DAVE HILL CRITIQUE FOR THE A C T BULL TERRIER SHOW OCT 2006

First let me say how sorry I am for taking so long getting this to your club. As I told you some time ago, I lost the hard drive on my p c and as everyone asked, "Did you not have it backed up?", well no I did not. Dumb me . Well yes, it was dumb of me, as it has taken this long to get everything off it without it costing me a lot of you know what. Now, let me say that it was a privilege for me to be able to judge your dogs and I would like to say thank you to the club and the exhibitors for showing their dogs under me.

The only way I can do this now, is an overall view of your dogs. I feel that the outbreak of polycystic kidney some time ago hit many of the Kennels in Australia and it will still take more time to get back

to where you were before it , however, there were still some nice dogs there on the day and you can go on from here and keep on improving them as you have done since then . The overall standard of the standard bullies is as follows

Heads: Most were very good with very good mouths, good ears and some very good down faces ,

Neck: Of good lengths and fill over all

Ears: Very good size

Backs: Level. Not too long or too short

Tails: Some were a little too high, but over all good

Fronts: Straight. Good bone, however, some came towards me paddling due to straight shoulders

Hind quarters: Straight. Good stifles and well let down

Best Dog: was overall the best dog on the day, although there was a black brindle that was also very good but on the day did not show to his best. Pity as he was a nice dog

Best Bitch A very nice bitch. Good bone and of good size

Puppy My puppy dog was outstanding for a puppy and I would like to see if he has improved from what he was on the day. I would say that he should have

Miniatures:

Over all I was very disappointed with them. Size was not correct, no substance, very poor heads. Just over all poor, with the exception of my best dog and bitch. These were, in my view, outstanding specimens of the breed and I believe could be shown anywhere in the world and do well.

Best in Show : Miniature. What else's can I say about this little dog? Up to size. Of good proportion and very well shown on the day .

Reserve Best in Show : Once again a miniature, very well put together

Puppy in Show : A very nice puppy and should go along way

From my photos it is very hard to distinguish what I I have placed in the other classes but as I have said some very nice dogs over all

Once again I would like to say thank you and to apologies for not getting this to you before this. I hope that you have all had a good year showing and that you will all forgive me for taking so long.

Dave Hill Terrier Judge