

## A.C.T. Bull Terrier Club Championship Show

October 2, 2011

David Harris (Judge)

A most enjoyable morning's judging, with a strong entry of 66, from which I was able to select top class challenge winners in both Bull Terriers (BTs) and Miniatures (Minis). Temperaments were excellent – so important in these days of anti-dog legislation. There were some very good heads, relatively few bad bites (some ingrowing canines), ample bone and substance and generally strong hindquarters with good bend of stifle, though a number of the male BTs sported rather long hocks. The major failing across the entry, with just a few exceptions, was bad fronts and shoulders; this is a problem worldwide – to a great or lesser degree. Critiquing a championship show in England last year I wrote:

*'The biggest challenge facing breeders appears to be shoulders, which are in a sorry state. Very few are well laid back and really short upper arms are widespread – with all of the resultant consequences. The shoulder blade and upper arm should be equal in length; yet short upper arms were the norm. The angle between these two bones should be perhaps 110-120 degrees (not the unrealistic 90 degrees proposed by the late Tom Horner); again few if any exhibits were in the range. Raymond Oppenheimer used to keep us focused on "make and shape". Post Raymond it's up to us as breeders and judges; take heed.'*

The challenge today, of course, is finding breeding stock with well laid shoulders.

I thoroughly enjoyed my brief visit to Canberra; my thanks to the sporting exhibitors and for the generous hospitality.

### Bull Terrier (Miniature)

#### Class 1

1. Brown's Bulltacho Bonsai (Pagwin Little Big Man x Bulltacho Déjà Vu): Typy red pup with beautifully filled & turned head; ear up; upper arm too short – a common fault at today's show; short back & well let down behind; outgoing personality.
2. Willcox' Revhead Blues Buddy (Pagwin Little Big Man x Aldridge Crimson Tide): larger black brindle (blbr) pup; strong head but lacking downface; ears up; rather heavy in shoulder; well sprung ribs & good bend of stifle;
3. Brown's Bulltacho Broyan (Pagwin Little Big Man x Bulltacho Déjà vu): Br with decent head; ears not up; ample bone; upright in shoulder. Three promising baby puppies.

#### Class 4

1. Nobul Knls' Nobul Hammer Down (Preferabull Thunda Down Unda ex Nobul Let There Be Rock): Heavyweight tricolour pup of good type though rather large; strong head, bite under; ample bone & substance; well let down behind.

#### Class 5

1. Ingram's Ch Schardale Sparkling Red (Tamo Royal Dane x Ch Schardale Sparkling Eyes): Red in excellent condition; muzzle lacks profile, but keen expression with ears right up on top; pasterns rather weak; covered the ground with purpose & showed really well.

#### Class 10

1. Eyers' Pagwin Little Big Man (Melarbra Me Brudda x Gragal Zeena): Powerful white with a well filled head; bite just off; good bone & substance; good spring of rib and well muscled hindquarters; moved pretty well though somewhat wide in front; **Reserve Dog Challenge**

#### Class 11

1. Oldfield, Wistuba & Simonds' Am Grand Ch Bonsai Fools Gold (Bonsai Alouie Louie x Dazabri Agent Ninety-nine): Brindle of excellent type & proper size; well balanced; nicely filled & turned head with keen expression; a few teeth incorrect; shoulders rather upright; shapely body & hindquarters; covered the ground & showed enthusiastically to take the challenge with ease. **Dog Challenge, Runner Up BOB**
2. Shrinkbull Knls' Shrinkbull the Darkside (Stardom Black Adder x Shrinkbull Spiliten Image): Sorry no notes.

#### Class 1A

1. Elphick's Stardom Sweet Sensation (Stardom St Agnes x Stardom Sweet Elite): Promising solid br baby; nicely turned head with big strong teeth; decent bone & good topline; shoulder could be better laid as with others in this class; best mover in class.
2. Brown's Bulltacho Panda (Pagwin Little Big Man x Bulltacho Déjà Vu): Smaller br with a strong head; ears not yet up; ample bone; needs to tighten in front.
3. Elphick's Stardom Sweet Heart (Stardom St Agnes x Stardom Sweet Elite): Blbr with nice feminine head of good length, nicely turned; back rather long & needing to spring in rib; moved freely.

#### Class 3A

1. Nobull Knl's Hammer Shake Down (Preferabull Thunda Down Unda ex Nobul Let There Be Rock): White with red head mark; rather large for a Mini; nice head with dark eyes & well placed ears; upright in shoulder; enough bone; decent topline; covered the ground pretty well; rather stressed by the occasion.

#### Class 4A

1. Robinson's Shadbraye Picture Perfect (Stardom Black Adder x Shrinkabull Eye Liner): Fawn smut with a lovely head, keen expression & correct bite; a tad heavy in shoulder & back could be little shorter, but among the better constructed minis on the day.

