

I want to begin by thanking North Eastern Whippet Society for inviting me to judge bitches at their wonderful show. This was my first time awarding CCs and I had an amazing entry of top class bitches to judge. The weather was spot on for whippets to show in which made it even better. I was looking for elegance and flowing curves partnered with an easy sound mover, which I found in my principle winners.

Lastly thanks to the exhibitors for giving me the opportunity to judge some lovely dogs. I had some difficult decisions to make.

Veteran bitch (6/2)

1st Miss A Bray's Cyangrange Giocomo Delfino. I loved this bitches type and quality. She has aged so very well. Pretty head and expression leading into a well constructed front. Smooth curvy top-line and strong rear quarters. She moved true and with ease. I was pleased to award her BEST VETERAN IN SHOW with the agreement of my co judge.

2nd Mrs S & Miss F Mycroft's Ger Ch Shiny Sensations Spirit Of Love For Supeta ShCM (Imp). A different type to the winner but a very stylish bitch. The prettiest of heads. She was nicely balanced and moved well.

3rd Mrs J Whitaker-Crosby's Mulcair Meercat Marble JW ScCM.

Minor puppy (6)

Both my top two were very nice puppies indeed and gave me quite the challenge to choose between them.

1st & BPB Mrs V Coulter's Collooney Lagertha. This puppy was of top quality, the further through the class she got the more she settled into herself. Lovely head and expression. Good length of neck leading to an excellent front angulation with good depth and length for her age. Curvy flowing top-line which she held well on the move. She had great stylish true movement. One to watch for the future. I was thrilled she went BEST PUPPY IN SHOW with the agreement of my co judge.

2nd Ms L Grisoli's Loroli Lady Lakeside. Another beautiful puppy who was unlucky to meet the winner. Very balanced throughout and of a lovely size. She moved very well and true. Another to watch.

3rd Mr D Barrowclough's Collooney Ice Maiden.

Puppy (10)

This was a large class of puppies of all different types.

1st Mr M Howgate & Ms Y Hull's Palmik Lady Guinevere. Attractive brindle bitch who really showed her socks off to win this class. Nice head with a soft expression and strong under jaw. Well laid back shoulders flowing into a nice curvy top-line. Well set tail and well angled rear quarters. She moved true coming and going and with ease. Well handled.

2nd Mrs S & Miss F Mycroft's Supeta's Litte Darlin'. Another super youngster but of a different type to the winner. Well angulated and filled front. Strong loin and rear. Moved well.

3rd Mr R Wheeler's Ranveli Instant Crush.

Junior (7/1)

1st Mrs J Wood's Crosscop Shes A Lady At Ardencote. This young bitch caught my eye straight away, her quality shone through. Feminine throughout, lovely neck and well laid shoulders. Elegant flowing top-line and underline. She came into her own on the move. One I shortlisted for the CC, I'm sure she will have a bright future.

2nd Mr J Service, Mrs L Morris & Mr George Waddell's Crosscop Proud Mary. Feminine parti colour bitch again of a lovely quality. She was balanced and curvy. Moved well. Just didn't quite have the front of the winner.

3rd Mrs K & Mr J Jones Jothryn Guilty Pleasure.

Yearling (5/1)

1st Miss L Samson's Romaclove The Power Of Love. Beautiful blue bitch in tip top condition. She was sleek and elegant. Good front and rear. Moved with ease and with great soundness. I liked her a lot just maybe not quite my type, but a very true honest whippet.

2nd Mr C Tyson's Pretty Fly Des Bruyeres AC/DC Starceylon (Imp). A very pretty feminine bitch with plenty of curves. She was well constructed and moved well. Just lacked the maturity of the winner. Handled to perfection by her young sympathetic handler.

3rd M & J Walshaw's Crosscop I Believe In You With Jenmark.

Novice (14/2)

This class was a challenge to judge with a few different types, of varied ages and maturity levels.

1st Mrs H Worrall's Collooney Because I Can Khabaray. This girl was just my type. Well laid shoulders and good depth and length. My hands flowed over her lovely shape. Strong rear and well let down hocks. She moved true coming and going. She just needed to give a bit more effort in the challenge. I will watch her with interest.

2nd Mrs L Morris, Mr G Waddell & Miss F Mycroft's Crosscop Candle In The Wind to Supeta. A young fawn puppy who was ultra feminine. She has lovely s shaped curves with a good tuck up. An easy mover who is nice from all angles. Unlucky to meet the more mature winner today.

