

NORTH EASTERN WHIPPET SOCIETY (NEWS)

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2020

3rd July 2021

My apologies for the delay in completing my critique – I won't bore you with the excuses. The show was well run and friendly (not forgetting a perfect lunch), even if because of Covid restrictions the constraints tamed down the naturalness of competitors and the normal ambiance. Great thanks to my very able Steward – Bob.

My top 4 classes were really competitive with some excellent exhibits, that if I saw another judge change the order I wouldn't be upset, because there were often very little things separating them. One comment I need to make and I can't have been the only one to notice was tails – much more so in dogs than bitches. It was not because these dogs were so happy to be out and about! Very few were carried low and went from sabre to almost rings with quite a few going above the topline. They don't run on their heads or their tails but when both are correct, they finish off a good dog beautifully and when not correct can take several generations to be bred out.

DOGS

Veteran (5)

1st Dillon's **Ch. Collooney Billy the Whizz JW** How impressed was I by this young man. Lovely shape, excellent movement, especially the easy long low stride in profile. He'd have won this class of impressive veterans even if he had been 3 years younger, but in view of his 11 and a half years, I found him exceptional and he was in the consideration for the RCC. Beat his lovely daughter for Best Veteran in Show.

2nd Wilkinson's **Rowangarth Wind of Change by Fletchgate** This lovely elegant black boy with lovely feet and good depth, also had a lovely shape and very sound movement.

3rd Wood's **Ardencote Star Gazer**

Minor Puppy (2)

1st Price's **Railfield Rainquest** From behind the shoulder, this quality fawn had a very a lovely shape and good profile movement. He really needs to settle into his front assembly as he is very upright throughout at the moment.

2nd **Falconcrag Taskmaster** Pale brindle with excellent bone. At the moment he is so raw and immature and all over the place moving you cannot say how he will finish.

Puppy Dog (3)

1st Allen's **Zoraden Aladdin** Very nice, correctly shaped red fawn/white, 11 and a half month parti with easy and sound movement. Excellent depth across the thigh. Think he will have a bright future. BPD and unlucky to be pipped for BPIS by such a charming and lovely BP Bitch.

2nd Winkley-Palmer & Poole's **Edenwhip Can I Be Him** Quality deep golden fawn dog with excellent movement. At only 6 and a half months his topline especially is raw and hopefully will be softened with maturity to help him fulfil his promise.

3rd Price's **Railfield Rainquest**

Junior (4)

1st Shepherd's Kidaruka **It's Showtime at Oxana** Another attractive fawn and white, very mature, lovely head, ears and neck. Easy profile movement.

2nd Poole's **Crosscop Twist and Shout** More my type, but not yet as together as the winner when moving.

3rd Winter & Yeates **Lolani Coffee Amour**

Yearling (2)

1st Metcalfe's **Aarminias Dance Like a Dafty** Another nice pale fawn with white, lovely head and excellent long neck and lay into shoulders, super back end.

2nd Walton's **Gazenoth Gugh** Nice golden fawn with white trim, good head and expression, good depth across the thigh and well ribbed back, not as together yet as winner.

Novice (7)

1st Tyson's **Starceylon Summer Bran** Really impressed by this lovely black, he has so much going for him. Nice size and shape, no exaggerations, but still scopey. I mustn't use the expression 'mismarked', but his white into black markings were hard to read when he was moving, but he did move very nicely. Sweet head and expression, nice neck and shoulders, excellent feet, good depth of brisket, even more so if you realise, he has a white line for the bottom 1cm or so. I would say to his handler that she really must wear pale or contrasting trousers (not white either), so that his lovely shape stands out. Wishing him the future he deserves.

2nd Shepherd's **Kidaruka It's Showtime at Oxana** (see Junior)

3rd Lipton's **Shiny Sensations Two Kinds of**

Graduate (6)

1st Price's **Railfield Rainomen for Silkdance JW** Another I really liked, a handsome foxy red boy. He has a lovely shape, is solid, yet retains an elegance. Good length and nice depth across the thigh. Another whose profile movement was long and easy, rather than flash. Wasn't too generous to his handler in the challenge.

2nd Newton's **Nevedith De Silva** All quality but needs to settle into his frame.

3rd Metcalfe's **Aarminias Dance Like a Dafty** (see Yearling)

Post Graduate (7)

1st Trouton's **Runnel Run for Fun** Very much my type, lovely head, expression and ears, balanced front and rear, good underline. Smiling all over again when I remember his beautiful, elegant and easy profile movement.

2nd Winkley-Palmer & Poole's **Edenwhip Wayne's World** Another golden fawn teeming with quality and elegance. Nice head and neck, angulation and very nice profile movement.

3rd Brooks' **Rushden Hello Look at Me** (see Racing/coursing)

Mid Limit (8)

1st Winstone's **Lolani Moonshine Over Monelli JW** This lovely and elegant nice sized fawn/white dog topped this class of lovely dogs by everything being correct without exaggeration, very attractive head and expression, lovely bladed bone, wonderful underline, particularly good front movement coming from a lovely angulated and correct constructed front assembly, fought hard in the challenge, eventually just pipped into RCC, but I think a title is waiting for him.

2nd Ellis' **Oakbark Marksman for Railfield** Another cracking quality dog, nice outline, very sound and unlucky to meet the winner.

3rd Barkas' **Jimanica Just Dreaming**

Limit (5)

1st Winter & Yeates **Zoraden Bright Star** Aptly named, fantastic outline, red fawn/white parti. Extremely sound movement, super fit condition, lovely coat. Was delighted to find him in the Racing/Coursing class, to have such quality whilst showing that they are fit for function is a great compliment to a breeder, definitely in the mix for the CC.

2nd Marston-Pollock & William's **Falconcrag Game Changer** Another fawn of great quality, lovely head, blade bone and excellent front assembly, good depth of thigh, covered the ground standing and whilst moving soundly.

3rd Ainscough's **Kidaruka Mother of Mercy**

Open (9)

1st Neale's **Ch Runaround Starman at Stormalong JW** Not only was this gorgeous fawn boy of immense quality, he was the soundest mover of the day, in fact I think he is possibly the soundest mover I have ever known; I wouldn't change 1mm of him coming and going and with his totally correct construction he had the ability to extend in a lovely easy low-profile stride. His underline is exceptionally good and hard to find these days. He had a lovely head, expression and ears, excellent shoulders, spring of rib and wonderfully constructed back end. I felt privileged to give him the CC, I believe it to be his fourth.

2nd Shepherd's **Ch Citycroft Sundae With Oxana JW** I'm repeating myself by saying another superb fawn with white; and many of the same comments apply to him as my other top winners, it was no surprise when I looked him up in the catalogue to see he already had a well deserved title.

3rd Ellis' **Railfield Lone Rainger**

Special Racing/Lure Coursing (5)

1st Winter & Yeates **Zoraden Bright Star** (see Limit)

2nd Brooks' **Rushden Hello Look at Me** Also 3rd in the high-quality Post Graduate class, nicely sized brindle in excellent condition, nice shape, good movement. Very handsome unexaggerated dog, well handled.

3rd Webber's **Dark Wings`**