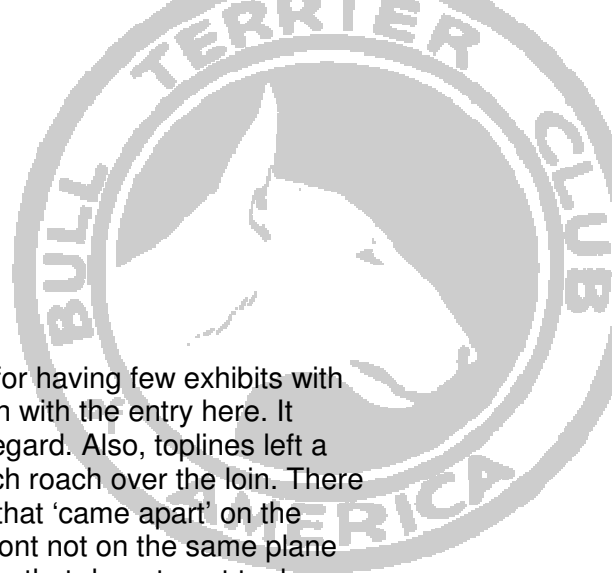


**Texas Gulf Coast BTC
Houston Combined Specialty Association
July 19, 2012 Houston, TX
Judge: David A. Alexander**



Having praised the entry when I judged Silverwood in 2012 for having few exhibits with instanding canines, I was unfortunately brought back to earth with the entry here. It seems we (collectively) have still a lot of work to do in that regard. Also, topline left a little to be desired – I surprisingly found several with too much roach over the loin. There were also a couple that were completely flat, and a number that ‘came apart’ on the move (meaning they give a two piece impression, with the front not on the same plane as the rear and the rear invariably higher). More work to do in that department too! Having said all that, there were enough quality dogs to make the decision making tough, and the day’s judging very enjoyable.

Congratulations to the Texas Gulf Coast for attracting such a good entry, both in quality and numbers, and a big THANK YOU for inviting me to judge again at your show. The people, excellent entry, and the friendly hospitality at these exciting Texas Specialties is always completely enjoyable, and this time was no exception

COLORED

Reserve Winners Dog #747 Martinez Denisse Guadalupe’s **ARNOLD’S LEGEND OF STEAL AT MADE BULLS** by CH Javarke King at Arnold’s – Bullsunlimited Gaboon Viper (Breeder: Arnoldo Salazar)

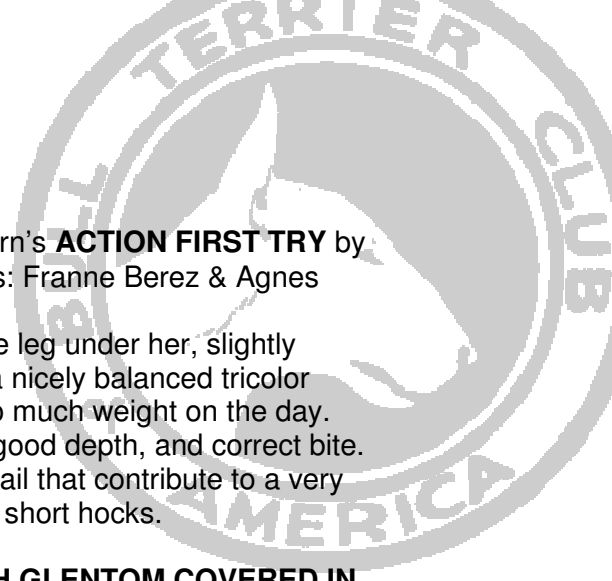
Although slightly long in outline, this dark brindle and white presented a sounder picture standing than the WD. However, he lacked comparable head quality in that he has a slight flatness in profile, and does not have as much depth. He has a nice length and arch to his neck, and a well laid shoulder, but a shortness in upper arm which was reflected in his front movement. His was one of the flat topline I mentioned, although he has a good tailset, and his rear angulation was better than the WD, as was his rear movement.

Winners Dog #751 Lopez Herssael & Arnoldo Salazar’s **ARNOLD’S THE LAST DRAGON at A.G.R.** by CH Bullsunlimited Arashi – Evoly Olalde (Breeder: Arnoldo Salazar)

A well presented, big, thumping light brindle and white with good bone and substance. His strengths are in the front where he excels in head shape, strength of neck, and volume of body. His impressive head has good length, and is smoothly curved, packed, full and deep; his bite is slightly under but with free canines. He is a little long in back with some weakness in topline, and could have more rear angulation although his rear movement is acceptable. Tailset is good. He has adequate layback and forechest, but is not as clean in front movement as that would indicate. He was a little out of condition, with some slackness in front feet, but I recognized his virtues in awarding him WD.

