

**Guernsey Kennel Club Members Show
Feb 2014**

Thank you so much to the committee for the invitation to judge at the member's club show. The invite was a surprise and an absolute honour. The committee's hospitality is impeccable.

I was asked to judge the non-sporting breeds and their respective groups. The atmosphere at the show was that of absolute sportsmanship and friendliness, I've never been to the Channel Islands before and yet I felt like I was part of the family, so thank you to all the exhibitors for that and accepting my decisions. A mention must go out to those exhibitors with the veteran dogs, both myself and my co-judge were in total awe with how some of them belied their age. Some of my dogs were 11 years old and still showing the youngsters how it's done. One last thank you to my stewards Graham and Jeannie on keeping the ring flowing, stewards on the mainland could benefit from watching how you both work.

TOY GROUP

Pomeranian

Open (2,1)

1st Bennett's Thelbern Monsieur Le Blanc. 8 year male and very good for breed type. Showing a good profile and that typical "Pom" expression. Very well balanced with a good shaped head and well set ears used to his benefit. Well constructed and a very well maintained profusion of coat. Tail carried well. Moved out with drive and demanding to be watched. BOB G4

Papillon

Open Dog (4)

Four very different dogs with pros and cons. Teeth and bites were a problem here. Coat condition in all were good, watch their weight please.

1st Simon's Ringland Tango in the Heat. 3 year and by a clear mile the best mover in the class.

Good in profile and looking like a typical Pap. Ears set well and used to advantage. Good general construction and at first a bit nervous. After a few seconds on the table this disappeared and he showed exactly what hes made of. Good coat and well presented.

2nd Morgan's Tutyak Brodie. 7 year b/w and again of good general construction. Well set ears used well and in good coat, moved out nicely.

Open Bitch (1)

1st Simon's Ringland Frosted Fern. 3 year Br/w and oozing feminine appeal. Good head shape and ears set well and used as a pap should. Well constructed and again presented well. Coat of nice quality. Just showing that extra sparkle in the challenge to take BOB and G2.

Chinese Crested

Open (2,1)

1st Officer's Scherzando Wilson at Eeri. 21 month Powder puff Gold white bitch. Very good for breed type with a lovely head and very pretty expression. Well constructed, nice topline and excellent hind angulation. In good coat of nice quality and texture. Slightly nervous in her performance today which cost her in the group, she is a nice bitch and should have a good future. BOB G3

AVNPC

Open (1)

Walker's Zumarnik Delighted for Petwalk. Maltese. 4 year old dog just demanding attention, owning the ring. Good for head shape and a lovely dark eye, good in pigment. Well made which shows on the move. In super coat and was very well presented. Best AVNPC and G1 by a clear mile. Delighted he was RBIS. I loved him.

AV

Open Dog

1st Thelbern Monsieur le Blanc (Pom)

2nd Ringland Tango in the Heat (Pap)

3rd Tutyak Brodie (Pap)

Open Bitch

1st Ringland Frosted fern (Pap)

Locally Bred

1st Thelbern Monsieur Le Blanc (Pom)

Veteran

1st Thelbern Monsieur le Blanc (Pom)

2nd Tutyak Brodie (Pap)

WORKING GROUP

Rottweiler

Open (3, 2a)

1st Clark's Botlierskop Viognier. 3 yr bitch of very feminine stature. Good strong head and lovely expression. Nicely angulated front and rear and good topline. Generally in good condition with a good coat of nice texture and colour. Was quite lethargic on the move but was told after that she had recently become a mum and that did affect her movement. But given that it was recently she has snapped back into shape rather quickly. BOB G2.

Alaskan Malamute

Open Dog (2,0)

Two VERY different dogs each worthy of merit. Was close between these two.

1st Brouard's Dreamwolves Cauz for Aplauz. 2 year old. Good strong, powerful and well balanced in stature. Lovely head proportions giving that good typical spitz look. Well set ears. Lovely strong neck, good topline, deep chest, well angulated and good for muscle tone. Coat in excellent condition, tail carried nicely. Nice vocals too. Romped his way to victory in the group by a clear mile. I liked him a lot. BOB G1

2nd Ingrouille's Ictrax Boss in Motion. 4 years and again similar comments apply as 1. He too has a strong outline in profile. Lovely head, good spitz look, well muscled and of good construction. Lovely mover and again lovely vocals. He is a good dog but in comparison to 1, he appeared longer in leg which made him appear taller and leaner.

Open Bitch (1,0)

1st Ingrouille's Ictrax Sno Proof. Coming up for 5 and such a pretty young lady. Lovely and feminine and still carrying that strong, powerful look the breed should have. Good expression, ears set well, good well muscled neck good shoulders, lovely topline and lovely well muscled rear which was used to drive her round the ring. In overall good, strong condition and lovely coat, but wouldn't carry that tail which threw her chance in the challenge.

