters are strong with a good bend of stifle to her hind legs. She is slightly longer in the pastern to the bitch in first place and whilst she tended to sit back on them she still moved with relaxed elegance around the ring.

Class 10. Minor Puppy Bitch

1st: Watkins Rooksblack Madam Mim

A beautiful puppy who stood and moved so well for her age. She is developing well and has a correct shaped head with good ears and dark almond eyes. She has a nice straight front and is a compact bitch with overall pleasing conformation which promises well for the future. I was happy to award her **Best Puppy Bitch**

2nd: Watkins Rooksblack Velvet Kiss

This little lady wasn't in the mood to stand on a table today or move for her handler. Everything is in the right place and she is growing nicely. Her eyes are a bit rounder than the bitch placed in first.

Class 11. Puppy Bitch

1st: Watkins Rooksblack Madam Mim (as above)

2nd: Watkins Rooksblack Velvet Kiss (as above)

Class 12. Junior Bitch

1st: Cawley & Stockton's Magpiebank Breeze for Marlblue

I particularly appreciated this beautiful bitch's character and expression. Showing today in tip top condition with a dark almond eye and correct wedge shaped head. With a good arch of neck and well sloped shoulders leading to straight legs, her overall conformation is complimented with a deep brisket and neat tuck up holding her tail perfectly stood and on the move. Her movement was free flowing and relaxed with beautiful reach and drive.

2nd: Brown's Erkenwyne Firecracker

A beautiful well balanced bitch with pleasing symmetry, compact and with substance. Good ears and dark eye with a lovely lively expression. A little closer at the front than first and tail carried slightly higher but still sound conformation, well muscled hindquarters and an athletic, free flowing and confident movement.

Class 13. Beginner's Bitch

1st: Jone's Erkenwyne Firefly

A bitch with elegance and substance carried on a compact frame giving an overall well balanced conformation. At 12 months old this young lady has correct ears and a pleasing dark and sparkling almond shaped eye. She is in good condition and developing nicely with everything in the right place and muscle developing. She moved nicely in the show ring today and did her handler credit.

Class 14. Post Graduate Bitch

1st: Thurlow's Erkenwyne Silver Seraph

This girl's conformation caught my eye in the line up. She has a lovely clean front with legs set well under, good angulation at the shoulder and a pleasing deep brisket. On the profile she just looks so well balanced, showing off her curves with a neat tuck up and well muscled hind quarters with a good bend of stifle. Her coat is close and firm and her markings distinct and clear. Her movement did not disappoint on her toes, free flowing and driving. I loved the twinkle in her eye and her alert and lively expression. I was pleased to award her **Reserve Best Bitch**.

2nd: Plant's Spring Wren at Plantocracy

With a pleasing head, correct ears and delightful sparkling eyes, this bitch has a good reach and arch of neck and a nice clean front. With a gentle rise over the loins her tail set is correct and held well. Her balanced frame was evident on the move, which just lacked the same flow and drive as first place.

Class 15. Limit Bitch

1st: Boot's Ysabelkid Calamity Jane with Harliboo

A tidy bitch and full of character. A compact frame with everything in proportion. A lovely head and sweet expression with dark almond eyes, and nicely set and held ears. This bitch has well sloped shoulders and a nice deep chest and a neat tuck up which combined gives her a lovely smooth curved outline. With strong hindquarters and well set tail she certainly looked the part today and her movement was well balanced.

Class 16. Open Bitch

1st: Goodwin's CH Digelsa Date Night at Holtaire

This 6 year old bitch dominated the ring for me as soon as she walked confidently into it. I kept looking back at her and she impressed me throughout her time in the ring. With a beautiful feminine head and an expression that never failed to be alert, lively, interested and endearing all at the same time. For me it was a question of 'what's not to like' – in excellent condition, her conformation was spot on in all aspects, compact yet elegant, on her toes, balanced, well muscled with a stunning profile finished with a perfect tail set held correctly throughout. Her movement did not disappoint and was so free flowing and elegant it was eye catching. I had no hesitation in awarding her **Best Bitch** and not much more in awarding her **Best In Show**.

2nd: Knight's CH Talanors typically Special

With a lovely head and ears this bitch has a clean, straight front, nicely muscled hindquarters and a good bend at the stifle. She has an overall well balanced and proportionate conformation with a pleasing symmetry. Whilst her movement was well balanced it just lacked the energy, reach and drive exhibited by the bitch placed in first.