

**Orange Coast Bull Terrier Club
Kennel Club of Palm Springs
Indio, California
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Judge Victoria Corse**

My thanks to the OCBTC for the assignment and the care I was given; so sorry to hear that ill health had prevented Mrs Hughes from making the trip. It's a pleasure to be in Palm Springs in January, instead of almost anywhere else I can think of! I had great fun Saturday evening, judging the "off-the-books" Best of Breed Competition. My thanks to all the exhibitors for showing me your lovely Bull Terriers, and also to the Palm Springs Kennel Club for their hospitality. Now that I'm a "Left Coast-er", I hope to make the trip every year. Just one additional note; I submitted my critique, then realized that it sounded like a broken record regarding shoulder and upper arm construction. I know that I'm belaboring the point, but this is a serious drag on the breed right now, and it needs to be in the forefront of everyones' minds when they make breeding choices. If you don't know what I'm talking about, please speak to your mentor, or to someone who understands construction, and get your hands on enough dogs that you can understand incorrect shoulder construction well enough to avoid doubling on it when you breed your bitches. It is very easy to acquire, and horrifically difficult to breed out!

COLOURED BULL TERRIERS

Winners Dog/Best of Winners

Graham & Dykema's **BESTUVALL TO HOT TO CROSS AT MOXIE** (GCH Bestuvall White Hot ex Bestuvall Hot Cross One) Black brindle boy with an eye catching profile and nice depth of head. His bite is just off, and I'd like to see more width below the eyes. Short backed with a strong top line and bone appropriate to his size. Nice angulation in the rear quarters, could use better shoulder layback and return of upper arm. Beautifully presented, and moves with power, although I'd like to see more reach and drive. He's still quite young, and the power will hopefully come with maturity. WD for his virtues of type and quality.

Reserve Winners Dog

Morris's, Robertson, & Lowden's **WALKIN TALL WALK ABOUT** (CH Brigadoon WalkAbout ex Walkin Tall Absolutely Fabulous) Unfortunate dentition, but a super heavyweight, bull-type boy, with bone and substance to spare. He has a powerful head, with enormous width and muzzle strength, could use a little more overall smoothness. He gives way to the WD with his longer topline and slightly more choppy movement, as he could use more layback of shoulder and length and return of upper arm. Reserve for his masculinity and power.

Winners Bitch

Webb & Naas's **SUNNY SKY'S STERLING PEACH** (Karisma's Ready To Rumble ex Sunny Sky's Bellatrix Dream) I love this chunky red & white bitch; she has lovely bone and substance, a nice short back and well bent and developed rear quarters. Her head has gentle turn, pack and fill, with a nice wide muzzle and deep under jaw. Her bite is just off level with one canine laying

inside. She, like so many others in Our Dear Breed, could use better shoulder construction. WB for her cobbiness, lovely head quality, and jaunty Bull Terrier attitude.

Reserve Winners Bitch

Bishops & Pooles' **ROCKYTOP'S DANCING IN THE RAIN** (CH Rockytop's Sundance Kid ex CH Rockytop's Over The Rainbow) Another chunk of a girl, short backed and deep-bodied, with a solid, filled up head. Her bite is not correct, and she's not a happy showgirl, but she has virtues of bull-type without its most egregious faults. I'd like to see a better shoulder, but RWB for her bone, substance, and virtues of head quality, bone and substance.

Best of Variety

Jaspers' & Nordstrom's **GCH NOTORIOUS NEVER SAY NEVER** (Ch Buoy's Tri To Fly At Skyline - Skyline's Missdefied) Powerhouse, compact dog, with exceptional length of head, big, wide muzzle and deep under jaw, bite is good. He's short backed and heavily muscled, with good bone and well bent quarters, movement is jaunty and he's a complete showman. To be picky, I'd like a bit more length of leg, but he's a powerhouse, and works hard for his wins. Or, his eternally patient handler works hard and he's having a party out there. Either way, someone really earned this placement!

Best of Opposite Sex/BOH/OH Group 3

Aten & Dykema's **GCH BESTUVAL ON EASY STREET** (Ch Sarajeni Easy Rider ex Bestuval Crestmont's Crimson Copy) This brindle bitch is one of the most beautifully presented, classy creatures I've ever had the pleasure to go over. She's absolutely full of herself, with lovely side gait, a pretty profile, good bite and neat ears that she uses constantly. She gave way to the dog on overall width, lacking his head-on presence. I was delighted to award her Terrier Owner Handler Group 3 later in the afternoon.