AVNPC

1st Bligh's Wuzibears Everlasting Love at Burhou. 2 yr black Newfoundland and what a beauty she is. Lovely in profile and good strong head, Deep chested, good shoulders, nice rib set, lovely topline and good rear angulation. She was built right, but needed a bigger ring and/or a faster handler to really

stretch her out and do her the justice she deserves. Coat was blowing but what was there was good quality and she was well presented. BAV and G3.

AV

Open Dog

1st Alaskan Malamute D Cauz for Aplauz

2nd Alaskan Malamute I Boss in Motion

AV Open Bitch

1st Alaskan Malamute I Sno Proof

2nd Rottweiler B Viognier

3rd Newfoundland W Everlasting Love at Burhou

AV Breeders Open

1st Alaskan Malamute D Cauz for Aplauz

AV Locally Bred

1st Alaskan Malamute D Cauz for Aplauz

PASTORAL GROUP

Shetland Sheepdog

Open (2)

1st Le Poidevin's Conorvean Bobbin Joan. 4 yr Tri Bitch. Good for breed type, in profile, nicely balanced. Good shape head, ears set well and used to advantage. Well constructed and muscled and maintaining a good feminine shape. Lovely, light and brisk on the move. BOB G4

2nd Le Poidevin's Sundark Salce PdH. 11 years dog and although spritely in appearance is starting to show signs of aging, but credit to the owner for keeping him in good health and condition. Good head and eye and ears constantly in use. Good quality coat, presented well. Nice in construction and well muscled. On the move just a bit lethargic so had to concede to youth today. BVIG.

German Shepherd Dog

Open (1)

Lawrence's Surfstone Hot Salsa PdH. 3 year dog and no mistaking his gender. All male and full of presence. In profile, he shows that he is a good, hardy, strong dog capable of going on all day. Very well constructed and muscled well. Good quality coat, evenly marked. Movement was good and he was handled well. Just wish he used his ears. BOB G2 pushed the group winner very hard, made him work for it. Slightly annoyed that owner withdrew from stakes class later as I wanted to see him again.

Border Collie

Limit (1)

1st Davies' Les Nuages Rosina. 22 months bitch. Very pretty girl, good outline and nice, crisp even markings. Good shaped head and lovely eye, well set ears used to advantage. Well constructed and good on the move. Had to concede to litter brother for BOB as I thought he had that little extra "oomph" on his turn. Best Yearling in show 2nd place.

Open (2)

1st Buckley's Les Nuages Papageno. Litter brother to winner of limit and same comments apply, he has a good manly outline and is so well balanced. Well constructed and in good condition. Lovely mover. As I said in the previous class he gave a better performance than his sister. But definitely a good litter. BOB G1, and pushed all the way by the GSD.

2nd Davies' Patois Corbette. 4 year tri and dam of the other two here today. Another pretty lady, giving her daughter her femininity. Good head shape and lovely ear set which was used well. In good coat and overall in good condition. For me, personally, a bit "leggy" in profile, but still a good bitch and producer of two very good collies.

AVNPC

Limit (1)

1st Swan's Amberslade Indiana. Aust Shepherd. 15 month male and I loved him, cheeky chappy and full of ring presence. Tri colour. In profile, he is well balanced and oozes masculinity. Good shape to the head and lovely eye, well set ears used well. Good shoulders and well set ribs, good hind angulation, I'm not a fan of regimented dogs at this age but he could do with being "reigned in" just a smidge as his movement couldn't be assessed from all angles, its giving the impression that he is loose in front, which he is not. Best Junior in Show 3rd place.

Open (2)

1st Dowding's Mybeards Golden Buttons. Polish Lowland 3 year bitch. Very smart looking gold lady, good in profile and well constructed. Good head shape and has a very pretty eye. Good constructed throughout, nice hind angulation. In lovely coat and well presented. Did well to win over the Aussie that I really liked. Best AVNPC and G3.

2nd Swan's Amberslade Indiana.

AV

Junior

1st A Indiana (Aust Shepherd)

Open Dog

1st L N Papageno (Border Collie)

Open Bitch

1st Mybeards Golden Buttons (PLS)

2nd Conorvean Bobbin Joan (Sheltie)

3rd Patois Corbette (border Collie)

Locally Bred

1st Les Nuages Rosina (border collie)

2nd Patois Corbette (border Collie)

Veteran

1st Sundace Salce PdH (Sheltie)

UTILITY GROUP

Lhasa Apso

Open Bitch (2,0)

1st Walker's INT CH, Multi CH Sayonara Apso Willing to Win (IMP HU). Willing to win and demanding to win, a very flashy gold B oozing with feminine charm. A real eye catcher, Lovely dark eye and a gorgeous shaped head. Sound in construction which showed on moving. In very good coat of colour and texture, very well presented. BOB G2

2nd Billington's Chanceinn's Mattie 2 year Br/W of larger build than 1, but still maintaining her femininity. Well balanced with a good head and dark eyes. Lovely and sound in construction, very well made throughout. Just not as "jaunty" as 1 on the move and was dropping her tail at times. Still a nice bitch.

