

**The Guernsey Kennel Club Spring Open Show Sunday the 18th May 2014.
Reports by Peggy & Peter Bailey.**

Peggy & I had a lovely invitation to return once more to this quite lovely island, we were accommodated in the quite outstanding hotel Le Friquet, the hospitality by the wonderful Lady President and her team was to the highest level, we had a wonderful time.

Peggy judged the Terrier & Hound groups, and I judged the Pastoral, Utility, Toy, Working & Gundog groups.

This part of the report is by Mrs Peggy Bailey.

Hound Group. Rhodesian Ridgeback BOB was C A Le Brun's Eilack Ferrari, a nice bitch well balanced with a good nice breed type make and shape, in lovely condition moved well I liked her head and expression, the puppy winner was G Glass's, Zejack Koinor a lovely young male was very pleased to judge him and later in the day to watch him take the reserve best puppy in show award.

Dachshund the same lady owner presented this breed today, Mrs A Le Page, for Best of Breed I selected, the male, Rafthouse Iceman Amongst Thelepees, he was good to handle on the table he has a correct top line a nice keel head and expression pleased he has a very pleasing temperament he moved well.

Afghan Hound, only one on show today he was Mottershaw & Officer's, Schumakayas A Perfect Match For Elangeni, (Imp Deu) a black male I liked he has that dignified aloof temperament, a good head and skull, dark eyes, low set ears, jaws are strong, shoulder long and sloping well laid back he has a good level back powerful hindquarters, gait and movement was smooth and springy, coat condition was excellent I was pleased to place him group three in this strong group.

Whippet I had two very strong classes of this breed here today, for Best of Breed I selected the bitch Walker's, Pipijay Spirit in the Sky for Petwalk, a four year old, in perfect condition, with a lovely greyish brindle coat she has the correct body shape chest very deep a well defined deep brisket, a broad back showing a well defined arch over loin, head and skull are long and lean, flat on top a tapering muzzle, powerful jaws, eyes are oval bright and alert, ears are the correct rose shape, she has a lovely temperament I was pleased to award her Group one, and later in the day to watch her placed Best in Show third. Thank you.

Basenji Best of Breed was B G Allies's, Bubas Bellona at Alys, a bitch who was lovely to handle, in perfect coat and condition, she has a good head and skull, eyes dark and almond shape, ears small and well pointed, very good strong jaws, bite and teeth correct, body is well balanced with short level back, gait and movement was correct, a lot to like about this one.

Saluki Best of Breed was Marshall & Mottershaw's, Ulmarra Bollinger (IMP IRE) a nice young puppy male I liked his breed type head and expression, coming from the correct balanced head and skull long and narrow, eyes are dark to hazel in colour, large and oval, he has long mobile low set ears with long silky hair, a very nice body shape movement was effortless, he has the correct textured coat a very nice example this young male.

Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen, Best of breed was Walder's, Rangali Little Red a 2 year old male who pleased in outline of body shape lovely to handle, his coat was the correct texture harsh to the touch he was in lovely condition. Temperament was happy and extrovert, head and skull to a very high breed standard, eyes large dark, ears supple and narrow, fine covered with long hair, strong jaws with a perfect bite, body shape was correct deep chest level top line with a slight arching over strong loins, movement was free with a great drive a dog with a lot to like about him. He was my group four placing

AVNPC best winner was Le Page's, Resurgam Elise Thelepees, a Dachshund standard long haired, bitch one with a good top line level and a sound keel nice head and expression. Good chest nice legs and feet a lot to admire about this one.

Veteran winner was Walder's, Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Rangali Flirtatious Minnie a good sound bitch with a very pleasing outline of body shape head is correct her coat condition was very good she is sound on the move her temperament was very, very good.

Group 1 was the Whippet, Pipijay Spirit in the Sky for Petwalk.

Group 2 was the Rhodesian Ridgeback Eilack Ferrari.

Group 3 was the Afghan Hound Schumakayas A Perfect Match For Elangeni.

Group 4 was the Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Rangali Little Red.

Best Puppy in Group was the Rhodesian Ridgeback Zejak Koinor.

Reserve Best Puppy in Group was the Dachshund mini long Thelepees Harris Tweed.

This was a strong group full of first class hounds I enjoyed judging them.

Terrier Group, Fox Terrier Smooth only one to judge a classic example he was Walker's Champion Dobelands Silent Danger, a dog in tip top condition, coat was straight flat and smooth harsh dense and abundant, colour was white predominate, with black and tan lovely head markings, he has a great terrier head a flat skull foreface moderately chiselled, good mouth and bite dark small eyes, small V shape ears all combining to give of a true breed expression, body shape was to the highest of breed requirements, lovely on the move with a good drive coming from well flexing hindquarters, this one is a great terrier he was my group winner and later in the day was placed best in show 5th Thank you for bringing him.