Reserve Winners Bitch #758 Bill & Becky Poole’s **ROCKY TOP’S KID ANTRIM** by CH Rocky Top’s Sundance Kid – CH Barrseas J’Aime La Vie (Breeders: owners:)

This is a compact, cobby, powerful black brindle and white with good body volume for her size. Slightly short in head, she nevertheless has a lovely unblemished profile, pleasing depth of head, and a correct bite. She has a strong, nicely arched neck, and a good topline with a slightly high set on of tail. Other notable construction virtues are neat feet, prominent forechest, and lovely short hocks.



Winners Bitch and Best of Winners #760 Candace Claiburn's **ACTION FIRST TRY** by CH Bestuvall Sho' Is Hot – CH Dajan Classy Lady (Breeders: Franne Berez & Agnes Brouwer)

Of similar type to the RWB, this tricolor bitch has a little more leg under her, slightly better proportions, and a cleaner front on the move. She is a nicely balanced tricolor bitch, with good body volume, that was however carrying too much weight on the day. She has a good length of head with a gently curved profile, good depth, and correct bite. She has a strong neck, a lovely short back, and well set on tail that contribute to a very pleasing outline. She too had good forechest, neat feet, and short hocks.

Best Of Opposite #770 Robin Bishop & Glenna Wright's **CH GLENTOM COVERED IN RASBERRIES** by Dutch Dreamer at Skyline Bull Position – CH Avalon Glentom Cloud Cover (Breeders: Glenna & Tom Wright)

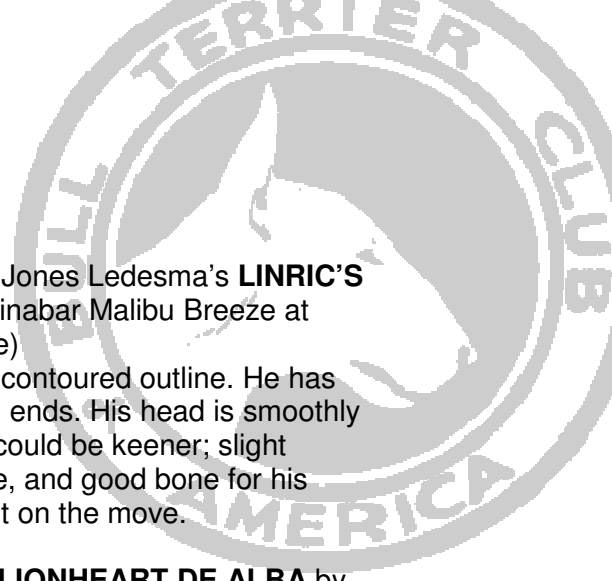
This is a smallish red and white bitch exhibiting great type. She excels in front, with well set shoulders, good depth of chest, and straight limbs with strong pasterns; she is however a little long in loin, and consequently appears a little 'two piece' on the move (see my Introduction). Her beautiful head comprises a smooth unblemished profile, good fill and depth, a correct bite, with lovely expression enhanced by well set ears. Good tail carriage complements a nicely angled rear. Moves truly in front, but not as cleanly in the rear.

Best Of Variety and Best of Breed #761 Arnaldo Salazar and Gregory Anderson's **CH JAVARKE KING AT ARNOLD'S ROM** by Eng. CH Emred Huntsman – Wanna Be Posh at Javarke (Breeder: Joy Pilkington)

This big, upstanding tiger brindle won on his combination of conformation and strength of head. First the head – smoothly curved, with exemplary width and fill, plus an excellent bite with big, straight teeth, and keen expression – a virtuous, winning combination. His main detraction is that he is slightly long in body, and he could have slightly more rear angulation, but I was willing to compromise on these as he has many other virtues in conformation. These are: big bone, width and depth of chest, good forechest, straight front legs with strong pasterns, good topline, correct tailset, and clean movement both coming and going.

Select Dog #763 Lori & Greg Stafford and Bill & Becky Poole's **CH ROCKY TOP'S OUTLAW KID** by CH Rocky Top's Sundance Kid – CH Barrseas J'Aime La Vie (Breeders: Bill & Becky Poole)

This is a substantial red and white dog with good volume and depth of body. He has a smoothly turned head of good length, fill, and expression but a slight mouth fault. He has a clean front with strong pasterns and a nicely laid shoulder (although his forechest is not as prominent as the BOV). He is also well angulated in the rear. His topline is good, although it falls away a bit too much over the croup for my taste. Tail is well set on however. He moves well in both directions confirming sound construction.



WHITE

Reserve Winners Dog #773 Nancy Rodamaker and Linda Jones Ledesma's **LINRIC'S WAY TO GO CHARLIE** by CH Super Bowl's Iggpop – CH Sinabar Malibu Breeze at Linric (Breeders: Linda Jones Ledesma and Sandy Frascone)

A promising puppy who presents a well proportioned, nicely contoured outline. He has good reach of neck, correct topline, and good angles at both ends. His head is smoothly arced with adequate depth of muzzle and a dark eye which could be keener; slight mouth fault, however. Fairly upstanding, with some elegance, and good bone for his size, he is still a little 'puppy loose' with elbows not quite tight on the move.