Tibetan Terriers

Limit (1,0)

1st Le Moignan's Waterley Skyfall. 15 month Golden sable dog. My STAR of the day, I was totally smitten with him. From his strong masculine construction to his powerful movement. Just loved him. Presenting a good masculine profile and well balanced in appearance. Good head and lovely large, dark eyes which gave him a lovely naughty twinkle in his eye. Good strong neck and well muscled body throughout. In good coat for age which was of a lovely texture. Tail carried well over back. On the movement just powered round the ring. BOB G1 and BJIS, BNIS, BYIS, Memorial Stakes Winner and BIS4. Not a bad day out eh ?

Open (2,0)

1st Le Moignan's Lasang Tiger Lily. 3 yr Black & tan bitch very typical in type for this kennel. Very pretty and has a good feminine outline. Good head, nicely placed shoulders and good spring of rib. Well muscled in body and a good tail set. Coat in very good condition and a good texture to it. Good on the move, just couldn't match the power in stride of the BOB.

2nd Simmons' Kybo Mister Milan at Kaladash. 3 yr black boy. Another male of good solid manly construction. Good head, dark eye, strong neck and good overall construction. Good tail set and in lovely coat. The bitch had the edge in overall balance. Not to take anything away from this boy though.

Shih Tzu

Was a bit upset after judging when I was told it was obvious I was going to give BOB to a certain dog because it was from "X" kennel. I don't know Shih Tzu kennels and I certainly didn't know anyone in the ring for this breed. I judged the dogs how I saw them on that day.

Open (5,1abs)

1st De la Cour's Santosha Red Raver PdH. 11 YEARS OLD !!!!! What a stunning dog, totally not showing signs of aging at all. Has a lovely profile and presented beautifully. Head proportions are good and body is of good sound construction. Lovely high set tail carried well. A credit to its owner for maintaining this boy in such good hardy condition. BOB G4 BVIG & Res Veteran in show
2nd Bowring's Miracey Seriously Spicey 22 month solid gold dog. A right "cheeky chappy". Eye catching male who does command attention. Lovely head shape and good dark eye. Good topline which held well on the move. Well constructed and in good quality coat. Today had his mind elsewhere and not concentrating on the job in hand. His time will come, he is a good dog.

AVNPC

Puppy (1,0)

1st Goodall's Gilsway Special Agent at Renlott. 11 month P/S Min Schnauzer male. Strong, sturdy and presenting a good profile. Good head, strong neck and good deep chest. Well sprung ribs and good rear angulations. In good coat and well presented. Movement was with drive yet his "puppiness" came through at this point. He should smarten up on the move with age. Moved better in the group once he had settled down. BAV & BPAV G3 PG1 and RBPIS

AV

Puppy

1st Min Schnauzer G Special Agent at R

Junior

1st T Terrier W Skyfall

Yearling

1st T Terrier W Skyfall

2nd Shih Tzu M Seriously Spicey

Novice

1st T Terrier W Skyfall

Open Dog

1st Shih Tzu S Red Raver

2nd Shih Tzu M Seriously Spicey

3rd T Terrier K Mister Milan at Kaladash

Open Bitch

1st T Terrier L Tiger Lily

2nd Lhasa C Mattie

Locally Bred

1st Girard's Forepaws Gift of Gold. Shih Tzu, 3rd in open. Gold sable 4 year old. Good head, dark eye and has good construction. Lovely coat in good condition, moved better here than in breed.

Veteran

1st Shih Tzu S Red Raver PdH

2nd Shih Tzu F Gift of Gold

B C Watson Memorial

1st T Terrier W Skyfall

Best Junior in Show

1st Tibetan Terrier Le Moignan's Waterley Skyfall

2nd Cocker Spaniel Martel's Rosecourt Rustle of Satin at Majikcharms. B/W 17 month. Lovely in shape and size and good head proportions. Stop present which was nice to see and a lovely dark eye giving a lovely expression. Good topline, nicely constructed and well set tail which didn't stop wagging. Moved out with power and on a mission. Could go all day. Well presented and handled.

3rd Australian Shepherd Swan's Amberslade Indiana

4th Saluki Marshall & Mottershall's Ulmarra Bollinger (Imp Ire). 9 Months old and the potential is all there. Just so very raw at this stage in comparison to the others. Good head and eye on this boy and looking very classy. Nice outline and well constructed. Watching the outside of the ring to see where his mum was which really affected his movement sadly.

Best Yearling in Show

1st Tibetan Terrier Waterley Skyfall

2nd Border Collie Les Nuages Rosina

Best Novice in Show

1st Tibetan Terrier Waterley Skyfall

2nd Spanish Water Dog Trebert's Bellmorra Sagittarius. 15 months Black dog. Up to size and maturing well. Nicely balanced, well constructed, good shoulders and rib set. Nice hind angulation. Lovely topline held on the move and excellent set of tail. Good crisp curls, coat in good condition. A credit to the owner.

B C Watson Memorial

1st Tibetan Terrier Waterley Skyfall

2nd Cocker Spaniel Rosecourt Rustle of Satin at Majikcharms