WHWT Best of Breed was Cripps Sunny of Guernesiaise a 13 month old male who pleased in head pattern his eyes were quite lovely medium size and dark, ears small and erect combining with the correct head type to give of the required expression, very good sound body shape movement was good coat was good he was my group 2 winner.

Staffordshire Bull Terrier Best of Breed was Fletcher & Seedhouse's, Granitangel Supergiant a 3 year old male who has a good head with the required short deep skull dark eyes, rose shaped half pricked ears, a good muscular neck, body close coupled, with a level topline, he moved with powerful agile economy I liked him, he was my Group 4 winner.

AVNPC winner was A Kucza's Brazan Amber Pageant an Irish Terrier bitch red in colour she has a very pleasing head with a long flat skull strong jaws, dark small eyes, small V shape ears all combining to give a good expression, her body shape is sound with a neck of fair length shoulders fine long and well laid back, a good deep chest strong muscular hindquarters

all combining her to move with a nice style, coat harsh and wiry, a very good example this bitch she was my group 3 winner.

Veteran winner was Fletcher & Seedhouse's, Rockstaff Kaos at Granitangel a Staffordshire Bull Terrier 12 year old lady enjoying her day out lovely to handle in very good condition she moved well.

Best Puppy in Group was Ferry's, Sealyham Terrier Tevant Snow Storm a lovely male puppy, with an alert temperament, skull slightly domed and wide between ears, dark eyes well set round and medium size, medium size ears, mouth is correct with strong jaws, body is medium in length level, flexible with well sprung ribs, chest broad and deep, coat condition was quite lovely movement was brisk and vigorous I liked this one a lot.

Peggy Bailey Judge.

This part of the report is by Mr Peter Bailey.

Pastoral Group, Border collie I had 7 entered in the breed classes today for the Best of Breed I selected, the dog Buckley's, Les Nuages Papageno, a 2 year old black and white I liked his head good balanced muzzle stop and back skull eyes correct shape and colour with a very alert expression good body shape all angulations to a high standard reach of neck was practically good coat in sparkling condition tail set and carriage correct he moved with a nice style, a dog with a lot to admire. He was my group 3 winner.

I must mention the puppy on show in this breed a bitch of just 6 months she was Hitchen's, Patios Phizz a Red/chocolate, with a lovely head and expression lovely correct colour eyes in tone with her colouring a very nice temperament she handled and moved well at her first show today really enjoying herself. She was my best puppy in group.

Shetland Sheepdog Best of Breed was Baudains Caroleen Cause A Dillema a blue merle dog, very up standing, I liked his correct textured blue coat with the required tan and black mottling markings, his head was to a very good standard with lovely muzzle stop back skull, a good under jaw together with the correct colour and shape of eyes plus a good ear set and carriage giving the required breed expression, nice body shape top line has that required graceful sweep over the loin he was in tip top condition moved well with a tail set as it should be holding it well on the move, he was my Group winner and later my 7th place in the best in show line up, I wish him well for the future.

GSD Best of Breed was Lawrence's, Surfstone Hot Salsa PdH a very good sound dog of 3 years I like his head pattern, it was clean cut, in proportion to size of body, eyes of medium size almond shape, ears firm in texture carried erect, jaws and mouth good, his body shape was the correct 10 to 9 ratio with a good topline, he moved with a great front extension and rear drive, temperament was very pleasing I liked this one he was my group 4 winner.

AVNPC winner was Swan's, Amberslade Indiana, Australian Shepherd Dog 19 month old a black tri in tip top condition his coat and presentation first class, he has a good balanced make and shape all angulations pleased good topline nice front and rear construction enabling him to move with a nice style, head is very good correct balance of muzzle and skull, teeth bite jaws eyes and ears are all correct expression is good temperament very good I liked this one would love to judge him in breed classes in the future. He was my group 2 winner.

Must mention my runner up here who later won an AV open bitch class, this is one of my favourite breeds to judge the Polish Lowland Sheepdog she was Dowding's, Mybeards Golden Buttons a lovely bitch in lovely coat and condition her head is correct with that required breed furrow down the skull eyes and ears placed well she has a correct size she moved well, had to be good carrying this breed prefix, two good exhibits here thank you.

Veteran Winner was the GSD Dog Moulin's, Penwartha Christmas Star a GSD with a lot to like not showing any sign of age moving with a very pleasing outline covering the ring well head is good expression quite lovely tail carriage was good he was very good to handle with an outstanding temperament.

Utility Group, Shih Tzu Best of Breed was De La Cour's, Santosha Red Raver PdH a dog in full bloom coat quite outstanding, head broad round wide between the eyes, shock headed with hair falling well over the eyes, a good beard and whiskers, large round dark eyes, ears large with long leathers, body well coupled and sturdy, tail heavily plumed carried gaily and well over the back, smooth flowing front legs, strong rear action a very good dog here thank you.

