

**Canadian Shield Trophy Show
Niagara Regional Exhibition Fairgrounds
Welland, Ontario
16 July 2016
Victoria Corse**

Thank you to the Committee and members of the Bull Terrier Club of Canada for inviting me to judge the Canadian Shield Trophy Show. It was an honour to work with Norma Smith and Carole Kilpatrick, my co-judges, and to have such a quality entry.

The hospitality provided to the judges, and available to all the exhibitors, was impeccable. This Committee deserves enormous praise for their hard work and their dedication to making their event an absolute pleasure to attend. The venue is perfect for the event; loads of room for grooming and the ring; plenty of dog-walking space, ample parking, easy access and good ventilation. Take a bow, Team Canada, you guys rock, and I can't wait to come back as an exhibitor.

COLOURED DOGS

Best Coloured Dog

Jaspers' **RABRAM ROYAL STAR** (Javarke Karbon Kopy at Rabram ex Rabram's Bright Star) Smart black-brindle boy, very stylish and typey, with a powerful, masculine head, neat ears and well-shaped and placed eyes. His bite is correct, with one canine instanding. He has lovely round bone, a short, strong topline, and beautifully muscled and bent rear-quarters. He has a deep brisket, and visible, "gentle rise" over the loin, and his underline is the desired "graceful upward curve". Movement is better than average, and he's in gleaming, rock-hard condition, which really catches the eye and draws attention to his virtues. He went on to a well-deserved **Canadian Shield Trophy** win.

Reserve Coloured Dog

Parker's **NUANCE NIGHT TO REMEMBER** (Ch Soquel Millenium Seafarer ex Ch Nuance Nonetheless) Cobby, square dog, super-straight front, with big bone, especially for his compact size. He is short-backed, with a strong topline. Better angulation front and rear would improve his movement, and I'd like to see a smoother profile and more pack-up under his eyes. He has neat ears, right up on his head, and a jaunty, pleased with himself attitude.

I also selected the 8 year old dog, Bozian & Ibbitsons' **CH BULLAYR MANINTHEMOON AT BAKERST** (Gwynsel It's Not Unusual ex Ch Scarlet Moon The Joker) He's a thumping big boy, with beautiful round bone, and while showing his age a tad, he's still a joyful show dog and all Bull Terrier.

WHITE BITCHES

Best White Bitch

Bassakyros' **CH BULDOR'S DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER** (Emred Devil's Chance ex Ch Bullayr Pieceofmyheartatbuldor) Very much my style of balanced, moderate-sized girl, with a feminine head and locked over scissors bite, correct bone for her size, deep body, straight front and short, strong topline. Her movement is true, coming, going and from the side, driving off powerful rear quarters. To be critical, harder condition would benefit her all over, but she's a

virtuous, typey and extremely sound bitch. She was my co-judge's pick for the Movement Trophy.

Reserve White Bitch

Bozian's **BULDOR BULLAYR SPY WHO LOVED ME** (Emred Devil's Chance ex Ch Bullayr Pieceofmyheartatbuldor) Litter sister to the Best, she's another with good balance front-to-rear, and a deep body. She, too, has an elegant, feminine head, with just a hint of a brow. Bite is just off level. She moves well in all directions, driving off powerful rear quarters, and holding her topline strongly from the side. She's carrying a bit too much weight, and would benefit from harder conditioning. Bone is adequate for her size.

I also sent forward Connor's **CH DANCIN B'S AUDI GOES FOR MAX** (Ch Dancing B's Two Barrel Boomerang ex Dancing B's Jubilant Juliet) She's a tidy package, well-balanced front to rear, with a pretty head that could use a bit more power. She couldn't, for me, compete in bone & substance with the two girls I placed above her, but she has type and quality, and was a worthy finalist.

WHITE DOGS

I was called in to referee for Reserve White Dog between Robichaud & Bassakyros' **BULDOR COVERT AFFAIR** (Emred Devil's Spy ex Ch Bullayr PieceoMyHeart at Buldor) and Kaber's **ANNWN NATURAL HAT TRICK** (Skyline Notorious Defender ex Annwn Cant Get Enuf). Covert Affair is a heavy-boned, mature dog, beautifully constructed, with a powerful head and scissor bite. I would like to see a smoother profile and more fill up under the eyes. He was visibly "off his game"; movement was precise but unenthusiastic. Hat Trick is an extremely "up" youngster, with a super short back and sweeping profile, also a correct bite. I would like to see more angulation in his shoulder and upper arm, to allow more neck and forechest. His movement is jaunty, and he's extremely eye-catching, but on the day, I preferred the bone, and beautiful make and shape of the mature dog, and was pleased to award Covert Affair with **Reserve White Dog**.

MOVEMENT TROPHY

My co-judge, Norma Smith, and I had a field of nine finalists for the Movement Trophy. In the end it came down to the two sisters, **BULDOR DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER** and **BULDOR DEVIL IN A RED DRESS**. They both move truly, and with a jaunty air, all ways of the ring, reaching out from well laid shoulders, and driving off from powerful, well-angulated rear quarters. In the end, we sent the two of them forward to the referee, Carole Kilpatrick, who selected **DEVIL IN A RED DRESS** as the winner.