

Silverwood 2017 Critique

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My sincere thanks to the Bull Terrier Club of America for inviting me to judge this prestigious event. My fellow judges, Anna Blair and Ray Sharp, were extremely professional and a pleasure with whom to judge. I also would like to recognize our ring stewards Dave Merriam and Scott Ibbitson on their efficient ring management that allowed us to just focus on the dogs.

Colored Dogs

Best Colored Dog – GCH Magor Galactic Agent ROM – My co-judge Mrs. Blair and I quickly agreed on the standout in this class. A somewhat upstanding beautifully constructed fawn and white who personified correct proportions, with shoulder, length of leg, short back and neck all flowing together in perfect balance. It showed on the move, as he floated over the ground with the reach and drive we seldom see, and tracked well both coming and going. My choice for best mover. First class head with length, strength, depth and fill, slight mouth fault. Those proportions and shape with their properly angled shoulder and rear made him a picture one kept returning to admire. Very well presented, he asked for it all the way. A very good dog!

Reserve Colored Dog – Islay Spot on with Magor RN – My choice for reserve in a venue where we look for animals to move the breed forward. An eye-catching and captivating heavyweight brindle and white dog whose many positive breed virtues outweighed his faults. Absolutely outstanding head with extreme power and fill, very deep and nicely turned with an excellent eye and ear set. Mouth not correct. Very heavy boned with a ramrod front and good feet. Offered that typey rolling movement coming and going, but his topline let him down when viewed from the side. In a very strong class of colored dogs, I found him only outdone by the winner. Chosen reserve on a referee's decision.

***Cut* – GCHS Soquel Millenium Seafarer ROM** – Well known brindle and white still looking very competitive in spite of his long successful career. Very shapely with good bone and structure, he moved well both ways. Long strong head, a little flat in profile, perfect bite. Beautiful front with nice straight forelegs, feet could be better. Happy to have him in my final four.

***Cut* – Delicious He's My Brother** – Very nice brindle and white with a very good head, a perfect bite and a super eye and expression. Pushed hard for best mover, as his front and rear movement were spot on both coming and going. Could be a bit shorter in back. Beautiful turn of stifle and good bone completed the picture. Should have a promising future.

White Dogs

***Best White Dog* – GCHB Amaize Supernova ROM** – Stallion of a white dog with an “amaizing” presence! A big upstanding dog with terrific bone, fabulous expression, and dramatic head – good in every way. Bite slightly off. Very shapely, well-made and sparkling white, he demanded your attention. My choice for best mover when he cooperated, although he could be tidier on the return. Stood out from his competitors by a distance, and my co-judge, Ray Sharp and I had no problem in making him our choice for best white dog!

***Reserve White Dog* – CH Magor Super Fly ROM** – A very pleasing dog with good bone, a sweeping profile, completely filled egg shaped head with big perfectly fitting teeth. He had a good eye, and when he used his two brindle ears, the combination created a fetching expression. He moved precisely both directions, although better angulation front and rear would add to reach and drive. After a tight battle for the Reserve spot he finally emerged our consensus choice.

***Cut* – Ch Silmaril Sextant** – Super short backed white dog with very good proportions. Also a sweeping well filled head with big strong teeth and a perfect bite. A good eye, but ears set on too much to the side somewhat spoil his expression. Balanced front and rear, he moved well. High set tail distracts from an otherwise very pleasing and shapely outline. Pushed for the Reserve spot.

Cut – **Texican's Billy Bob Getting It Done** – Compact square white dog, well balanced with shapely body lines. Well sprung ribs with a deep brisket and nicely tucked loin. A very strong filled head, with a good profile, set off by a nice eye and expression. Slight mouth fault. Very good turn of stifle and moved well. Well presented and was in the hunt for Reserve.