3rd Mr M Howgate & Ms Y Hull's Palmik Lady Guinevere.

Graduate (6)

1st Mr R & Mrs D Mason's Falconcrag Rock On With Aphrael. Lovely white parti bitch who gave her handler a bit of a challenge to begin with. Once settled she stood lovely. I liked how she covered the ground and her lovely shape and outline. Moved well.

2nd Mrs S & Miss F Mycroft's Supetas Angel Eyes. Fawn bitch with a dark mask. Slightly shorter than my winner. Well constructed and moved well once she settled down.

3rd Mrs K Nutter's Out Of This World Daydreamer.

Post-graduate (9/2)

1st Mrs B Trouton's Citycroft Grace Kelly JW. A bitch I have judged and admired before. She has real quality, good head and neck with well placed shoulders. Lovely top-line and underline. She moved very well and gave her all to her handler.

2nd Mrs E McKay & Mrs S, Miss F Mycroft's Envisage This At Supeta. Stylish brindle bitch who covered the ground well. Good front and rear assembly. Another bitch of quality I just preferred the outline of the winner. Moved well.

3rd Mr M Howgate & Ms Y Hull's Bryntreia Whispered Love At Palmik JW.

Mid-limit (8/1)

1st Ms L Grisoli's Loroli Romancing The Stone. Loved this brindle bitch on first glance and she did not disappoint. Beautiful head and neck. Excellent shoulders and top-line. Good depth of chest and lovely underline. Neat feet and strong rear. She moved with ease and power with a lovely daisy cutting action. I seriously considered this bitch for the top honours in the challenge.

2nd Mrs J Whitaker-Crosby's Crosscop May Be One More At Mulclair JW. Yet another top drawer bitch. Slightly different type to the winner. She covered the ground well. Lovely head and neck leading into well laid shoulders. Good top-line and well angulated rear. She moved well.

3rd Mrs J Whitehead, Miss R Smith & Mrs A Mixides Citycroft Storm In A Teacup.

Limit (10/4)

This was a class full of quality of which a few could change places on a different day.

1st Mrs M Davis Collooney Black Velvet Pasharif. This bitch is just what I was looking for. Elegance and curves. My hands just flowed over her from nose to tail. Lovely black gleaming coat. Pretty head and expression, super neck and the best of shoulders. Plenty of curves with a correct top-line and lovely s shaped underline. Moved well from all angles. She just gave enough in the challenge to achieve the

CC, her 3rd I believe. A worthy new champion indeed. She went on to win BEST IN SHOW with the agreement of my co judge.

2nd Mr M Howgate & Ms Y Hull's Palmik Queen Of Diamonds JW. Impressive parti colour girl who was so feminine. Loved her shape and size. Good neck into shoulder, lovely curvy top-line and strong rear. Moved true always holding her top-line. Unlucky to meet the winner today.

3rd Mrs A M & Mr M Lancashire & Miss C O'Donnell's Danluke Dark Chocolate Drishaun.

Open bitch (8/3)

1st Mr R Wheeler's Ch Adagio Deep Cover For Ranveli (Imp). A bitch I have admired ringside for a long time and couldn't wait to get my hands on. She did not disappoint. She has the ideal whippet outline. Feminine head, lovely long neck into well laid shoulders. Correct top-line and strong rear. She excelled in profile movement. Pleased to award her the Rbcc. She went on to win RESERVE BEST IN SHOW with the decision of the referee.

2nd Mr M & Mrs K Fryer's Collooney Swing Low At Stonefox. Loved this bitches type and size. Ultra feminine throughout. Lovely overall conformation and balance. Sound easy mover.

3rd Mr M Howgate & Ms Y Hull's Ch Palmik Misty Eve JW.

Special racing/ coursing (3)

1st Ms D Webber's Zoraden Fifty Shades Darker JW. Black bitch shown in tip top condition. Well bodied with good balance. Moved with precision and ease. A really lovely bitch. She went on to win BEST SPECIAL RACING IN SHOW.

2nd Mrs K Nutter's Out Of This World Daydreamer. An elegant bitch keen to show to her best. Pretty head and expression. Lovely overall shape. She moved well.

3rd Mrs V Leathart's Ringmore Hecate.

Ashley Halliday (Judge)