

MONTGOMERY COUNTY KENNEL CLUB

October 8, 2017

Judge: Simon Parsons

Having visited the great terrier show twice during the '90s I could understand how it came by its worldwide reputation but never imagined I'd get the chance to judge there. So it was a delightful surprise to receive the invitation and I'm grateful to those who made it possible. Needless to say I had a wonderful day and enjoyed every minute. Special thanks to Scott and Alison Ibbitson for looking after us so well and helping to keep me out of too much mischief. There was a good entry of Minis. As ever they varied dramatically in size, type, mouths and conformation but the main winners pleased me a great deal and I was thrilled to see the BOB in the final few in the main ring.

The Bull Terriers weren't so numerous, understandably with the Silverwood following on so closely and so far away, but the quality was excellent and again I felt the main winners in both varieties were of the highest class. It wouldn't be fair to make any generalizations about the entry except perhaps to say I was impressed by the percentage of correct feet, not something we tend to see so many of in the UK.

Bull Terriers (Coloured)

Best of Variety

GCh Sandstone's Moonlight Over The Maidens with Terjos (UK Ch Megaville's Visions ex Ch Terjo's Touch Of Magic), Melanie and Ty Whitehair.

Excellent all-round brindle bitch with a glorious head, tremendous length, fill and profile and super expression from correct eyes and ears, clean lines all through if not ultra short in back, masses of bone, smooth shoulder line, good upper arm and forechest, typical topline, moved with style, true in front, slightly close behind. Appears to have a charming temperament which endeared her to the ringside during the group judging.

Best Opposite Sex

Ch York Dark Moon Rising (UK Ch Emred Devils Advocate ex York White Moon), Ann L Wiggins and Casey Main.

Admired this very handsome tricolour a great deal and he would have challenged very hard for the top spot had he been a bit more co-operative on the move, he was determined to give his handler a hard time in the nicest possible way!

Strong skull, excellent eye and impression, good arc, perhaps not quite so firm in ear carriage as the bitch, tremendous substance, good neck and shoulder, shortest of backs, full of type, from what I could see he had a good side gait, true in front, a shade choppy at the rear.

Select Dog

Ch Madcap Jump Right In (UK Ch Emred Devils Spy ex GCh Madcap Jump The Broom), Keith and Gail Reber and Jane and Mark Lindquist.

Typy tricolour, strong skull, good expression, perhaps could have a shade more power in muzzle, short back, excellent bone and front, moved true. Quite competitive with the BOS winner who just had a shade more angulation and smoother outline. Liked him a lot.

Select Bitch

GCh Madcap Jump Over The Moon (UK Ch Emred Devils Spy ex GCh Madcap Jump The Broom), Jane and Mark Lindquist and June and Irv Krukenkamp MD.

Litter sister to select dog but quite different in type, very pretty feminine brindle, excellent head type plus correct eyes and ears, super bone and font, plenty of substance, just a shade longer cast than the BOB and didn't keep her shape quite so well on the move but a lovely bitch.

Winners Dog

Notorious Rocket's Red Glare (GCh Skyline Defies Dazlin ex Notorious Avenger), Tony Dickin and Amy L Jaspers and Phil Jaspers.

Impressive solid red, real athlete with the promise of plenty of substance, wicked expression, small well placed ears, enough fill, roman finish, perhaps could have a shade more arc, straight front with tight feet, moved true with plenty of drive, would be interested to see when fully mature.

Winners Bitch and Best of Winners

Action Head Enchantress (Ch Action Headed For Fame ex Action First Class), Morgan T Hooks and Dr Franne Berez.

Very handsome brindle, superb head type, long, feminine, tiny eyes, piercing expression, clean neck into good shoulders, well muscled and turned hindquarters, strides out smartly, can tighten a shade in front. Has lots of style and, I hope, an interesting future.

Bull Terrier, White

Best of Variety

GChB Amaize Supernova (GCh Yockydoes Gamin ex Ch D Bar Lady Gaga Tulsadoom), Darrin Whitmer and Yasmin Valizadeh.

Supremely typy young dog who quite dominated the ring, superb head type with profile, fill and the wickedest expression, ears on top, just the right neck into clean shoulders, shortest of backs, excellent front, powerful hindquarters, tremendous power and substance but still has quality, moves with real Bull Terrier jauntiness and great freedom for such a strongly made dog, keeps his shape going round, great showman perfectly in tune with his handler. If he had a scissor bite and a slightly lower tail carriage he would surely be very near the ideal. Disappointed he didn't appear in the group but appreciated he needed to set off on his marathon drive to the Silverwood where I gather he acquitted himself with distinction.

Best Opposite Sex

GCh Wendigo Philgin Devilish Diva at Paradigm (GCh Corsaire Devilish Delight @ Dogmore O'Malvern ex Ch Wendigo Breaking Bad), Melissa Walsh and Shane Holmes and Elizabeth Hennessy DVM and Philip Brodeur.

'Unlucky to meet the winner' is a cliché I always avoid using but will make an exception here as she is a really lovely bitch who just happened to come up against something extra special. She has a beautiful quality head, super expression, true front, correct feet, as much substance as you could wish for combined with quality, elegant body lines, well made hindquarters, typical movement. Perhaps could be a fraction more compact but a real classy package.

Select Bitch

Ch Bully Moon's Diamond Solitaire with Sandstone (Megaville's Sardonicus ex GCh Sandstone's Visions Of Liberty), Terry and Ellen Bluhm and Ty and Melanie Whitehair.

Another top class bitch of beautiful type and style, excellent head if not quite the exceptional fill of the BOS, good front construction with correct angles, forechest and feet, well balanced outline. Perhaps not quite the hind angulation of BOS but close up.

Winners Dog

SoraBully's It's About Time (Ch Allegro Rockstar ex SoraBully's Iron Empress), Heidi Clayton and Ashley and Joe Pappafotis.

Shapely dog, well balanced, good body and outline, typical head which could do with a shade more fill, good neck and shoulder. Tended to pace on the move, handler needs to get him to stride out more.

Reserve Winners Dog

OC Mystic's Steve McQueen O'Malvern (GCh Crestmonts Captain Bravado of Mystic ex OC Lighta Action Fame O'Malvern), Monica Buescher McClamrock and Shawn Evans.

Junior dog who needs plenty of time for maturity to gain that extra substance, decent shape and balance, short back, OK head type, could have a shade more profile and needs to firm up a little on the move.

Winners Bitch and Best of Winners

Bullyhill BW Troubles First Flight (Magor Born To Fly ex Bullyhill Kaleco Flirtn With Trouble), Kathy Russo and John Russo and Teena Troy.

Attractive well made junior, quality head, excellent profile and expression, good front and feet, moved well if a shade close behind. Could be a shade shorter in back. Needs time for a bit more body when she should do well, has plenty of quality.

Reserve Winners Bitch

Old England Duncan's Darling (UK Ch Emred Huntsman ex GCh Old England's Coco Chanel), Janice Frostick and Walter Baval.

Classy bitch with a touch of style, super head and expression, reachy neck, stylish, moved well in front, rather close behind. Close up to winners, just preferred the youngster's forehead construction and topline.

SIMON PARSONS