

ACT BTC Ch Show - 4th October 2009

I was honoured to be invited to judge the Australian Capital Territory BTC Ch show, and though hearing from others who had judged Australian Bull Terriers was uncertain as to what I would find. Any doubts I had were soon put to rest as soon as the dogs entered the ring, I could well have been in England, the committee had even organised English weather to make me feel at home! The overall quality of the exhibits was excellent, my top winners could win anywhere and would certainly not be out of place on the green carpet at Crufts. In common with the dogs back home there is a tendency I feel to longer backs, I know when I look at photos of our dogs 30yrs ago the shortness of backs is quite striking. The long backs do not always mean upright shoulders, but in most breeds a pleasing layback of shoulder is increasingly hard to find. In the matter of mouths I do expect a correct mouth, a misplaced tooth as long as it is merely an inverted incisor with the jaw correctly aligned I can forgive, but inclining lower canines with the points closing inside and up into the roof of the mouth are a different matter. It is appearing more across all breeds, with various theories about narrowing lower jaws but it has been present in bullies to my knowledge for over 25yrs. Most exhibits were well presented with the majority in show condition, though some would have benefited from a little more ringcraft, just like England!

It is always promising for a breed to find great depth of quality in bitches, if the young ladies I saw today have a say in the matter the breed has a rosy future. I found it interesting to read the catalogue on the long flight home and see the relationship of the winners, in dogs my top winners were out of the same bitch who seemingly lays golden eggs. My top bitches were litter sisters, and several winning bitches also, which substantiates the quality of the breeding programmes and the consistency of that quality.

BULL TERRIERS

Class 2 Minor Puppy Dog (4)

Humphrey's Bullroy Trigger Hammer, top quality compact cobby white dog. Super head, well filled, sound construction. Immaculate condition, moved freely and showed non-stop. His mismark could not detract from his many virtues. Res CC

Villano's Evildouer Kung Fu Panda another quality white pup. Good head, sound construction, rather unsure of himself today, merely needs time to settle.

Stephenson's Satori Hot Hot Hot smart young red dog with good sweep to head. Rather upright in shoulder and his high tail carriage spoils the picture on the move.

Class 3 Puppy Dog (6)

Wright's Lowdina Perkin Warbeck quality white dog with good head, well filled. Nothing exaggerated just sound construction also reflected in his movement.

Stephenson's Satori Champagne Buck lovely headed dog with 'Archangel' ears. His front is good yet his shoulders are rather upright. Hind movement needs to improve.

3. Buttel's Bulrush Reveille young dog with lovely profile but ear set could be better. Turning front feet out at present.

Class 4 Junior Dog (10)

Humphrey's Bullroy Reco Quality white big heavyweight impressive dog. Good head, well filled. Good front and shoulder, sound construction. Good condition, showed well and moved with drive. CC, BOS & Res BIS.

Stephenson's Satori Wall Street eye-catching young white dog. Well balanced all through with good front. Coat ticked at present, and stifles need to strengthen.

3. Kidner's Stardom Serendipity smaller brindle and white dog. Compact, sound and balanced throughout. A little

bold in eye.

Class 5 Intermediate Dog (7)

Sutcliffe's Kupala Kreate Astir Brindle and white quality dog, lovely sweep of head. Sound construction, flowing lines. Moved soundly.

Wiseman's Bulroarus Tuff at the Top powerful cobby white with big strong head. His ear set could be better.

3. Hoare's Alunday Hoodlum heavyweight white with powerful head. Short back. Not driving through with his hindquarters when moving.

Class 6 Australian Bred Dog (4)

Stephenson's Ch Satori Karnakarrhu large tri-coloured quality dog with good well filled head. Good front. Moved and showed well.

Bush's Ch Kubhaven Bullwinkle White heavyweight dog of sound construction. Rather coarse in head not helped by poor ear set and disinterest standing.

3. Burgoine's Bodalla Marshall Stone white with lovely profiled head that when viewed from the front did not fulfil the promise of that profile. Mouth did not please. Showed well and well handled.

Class 7 Open Dog (2)

Sarenji Kennel's Sarenji Easy Rider red brindle and white dog shown in good condition apart from his teeth. His overall picture of good construction was marred by his high tail carriage on the move.

Hoare's Alunday Dynamite heavyweight red dog good head but incorrect mouth, upright shoulders which did little to shorten him. Did not drive through on move and carried his tail like a foxhound.



Dog CC Bullroy Reco



Res Dog CC Bullroy Trigger Hammer

Class 1A Baby Puppy Bitch (8)

Watkin's Miramira White Victory quality girl with lovely profile to good head. Good reach of neck and short backed. Good bone . One to watch for.

Bullpatchy Kennel's Bullpatchy Insta Gator stocky madam with good head and good spring of rib.

3. Thompson & Berman's Amatol Temptress

Class 2A Minor Puppy (7)

Healand's Shirvin Over The Rainbow quality miss with good head, good eye with correct expression. Good bone, short coupled, only needs time.