Select Dog

DeVore's **CH CHARISMA'S READY TO RUMBLE** (GCH Icen Shot Taken ex Sunny Sky Everything Nice) Big powerful dog, with lovely strength of head, he could use more shapeliness to take on the eventual BOV.

Select Bitch

Craig & Alexanders' **CH BRIGADOON CIERA STRAWBERRY BLONDE** (Ch Brigadoon Blackwatch Jock O'Bullseye ex Ch Brigadoon Miss Buxley) A better shoulder and upper arm than the average, she can really "reach". I'd like to see more power overall.

WHITE BULL TERRIERS

Winners Dog/Best of Winners/Best of Opposite Sex

Perez & Piles' **FORMULA POWER UP FOR ACTION** (ECH Emred Huntsman ex GCh Action Headed For Power) Big, heavy boned dog, masculine and powerful head, his bite is just off level. He took his high placings due to his short back, lovely turn of profile and strength of muzzle, and his overwhelming breed type. I would like to see more length of neck, which he'd

have with more layback of shoulder. He was the eventual Best of Breed winner on Saturday night, over the brindle bitch.

Reserve Winners Dog

Smith's **REBELSIDE WHITE DEVIL OF BULLISTORGAME** (ECH Silver Bullet The Joker ex Native Nature Timar) Square, nicely boned dog, with a decent head and perfect bite. His skin condition was not ideal, and he gave way in overall shapeliness to to WD. He has good bone and substance, was well presented and his front construction and movement was better than average. Going on 4 years old, I'd like to see more over all power and intensity.

Winners Bitch

DeGidio's **JOCKO'S ICE EYES** (CH Tulsadoom Abi Albon ex Dare To Be DeBully) Very pretty, eye-catching girl, with excellent bone and substance and a super head, with good strength and width, and lovely turn of profile. Her bite is off, but her virtues were more than adequate to carry the fault. Powerful rear quarters with musculature beautifully defined, and well let down hocks. She has a strong topline, and moves truly all ways of the ring. Her shoulder construction is better than average, but her upper arm needs more return. She'd benefit from more polish and ring presence, as she is easily distracted, and her movement can be erratic coming and going.

Reserve Winners Bitch

Shaws' **SECONDTONONE SET FIRE TO THE RAIN** (GCh Sequel Millennium Seafarer ex Bestuvall Too Hot To Copy) Chunky, substantial girl, although she's not two years old yet. She has a strong head with a wicked little eye and neat ears, her bite is off. I'd like cleaner front construction, but she has good bone and substance. She'd benefit from more defined muscle and tone, which could easily come with maturity. She gave way to the WB on that maturity and overall silhouette, was RWB on her substance, style and workmanlike movement.

Best of Variety

Cooleys & Dykema's **WHISTLESTOP N'BESTUVALL PAPERMOON** (ECH Emred Devil's Spy ex CH Bestuvall Barbera Moon) I couldn't take my eyes off this super typy, cobby girl with her wicked expression and sparkling personality. She is on the smaller side, bone appropriate to her size, with a deep body, big, fat head, evil eyes and neat ears. Her bite is just off level. Her Bête Noir is her shoulder and upper arm, afflicted by the same issues as the majority of our bullies right now. She has developed enormously since I saw her in October, with defined musculature in her rear quarters giving her precise, purposeful movement and a an air of "Terrier-readiness". Beautifully presented, I was pleased to see her pulled in the very competitive Terrier Group.

Select Dog

Smith's **CH LORD BULL LARRY** (Shirven El Dorado Man ex Lupita de Lord Bull) Handsome dog, with good bone and substance, and a long, strong head with perfect bite. He gives way to the WD in expression and shapeliness. He could use a more varminty eye, and more turn of profile. Beautifully presented and a consummate showman.

Select Bitch

Merriam & Dykema's **BESTUVALL TAKE IT EASY** (Ch Sarajeni Easy Rider ex Bestuvall Ran Out of Black) Pretty girl, just a bit too leggy and elegant for the top placement. She has a pretty turn to her head and a good mouth, she'd benefit from more power over all.