#### Class 5A

1. Willcox' Ch Pagewin Spirit of Wacka (Pagewin Son of Paddy x Melarbro Destiny's Child): Heavyweight blbr with a well filled head; muzzle rather short & bite off; ample bone; moved OK though rather wide in front; showed really well.

#### Class 10A

1. Nobull Knls' Nobull Littlebitabing (Ch Bullactiv Staling Wolf x Nobull Taking Chances): Well balanced white at the top end of the size spectrum; nice head, in fact nice all around; better shoulders and best mover so far among the minis; very well presented. **Reserve Best Bitch**
2. Elphick's Ch Stardom Sizzler (Stardom Aramis at Emred x Stardom Mudslide): Blbr, another very nice bitch; pleasing head with good Roman finish; a tad fine in bone; moved better going than coming.

#### Class 11A

1. Speiread Knls' Speiread Noughts N Crosses ((Speiread I Dream A Lot x Speiread Fire Cracker): Top class brindle with lovely head plus keen expression; well balanced with good reach of neck (an exception these days); moved better than most and showed beautifully. **Best Bitch, BOB, Runner Up BIS**
2. Elphick's Stardom Mastermind Black Jewel (Shrinkabull Mastermind x Stardom Black Ice): Solid blbr with good bone & substance; nice head with Roman finish; moved pretty well, better going than coming.
3. Ingram's Glenric Little Wanderer (Ch Glenric Little Panda x Glenric My Micro Dot): Smaller br with nice feminine head and keen expression; straight front, well set under her; back could be shorter.

## **Bull Terrier**

### Class 1

1. Brown's Bulltacho Tarantino (Delphinus Big Daddy Cool x Bulltacho Steel Magnolia): White with blbr ear patch; super head & expression, bite just off; good bone; rather loose in shoulder.
2. Frith's Hulia Red Baron (Hulia Mambo x Hulia Red Cloud): Another promising pup; nice enough head with teeth coming in correctly; a little lighter in bone; both pups in tip top condition.

### Class 2

1. Difresco's Delestro Hat Trick's (Am Ch Gothic the Kingmaker x Ch Delestro Malady): Substantial br; head well filled with typical Roman finish; eyes could be deeper set; decent bone, topline & hindquarters; pasterns a tad weak; moves freely.

### Class 3

1. Brasshead Knls' Brasshead Kimbo Slice (Evlouder Kung Fu Panda x Ch Brasshead Bear Witch): Upstanding youngster with an impressive profile to his head; however underjaw narrow & canines tight; dark eyes & keen expression; quality bone & short back; covered the ground well.

### Class 4

1. Humphrey's Bullroy Bk Jack (Bullroy Rok Posta x Bullroy Baggy Britches): Typy white with br eye patch; pretty well balanced; masculine head; front legs straight ramrod straight with tight cat feet; hocks rather long; best mover in this class.
2. Harding's Xplodabull Head Honcho (Bulroarus Mischief Maker x Bulroarus Beauty and the Beast): Tricolour with a completely filled muzzle, but underjaw lacks depth; good bone, shapely body & strong hindquarters; moved with power going away.
3. Sutcliffe's Jacamar Dream Time (Delphinus Big Daddy Cool x Jacamar Miss Jackson): Upstanding white – almost taller than he is long; well filled head with dark eyes and keen expression; tight canine; short back & good topline; moved with purpose going, though action somewhat “hocky”, untidily coming.

### Class 5

1. Humphrey's Bullroy Sumrnuts (Bullroy Urban Icon x Bullroy Gunnedoo): Substantial white with dramatic profile to his head; wicked eyes; bite level; better forechest than his rivals; quality bone, short back & super spring of rib; well let down behind, though hocks a tad long; moved with power & less hocky rear action than his closest competitors in the challenge; extrovert showman. **Dog Challenge**

### Class 10

Absent

### Class 11

1. Humphrey's Bullroy Bk Johnny (Bullroy Rok Posta ex Bullroy Baggy Britches): Typy br with good length of head plus a correct bite; well balanced with ample bone and a shapely body; moved with power behind, a tad wide in front; well presented. **Reserve Dog Challenge**
2. Lauprere's Bramble Snap Shot (Ch Lowdina Iced Image x NZ Ch Bramble Wicked Witch): White with br eye patch; middle of the road in terms of size & type; head quite well filled, perhaps a tad short in muzzle length; covered the ground quite well, though somewhat close behind.

### Class 1A

1. Cross' Missigai Missolly (Ch Wynnafred Eye Witness x Ch Missigai Mahiri): Really promising br pup; very nice head; in middle of teething & so didn't want to open her mouth;

ear up & well placed; gunbarrel front plus overall good make & shape; moved well in between spurts of having fun; enthusiastic show girl.

