

ORANGE COAST BULL TERRIER CLUB

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Huge thanks to the Orange Coast Club for inviting me to judge – it was a pleasure to go over this lovely entry. Everyone needs to experience the Santa Barbara shows at least once in their lifetime. From the ladies in hats to the Bullyganza in the evening it's truly a spectacle to behold and entertaining through and through. Both the Bull Terrier club and the Kennel Club know how to treat their judges, and I really appreciated the warm hospitality.

COLORED:

WINNERS BITCH

Aten and Jaspers' **NOTORIOUS MIESHA TATE** (CCH Skyline Defies Dazlin ROM – CH Notorious Nevermore ROM) Upstanding, nearly solid brindle bitch. Lovely turn, good expression, smooth fill, long foreface with a strong underjaw. Positive reach of neck, flowing into clean construction with balanced angulation fore and aft. Good bone and substance for a youngster, although she does have some air under her at this point and her chest is yet to fully spring – still has some maturing to do but she won this spot on her substance, strong head, and deep underjaw.

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH

West, Bowen, and Myall's **STRONGHAVEN GAMEFACE AT ICENI** (GCH Icen Shot Taken ROM - CH Icen Gamepoint at Stronghaven ROM) Eye-catching brindle who pleases with her flowing lines and elegant silhouette. Crashing profile, good eye and ear expression and placement. Head is smooth and filled all the way down, although to be picky one could wish for more width, particularly in the muzzle, and a bit more underjaw would complete a picture of power for an otherwise dramatic and pretty head. Moved well, presented beautifully, gave way to the WB's bone and head power.

BEST OF VARIETY

Decker and Baval's GCH OLD ENGLAND'S BLACK DIAMOND ROM

(Emred Huntsman – GCH Old England's Coco Chanel ROM) Striking black brindle with a gorgeous outline – classic profile, smoothly filled to the end of her muzzle, positive reach of neck flowing into correctly laid back shoulders with good return of upper arm and a pleasing forechest. Shapely through the body, beautifully ribbed back, gently tucking up to strong and well angulated hindquarters and beautifully let down hocks. Her make and shape did not disappoint from any angle – she was powerful when viewed from any direction, while at all times unmistakably feminine and elegant. Moved accordingly. To nitpick, one could wish for more width to her head with a more varminty eye, but a quality headpiece, nonetheless. Beautifully presented in gleaming condition, it was a pleasure to award her BOV and see her go on to an OHG4.

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

Dykema and Coy's **CH BESTUVALL SHO' IS HOT ROM** (Quicksilver Showstopper ROM-- CH

Bestuvall Believes She's Hot) From the veteran's class, this heavy boned black brindle was out to show he still has it. Gently turned profile and lovely angulation fore and aft – held his topline beautifully on the move. Chest correctly broad and head correctly filled when viewed from the front. Altogether an unmistakably masculine package. Seemed pleasantly easygoing but was not an enthusiastic showman. To nitpick, he moved a touch close in the rear and one could wish for more width to his thigh, but what a pleasure it was to go over this lovely veteran and award him BOS.

SELECT DOG

Graham and Dykema's **CH BESTUVALL TOO HOT TO CROSS AT MOXIE ROM** (GCH Bestuvall White Hot ROM – Bestuvall Hot Cross One)

SELECT BITCH

Antle and Dykema's **GCH BESTUVALL CROSS MY HEART** (GCH Bestuvall White Hot ROM – Bestuvall Hot Cross One)

WHITE:

WINNER'S DOG

Harris' **ALLEGRO ROCK OF AGES** (CH Magor Super Fly ROM - Allegro Addicted to Love). This young dog pleased with his smoothly turned and filled head, varminty eye and expression, positive reach of neck, short back with lovely angles. Clean construction, dead straight front plus good depth of body. Although he was not feeling cooperative on the day, when he did settle down his movement was a pleasure to watch - correct yet jaunty. Not a super heavy boned dog and still immature, but an exciting youngster combining balanced Bull and Terrier qualities.

RESERVE WINNER'S DOG

Antle, Dykema, and Konings' **KINGSFARMS DUTCH ROYAL** (Teirwgwyn Top Gun - Action Hot and Classy) Virtuous dog with heavy, round bone. Strong head with good expression – a bit more fill under the eye would complete the picture. Lovely substance, moved with sparkle and attitude. Deep ribcage, short back, lots to recommend in his make and shape, albeit he is a bit high in the rear at this point. Sparkled in the ring and presented beautifully.

WINNERS BITCH

Alvarado and Berez' **ACTION DEVILISH DELIGHT** (Emred Devil's Advocate – Action Headed for My Heart) Substantial bitch with lovely round bone who presents as very mature. Love her small eyes, good expression, and dead straight front. Head with lovely turn and fill. Moved well in all directions. A touch more layback would give her more reach of neck, but a lovely brood bitch type with lots of strong qualities. Kudos to her novice handler for doing a great job in the ring!

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH

Ruppel's **QUICKSILVER UNSTOPPABLE** (CH Bestuvall Too Hot To Cross at Moxie ROM – Quicksilver Wicked Ways) Eye-catching young puppy, just 6 months old. Pretty head with good expression – not particularly a fat head but good fill. lovely angles, nice round bone, ribs deep, short back and short coupled, lovely turn of stifle and short pasterns. She needs to pop width-wise but shows all the promise one could hope for in a bitch this age. One to watch!

BEST OF VARIETY

Cooley, Dykema, and Graham's **GCHB WHISTLESTOP N BESTUVALL PAPER MOON** (Emred Devil's Spy – GCHB Bestuvall Barbera Moon ROM) Beautiful bitch who commands with her ring presence and has gained substance and condition since I saw her last. Her head is grand – lovely fill, beautiful but not extreme turn, tiny, punishing, correctly placed eyes and well-set ears which she used to her advantage. Desirably compact, she has much more bone than she appears to when viewed from afar. Rear is lovely – correct rise over the loin leading to a good tail set, strong rear quarters and short pasterns. Visible prosternum, wide chest, Well ribbed back and short coupled. Her Achilles heel is her upright shoulder which creates demerits behind the withers which in turn affect her topline and also leads to an untidy front. But I think the thing that sets this bitch apart is her sparkle and true Bull Terrier type, in demeanor as well as appearance. Both the fire and the sweetness are immediately apparent as you approach her, which, to me, is as essential to breed type as any physical feature. As always, presented to perfection and never stopped showing. Was delighted have her represent our breed and see her go on to Best in Show Owner Handler and a Terrier Group 4.

BEST OF OPPOSTIE SEX

Boyda and Harlamoff's **CH SOQUEL MILLENNIUM HIGH SEAS** (Rhydaman Gold Medal – CH Soquel Millennium Sea Glass) Lovely cobby dog, strong and round bone. Expression and eye excellent, positive reach of neck flowing into a well placed shoulder. Deep through the chest, well ribbed back, short loin. Excellent hindquarters with good turn of stifle and short pasterns. Smooth across the brow but some flatness mid-profile and to be picky one could wish for more fill under the eye and width of muzzle, which cost him in this company. Nevertheless, a useful and virtuous dog. Presented beautifully and showed enthusiastically.

SELECT DOG

Sutton and Harlamoff's **GCH SOQUEL MILLENNIUM GAMECHANGER** (GCH Rhydaman Frosty ROM - GCH Soquel Millenium Black Fern ROM)

SELECT BITCH

Tesconi, Sanderson, Brouwer and Berez' **CH BIGSHOT MORNING SUN** (Emred Devil's Spy – Bigshot Lady Lollipop)