

NORTHERN COUNTIES STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 17/09/2011

Held at Elsecar Heritage Centre, Elsecar, Barnsley

DOG JUDGE : Shirley Gray

Comments:

Thanks to the Committee for their hospitality and warm welcome, my stewards for their hard work and to the exhibitors for allowing me the privilege of going over their dogs.

The majority of dogs were well turned out and handling and presentation were to a good standard. With a few exceptions, dentition was correct so mouths are not referred to in individual critiques.

As expected, I saw no poor temperaments.

On a less positive note there was considerable variation in height and conformation of exhibits; a lack of bone in many, thin splayed feet and – other causes for concern were poor stifles, dippy toplines and overly fleshy muzzles in some.

For these reasons I found it easier to judge each dog to the Standard rather than to one another.

Minor puppy – 3

1. PLANT'S KYRALOEBIS ITALIAN GIGALO – 8 mnth old bl/br. Very promising youngster. Lovely head with true expression, clean lipped and good stop. Straight front with sufficient depth of brisket for age. Level topline when viewed from side and maintained it on the move. Sound mover. Well handled. B.P. & B.P.I.S.
2. JOHNSON'S TILLCARR FIRE MARSHALL – Also 8 mnths. B/Br presented in top condition, gleaming with health. Pleasing headshape with desired round eye giving direct expression. Good shoulder angulation contributing to overall correct movement.
3. JONES'S HOWFENSTAFF MIDNIGHT LAD

Puppy – 7 (1 abs)

1. HARKIN'S LISTCALL UNCLE BUCK IN HARKLINE – Just into puppy but presented himself like an "old hand" B/br. Good head, dark eye and neatest of earsets. Straight front, sufficient rib and bend of stifle – compact from all angles. Another one to watch.
2. STANWAY'S WASTAFF STRIKES OUT – White & Bl. Pied. Stong well balanced youngster with good head shape and darkest of eyes. Good front and pasterns, Short coupled and strong quarters – giving a pleasing four-square picture. Nice mover
3. FLETCHER & SEEDHOUSE'S GRANITANGEL SUPERGIANT

#### Junior – 6

1. CARTWRIGHT'S ZAKSTAFF GAME ON JW – B/Br with excellent headshape, round dark eyes and well placed ears. Wide front, plenty of brisket and bone in general. Pigmentation good especially noticeable on his black nails. Very short, close, shiny coat. Overall well muscled but not overdone suggesting quality nutrition and exercise regime. A credit to his owners. Considered for RCC but had lost a little animation at that time. His day will come.
2. DALLAS'S BAYSEND WHERE'S WALLY – B/Br. Many of the virtues of my winner apply. Strong headed lad with good earset and round eyes giving typical expression. Strong neck and front. Correct shoulder placement. Level topline kept on the move driven by well bent stifles and strong rear.
3. RYDER'S KANNECHOR VINCIT OMNIA

#### Yearling – 14 (2 abs)

1. HIRST & BIBBY'S TARAIEL DIZZEE RASCAL JW – Quality b/br. Displaying type and balance. Good head shape, round dark eye, neat ears and alert expression. Straight front, sufficient brisket and depth of rib. Close shiny coat. Level topline and sound movement though a little reluctant to settle at first.
2. MEMBURY'S MITZSTAFF FUN TO FLEX – Ran 1 close. Another well balanced b/br. Displaying typical and positive features required by the Standard. No exaggerations, good head with dark eye and no excess flesh at the muzzle. Strong neck and front, short coupled and strong rear finished off with well carried pump handle tail.
3. GOUGH'S WAYSTAFF DUTCH GIGALO

#### Novice – 5 (1 abs)

1. LOCKWOOD'S WANNEVILLE SELF INDULGENCE – B/b with white on chest. Pleasing headshape, straight front. Sufficient bone, level topline. Short, shiny coat. Balanced dog with strong quarters and driving movement.
2. FLETCHER & SEEDHOUSE'S GRANITANGEL SUPERGIANT – B/B with white. Overall nice specimen. Good head & expression and pleasing when viewed from front on especially – deep chested and powerful. Sufficient bend of stifle but would like to see him a little more “up” on the pasterns. Good rapport with his handler
3. WILKINSON'S KAISERSTAFFS WINTER SUN