2. Brown's Bulltacho Micro Dot (Delphinus Big Daddy Cool x Bulltacho Steel Magnolia): Strong, upstanding white, with a long, nicely turned muzzle plus a good Roman finish; keen eyes, ears not yet up; on the move very loose in front, much better behind.
3. Frith's Hulia Lady Be Good (Hulia Mambo x Hulia Red Cloud): Solid red smut; her head has a lovely profile; underjaw rather narrow & canines growing inwards; ample bone; needs to tighten in pastern; good hindquarters.

#### Class 2A

1. Healand's Shirvin Zahlia (Shirvin Rasputin x Shirvin Over the Rainbow): Well balanced white with br ear; nicely turned & filled head with ears set right on top; moved well though a bit wide in front; a good bitch all around.
2. Sutcliffe's Shirvin Zulu Princess (Shirvin Rasputin x Shirvin Over the Rainbow): Blbr with good bone & shapely body; super expression; correct bite though muzzle could be a tad longer; front somewhat Queen Anne style; moved well going away; showed alertly.

#### Class 3A

1. Pride & Marshall's Wakatang American Dream (Am Ch Rhydaman Frosty x Hulia Pocohontas): White with better construction & movement; very nice head with wicked eyes, ears a bit wide set; front legs set well under her, shapely body & short back; good bend of stifle plus correct tail set.
2. Campbell's Brasshead Bewitched (Evildouer Kung Fu Panda x Ch Brasshead Bear Witch): Big white bitch of excellent type; nicely turned head with keen expression; powerful hindquarters; front movement very sloppy.
3. Frith's Hulia Black Pepper (Hulia Watutsi x Bulllord White Lightening): Nice blbr; couldn't match #1/2 in head; good proportions & decent bone; lovely coat; not happy to be at the show.

#### Class 4A

1. Humphrey's Bullroy Bk Cruiser (Bullroy Rok Posta ex Bullroy Baggy Britches): Impressive br bitch, with a dramatic profile & finish to her head; good strength & depth of head with correct incisors, one canine tight; upstanding with a short back & strong hindquarters; moved with drive going way, somewhat untidily coming.
2. Hoare's Alunday Q Ball (Ch Alunday Hoodlum x Alunday Elle May): Typy white with good length of muzzle; bite just off; shapely body & hindquarters; covered the ground better than her competitors; showed well.
3. Hoare's Alunday Somethin Hot (Shirvin Eldorado Man x Alunday Devils Chaos): Smaller br bitch with a nicely turned & finished head; good body with short back; not a lot of angulation fore or aft, but well balanced; moved pretty well.

#### Class 5A

1. Hoare's Allunday Oh Yea Baby (Shirvin Excaliber x Alunday Charlotte): Upstanding white bitch with black eye/ear patches; well balanced: lovely long feminine head, with keen expression & correct bite; covered the ground with good reach & drive, if a little loosely at the shoulder; well presented. **Reserve Bitch Challenge, Runner Up BOB**
2. Burgoine's Bodalla Piece de Resistance (Eng Ch Kalsar Sweet William x Bodalla Lotus Flower): Quality white bitch with a nice head & correct bite; lovely clean shoulders, decent bone, well let down behind; back could be shorter; moved with strong drive going away; showed well.

#### Class 10A

1. Humphrey's Bullroy Chick Chick Boom (Ch Bullroy Reco x Bullroy Dream Catcher): Powerful black br bitch; her head handles really well; it is filled right up with a good Roman finish; super bone plus cat feet; shapely body with excellent spring of rib; stands & moves a little wide in front; well presented.

2. Hoare's Alunday Orsm (Shirvin Excaliber x Alunday Charlotte): Another good big bitch, white with a nice head; ears set a tad low; adequate bone for her size; shapely body plus good topline; covers the ground pretty well, though somewhat "hocky" behind.
3. Laupretre's Lowdina Vigil Image (Ch Lowdina Iced Image x Ch Lowdina Not Negotiable): Corky br bitch in tip top condition; could not match 1 & 2 in head; showed beautifully.

Class 11A

1. Pride's Ch Bonari Celtic Rose (Wakatang Razors Edge x Bonari Dalhouzee): Gorgeous bitch with a gleaming br coat; very nice head, long, well filled, with correct bite; eyes could be a tad deeper set; lovely neck leading to clean shoulders with legs ramrod straight, set well under her; quality bone & tight feet; shapely body, correct topline & tail-set; well let down behind; one of best movers on the day; beautifully presented; took BIS with some to spare.

**Bitch Challenge, BOB, BIS**

2. Hoare's Alunday Honky Tonk (Shirvin Ecaliber x Ch Awwalia Sweet Trouble): Another lovely bitch, upstanding with ample bone and substance; good length & strength of head; deep chest & good topline; well let down behind, though hocks could be shorter; undercarriage somewhat loose (presumably off a litter); moved quite well.
3. Healand's Shirvin Quick To Love (Shirvin Ira Hayes x Ch Rijiaca Wild At Heart); Blbr bitch, smaller & more terrierish than 1 & 2; nicely turned head with ears right on top; could have more spring of rib; moved freely & showed really well.