Winners Dog #779 De Alba Ortiz Jose De Jesus's **ROYAL LIONHEART DE ALBA** by Angus Salazar- Lady Genova (Breeders: owners:)

Big, substantial dog with good bone for his size. He was not in good condition, but I chose to overlook that and concentrate on his virtues. These are: lovely angles at both ends with a well laid shoulder, and very good turn of stifle; excellent expression, with a small eye, and a head with a smooth, gentle arc, correct bite, and good fill. On the down side, he is flat in topline (with good tail set, however), and could have more depth of muzzle, but I was pleased with his overall conformation and head quality.

Reserve Winners Bitch #788 Lionel & Pamela Landry's **DAUNTLESS MOJITA MISTRESS OF MAYHEM** By CH Emred Rum Runner – CH Dauntless Izza Dazy Too (Breeders: owners:)

This is an elegant, upstanding bitch with excellent conformation, but lacking in as much head quality as the WB. Compared to the WB she has less fill, a softer expression, and a little flatness in profile, but a perfect bite, however. She is extremely well put together, with a well laid shoulder, excellent turn of stifle, correct topline and tailset, and strong pasterns. Sound on the move as well.

Winners Bitch and Best of Winners #794 Mike West and Phyllis Azeur's **BULLY MANOR'S MILLION DOLLAR BABY** by Warradcasey Cold As Ice at Kilacabar – Foxy Brown Chaudron (Breeder: Phyllis Azeur)

This is a well constructed, moderately sized bitch with good substance, balance and proportion. She was the best mover of all the entries, confirming her soundness. She has a large brindle patch over the right eye, and a small one above the left. These and a slightly open eye hampered her expression on a head that I found otherwise to have pleasing contours with width and downface. A bit more underjaw would be a plus. She has good body volume, prominent forechest, strong pasterns, and good angles at both ends – a well contoured outline that I found very pleasing. Her handler had difficulty setting her up as she tucks her rear in underneath when baited, but her topline straightened out on the move.

Best Of Variety #783 Jake & Heather Jones and Heike Knockeart's **CH YOECKYDOE'S GAMIN** by Eng. CH Alecto Kool Barracuda of Kilacabar – Laureola's Up To You (Breeder: Heike Knockeart)

This is a big boned, substantial dog of good proportions, that moves out well, keeping his topline firm on the move. His strong, masculine head is nicely arced without exaggeration, and has good length and depth. He is slightly under, and I would prefer a keener eye. He presents a balanced outline with good shoulder layback and a nicely angulated rear. He has a strong, arched neck but a topline that is a little too flat, although his tail sets on well. He has good body volume showing both width and depth,

and stands up nicely on strong pasterns. He moves strongly and jauntily in the rear, but a little close in the front. Overall, a strong dog of good quality.

Best of Opposite Sex and BOS to BOB #798 Glenna & Tom Wright's **CH GLENTOM STAR DREAMER** by CH Cool Conquistador At Crossgarley - CH Glentom Silver Lining (Breeders: Glenna Wright & Jeannine Nichols)

This bitch has lots of quality and is of excellent type, combining a lovely head with good conformation. She presents an elegant picture starting from a smoothly contoured, feminine head with good fill and depth, and a lovely expression. She has a well set shoulder, clean front, strong pasterns, and tight feet. On the down side, she is slightly under, and loses her topline on the move, but nevertheless moves well at both ends. She is well balanced, with a muscular, well contoured outline.

Select Dog #785 Annie Cox's **CH SOME OKIES KNIGHT OF D'BULL** by CH Nocturnal Knight at Arnold's – Biondi D'Rock and Bull (Breeder: Arnold Salazar)

I found this dog to be of similar type to my BOV, but with slightly less virtue in some key areas. For example he was not as strong in pastern, had less rear angulation, not quite the reach of neck, and not quite as together overall. Nevertheless, he had enough good features to earn GCH points. These include: compact size, a quality head comprised of a lovely smooth profile, small well set eyes, good depth of muzzle, and a correct bite.

Select Bitch #800 Carolyn & William Patterson, Glenna Wright's **GCH GLENTOM RISING STAR** by CH Cool Conquistador At Crossgarley - CH Glentom Silver Lining (Breeders: Glenna Wright & Jeannine Nichols)

This is a well balanced bitch with a lovely front and good angles. Her head has quality with an unblemished profile, good fill, well set eyes (although they could be keener), and a correct bite. I would prefer little more underjaw and less transition from skull to muzzle. Her well muscled and contoured body has both depth and width, although a little more length of neck would give her a more elegant appearance. She has a pleasing topline standing but loses it a bit on the move, but moves well. Tail is nicely set on with good carriage.