#### Graduate – 5

1. FAIRHURST'S FAIRLENIUMS SNOW PATROL – Bl & wh. Pied. There's more to this dog than is first apparent. Nice head shape with good expression, clean muzzle and dark eye. Plenty of bone. Deep brisket, level topline and sound sturdy quarters. Moved and handled very well.
2. WANNAVILLE SELF INDULGENCE
3. GRANITANGEL SUPERGIANT

Postgraduate – 14 (1 abs)

1. KIRKLAND'S LORDSTAFF SIR GERMAINE – Nice dog. B/Br. No one feature outweighs the next – he is balanced, type and has no exaggerations. Straight front, correct shoulder angulation, sufficient depth of rib and bend of stifle, good coat and strong rear. Nice mover.
2. LISTER & CALLAGHAN'S MAFIA DON AT LISTCALL – D/Br with white chest. This dog has a good strong headshape and, as with one, no exaggerations. Straight front, well up on pasterns, tidy feet, level topline and strong rear. Another good mover.
3. DOLPHIN'S ALPORT TORNADO AT DELPHINSTAFF

Limit – 14 (4 abs.)

1. COFFEY & SCANLON'S ABORIGINAL ONE & ONLY – For me, this is one to watch. Bl.B with white chest. The right blend of bull and terrier – the whole picture balanced. Good headpiece and the darkest of eyes. Lovely kind expression with a touch of mischief. Powerful neck & shoulders, level topline and sound quarters, finished off with the pump handle tail. Coat in gleaming condition. Headstrong to begin with on the move but settled sufficiently to show his flowing and powerful strides. Pleased to award him RCC and will watch his progress with interest.
2. DAVIDSON'S WAYSTAFF DUTCH MINISTER This br and white dog is a gentleman and there is a lot to like about him. Good ring presence. Lovely headshape with the neatest of ears. Soundly constructed – straight front and depth of brisket, compact when viewed from the side. Good rib and level topline. Coat in very good condition. Did not put a foot wrong on the move and handled expertly. A credit to his owners/breeders.
3. ENFIELD & INGRAM'S PITSTAR ROMPER STOMPER

Open – 26 (5)

1. DOWSE'S ROTHERSTAFF BLACK TIE. Bl/b in his prime. Caught my eye immediately. Presented in lovely condition – eyes and coat shining with health. Pleasing headshape with clean lips, good stop and round eyes. Earset perfect on a strong skull. Straight front, good shoulder angulation and rib, sufficient lower limb bone and tight short nailed feet. Level topline, strong quarters with good bend of stifle. Sound throughout and without exaggeration. A bit of a handful on the move but his handler soon settled him to show good movement and a perfectly carried tail. Fully deserved the CC and, from the emotional response to this, his third. R.B.I.S.
2. DEWAR'S EUPHEMIA DRUMMER BOY. JW. D/br. With the most pleasing of expressions. Slightly heavier set than I usually select but with so many virtues that meet the Standard. Good front and well developed quarters, close shiny coat, well off for bone. Level topline, sturdy limbed with tight feet. One of the best movers today, his hind legs parallel when viewed going away propelling his body with ease and drive. Very well handled
3. ALBERO, GARCIA & SANZ'S SP.GIB.SLO. CH. STAFFGOLD PEACEWALKER.

VETERAN – 3

1. HARKIN'S CH. HARKLINE ROBBIE THE BRUCE JW Does not look his 9 years. Good headshape still with keen and alert expression – eyes watching me all the time. Coat in lovely condition. Muscle tone – supple and good driving movement in place. Well presented and handled
2. RIDLEY'S CH IR. CH JAGSTAFF THE ADVOCATE. 7 year old upstanding red dog again in lovely condition. Strong head with dark eye. Well boned throughout, Good pigmentation. Sound mover. Nothing between these two Champions.
3. FAIRHURST'S YORKS ONE TIME FOR FAIRLENNIUM

A pleasure to go over these three. Thank you.