

## Junior handlers

All handlers were a pleasure to judge and I had such a difficult job to place them, they could swap places on any day. They are an absolute credit to the Guernsey Kennel Club, and I hope they carry on showing for many years.

6-11 years

1<sup>st</sup> – Katelin Simmons

An accurate handler who was confident and smooth in her patterns. She was always encouraging her dog which I love to see. Good patterns & good table presentation and knew the points of the dog that I asked. Well done. Shadowed well, just needs to keep her eye on the judge at all times.

RBJHIM

2<sup>nd</sup> Ada Simmons

A happy and enthusiastic handler who tries her hardest all the way through. Presented her dog well on the ground and on the table. Excellent relationship between dog and handler. Today nerves got to her, which happens to us all resulting in a mistake on the up and down together, but not to worry, with practice, confidence will come and you will soon be swapping places with 1!

12-16

1<sup>st</sup> Samantha Whalley

No mistakes here! Samantha handled her dog sympathetically but also with confidence. Good on the table, nice flowing patterns. What sealed the win here was that she was always speaking to and encouraging her dog all the way. That is so important in handling. Shadowed me well and kept her eye on the judge at all times. BJHIM

2<sup>nd</sup> Megan Lucas

Very much similar to 1. I couldn't fault her patterns, shadowing or table work. She presented her dog neatly, was just piped to the post by 1 due to less vocal encouragement.

## Adult handlers

I would like to thank all of the adults who entered today. I know some were new, or had never even done handling classes before, and you all did a great job and I really hope you all carry on, it's brilliant to have a big class. Many of my placings could change under another judge, but my placings were based on my rules and how I was taught. My GOLDEN rule is not to go between dog and judge. My next rule/preference is correct execution of patterns closely followed by relationship with dog and knowledge of the parts of the dog. You may be in complete harmony with your dog but you cannot win the class if your patterns weren't correct or you went between dog and judge. This is just my reasoning/explanations of my placings.

1<sup>st</sup> Louise Simmons

Well handled. Presented her dog beautifully on the table and was ready for the judge. Always kept her dog stacked properly. Great relationship, very smooth and well executed patterns that were

performed with ease, always keeping her eye on where I was. She was also the only handler of the day to complete the patters from my FEET rather than the 'normal' middle of the ring. Very good.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jean Girard.

Good, correct, sharp patterns and gently presented on the table. She knew the points of the dog I asked for and was in harmony with her dog. Only beaten by 1 because not quite in line with my feet when completing patterns.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Robert

Correct patterns, never went between dog and judge and knew all the points of the dog that I asked for. Not as smooth as 1 and 2 but everything was performed correctly and good on the table.

4<sup>th</sup> Teena Gordon

Thank you for entering today without ever going to a class. In complete harmony with her dog and completed patterns cleanly and correctly. Always encouraging her young dog all the way around. A great job today and hope to see you entering the handling again.

5<sup>th</sup> Olga Deane

Thank you for entering your first AH class today. Lovely gentle and sympathetic handler who encouraged her dog all the way round. I hope you carry on with the handling as you are a natural, and could swap places with many of the above at any time. Only beaten today on knowing points of the dog.

6<sup>th</sup> Lorraine Poynder

Thank you for entering your first AH class today as well. It was difficult to place from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> as any of you could swap places at any time. A gentle and kind handler, always encouraging the dog, nice, correct patterns and good table work , just needs to know points of the dog and gain some confidence in the ring and you will be winning in no time.