Lynam's Sisianee Sinead black brindle and white elegant young lady. Sound construction. Not quite the profile of winner but much to like.

3. Lynam's Sisianee Sianna white litter sister to above, same sound construction as sister, her head has a better profile but her mouth is not as good.

Class 3A Puppy Bitch (9)

Buttel's Bulrrush Black I Pea Elegant quality puppy, sound construction, lovely front.

Baker's Hulia Little Turtle soundly made quality pup, ticked coat at present. Good hindquarters, engaged on the move. Did not use her ears to advantage when standing, just needs time.

3. Gill's Hulia Spotted Wolf sister of above, same sound construction but not as mature, front still loose at pasterns and hindquarters lacking muscling. Again her ear carriage needs to improve.

Class 4A Junior Bitch (13)

Saranji Kennel's Ch Saranji Pretty Whitesatin quality heavyweight white bitch. Good well filled head, sound construction. Moved with drive.

Thompson's Harbec No Secrets quality black brindle feminine bitch, lovely sweep of head, good expression. Good bend of stifle. Moved with drive and showed well. Not at her best conditionwise post phantom pregnancy, only needs time then will trouble the best.

Cross's Ch Missigai Massasoit quality elegant bitch with good head. Good condition, moved well

engaging hindquarters, and quite a showgirl. Would have liked better shoulders.

Class 5A Intermediate Bitch (10)

1. Pride's Bonari Celtic Rose top quality brindle and white bitch that filled my eye. Lovely head, good reach of neck, good shoulders, ribs and hindquarters. Shown in tip top condition with a gleaming coat. Lovely flowing lines, my ideal balance of bone and substance yet retaining the femininity, no exaggeration merely quality and soundness. A joy to watch on the move. CC, BOB & BIS.
2. Bonari Kennel's Bonari Celtic Jewel another jem(!), black brindle litter sister of winner, super head, perhaps flashier than her sister but slightly lighter in build. Certainly on her toes and showed non stop but not the effortless flowing movement of her sister. Res CC.
3. Stephenson's Ch Satori Wild Poppy completed a trio of quality brindle bitches. Good head, sound construction, moved and showed well.

Class 10A Australian Bred Bitch (7)

Hoare's Alunday Honky Tonk heavyweight white bitch with good well filled head, short back, big ribs and powerful quarters. Trotted around the ring with a typical bully devil may care attitude, quite a character!

Humphrey's Bullroy Kamikaze quality bitch with good well filled head, sound front and rear a shade longer cast than winner.

King's Brasshead Bear Witch, elegant bitch of sound construction. Front movement not as good as previous two.

Class I A Open Bitch (7)

King's Ch Brasshead Dominoe quality black brindle bitch with good head. Sound construction. Moved and showed well

Wright's Wakatang Love Bomb white bitch with good head but incorrect mouth. Her sound construction was let down by her high tail carriage on the move.

3. Hoare's Alunday Fortune Cookie heavyweight cobby black brindle bitch, her shortness of back pleased me more than her mouth.



BIS Bitch CC Bonari Celtic Rose



Res CC Bonari Celtic Jewel

MINIATURE BULL TERRIERS

Class I Baby Puppy Dog (1)

Williams' Minibrook Eye See You, very smart Black brindle/white chap. Well boned, sound construction, good hind

angulation, an exciting prospect.

Class 4 Junior Dog (1)

Kidner's Urubu Amazonite Lad soundly constructed white dog, head rather plain. Shown in good condition moved well enough but far too big. BOS

Class IA Baby Puppy Bitch (3)

Shrinkabull Kennel's Shrinkabull Hot Gossip tri-colour quality young lady with good head, good bone, sound construction. Moved and showed well.

Williams' Minibrook Lipstick Kisses black brindle litter sister to baby puppy dog. Same sound construction, lovely reach of neck.

3. Shrinkabull Spliten Image black brindle litter sister of winner, again good head, sound construction.

It was literally a case of splitting hairs to place this trio of quality girls.

Class 3A Puppy Bitch (4)

Hellsten's Kahmin's Krystalys White bitch with good head, well made powerful hindquarters badly let down by her mouth.

2. Kidner's Urubu Universe Bell White young lady, not as good in head as winner, eye rather bold. Not at all happy in the ring, needs time and practise.

Class 5A Intermediate Bitch (3)

Elphick's Ch Stardom Sizzler black brindle quality bitch with good head and correct mouth. Sound construction, good condition, Moved and showed well. CC & BOB.

2. Humphrey's Minibrook Drama Queen lovely sized good headed quality bitch. Sound construction, moved and showed well for her young handler.

Class 10A Australian Bred Bitch (1)

1. Kidner's Ch Tambo My Jacqui soundly made brindle and white bitch, would like more downface and fill but has correct mouth. Moved and showed well.

Class 11A Open Bitch

1. Elphick's Stardom Black Ice solid black brindle bitch with good head in profile, would like more width to head. Shoulder placement could be better as could hind angulation, however in good condition, moving well and showing consistently.



Minibrook Eye See You



Shrinkabull Hot Gossip

Eileen S Foy (Judge)