Lhasa Apso Best of Breed was Walker's CR CH Black Boots Pimp and Shrimp (IMP), a good sound true moving dog, in full coat and condition top coat was long heavy and straight and hard, a lovely colour. He was well balanced and sturdy, head and skull furnishings had a good fall over the eyes, muzzle and skull correct balanced, he has dark medium size eyes, ears are pendant and heavily feathered, neck is strong and well arched, body is well balanced with a level top line and strong loin, feet round and cat like, tail high set carried correctly, movement free and jaunty he was my group 2 winner.

The Lhasa Apso puppy was Walker's Sweet Lady Stara Basta for Petwalk a 8 month old bitch who was a real eye catcher in lovely coat development stages she has a great temperament movement was to a very high standard for one so young, she was my best puppy in group, and later in the day I was pleased to award her Best Puppy in Show well done.

Tibetan Terrier, Best of Breed was Le Moignan's, Lansang Tiger Lily a 2 year old bitch a black, who pleased in body out line of body shape soundness and movement her head is correct skull of medium length narrowing slightly from ear to eye a marked stop in front of eyes, muzzle strong and well developed, eyes large and round dark brown with black rims, pendant ears, mouth correct body well muscled compact and powerful, level back short loins, feet large round and heavily furnished tail set fairly high carried in a gay curl over back. Coat and condition very good she has a great temperament was lovely to handle movement was very sound. she was my group 4 winner.

I must mention a young black and white bitch in this breed. She was R J Martel's, Araki Irrestible Avec Majikcharms a very promising young bitch with everything to like about her, temperament and movement was good she won all her classes under me and on the finals I awarded her Best Junior in show I wish her well for the future.

Bulldog Best of Breed was S Rousseau's Shiloh Little Red Rooster At Dimkas a 13 month old male, with a very pleasing body shape chest wide back short and strong shoulders broad very powerful head and skull very good to see skull large in circumference eyes set well ears set high movement was good he was in lovely condition I liked his temperament thank you.

Chow Chow. Best of Breed was Miss I P Gaved's Traversains Ching Fu PDH, a 4 year old red male, I have judged this kennels Chow Chows over many years on this island always finding soundness and correct breed type, in this dog I found a star of the show he is quite fabulous. He has a perfect head skull flat stop not pronounced well filled out under eyes muzzle moderate in length, broad from eyes to end nose large and wide, eyes almond shape fairly small and clean, ears small thick set perfectly, mouth has strong teeth level jaws, tongue and roof of mouth bluish black, black flews, body shape was perfect with a broad deep chest short back, strong powerful loins, shoulders muscular and sloping perfectly straight forelegs, hindquarters muscular hocks well let down, minimum angulations allowing that characteristic stilted gait, feet cat like, tail set high carried well over back, a rough red coat, he moved as a Chow should, he was in perfect coat and condition temperament outstanding. I loved every thing about this dog, he was my Group winner and later I awarded him the Reserve Best in Show thank you for bringing him.

AVNPC winner was C A Smithers Chalkwell Who's That Girl At Meantmore a white standard poodle bitch, a bitch with a well balanced elegant looking proud carriage appearance. A great head pattern long and fine well chiselled almond shape correct colour eyes, long leather and wide ears correctly set body shape good all angulations pleased her coat presentation and show trim was quite lovely she moved with a good front extension great rear drive quite outstanding she was my group 3 winner.

Best Veteran in this group was the Best of Breed Shih Tzu Santosha Red Raver Pdh.

Toy Group. Chinese Crested Best of Breed was L K Ozanne's, Prajna Calling The Tune at Lyntonridge, a bitch puppy with a quite outstanding temperament lovely to handle coat was quite fabulous no large patches of hair skin was fine grained smooth and warm to the touch, her colour was quite remarkable pinkish skin with black spots, her head was lovely a slightly rounded and elongated skull, clean checks, eyes dark ears low set, body make and shape very good movement was flowing and elegant, I liked this puppy a lot, she was my Group 3 winner and, Best Puppy in Group Thank you.

Pomeranian, Best of Breed was T Alsford's, Thelbern Olympia a quite outstandingly 2 year old bitch a bright orange, with a perfect head type, head and nose foxy in appearance, skull slightly flat, eyes medium size slightly oval, bright dark showing great intelligence, rims black, ears small not too wide apart, jaws strong with a perfect bite, short neck, shoulders clean and well laid back, fine boned legs and straight, back short compact well ribbed barrel well rounded, feet small compact and cat like. Tail high set turned over back carried flat and straight profusely covered with long harsh spreading hair she handled and moved well a lovely temperament she was my Group winner and later I placed her in sixth Best in Show place, a quite outstanding Toy dog.

Papillion Best of Breed was R J Simon's, Ringland Tango In The Heat a 2 year old male who pleased a dainty well balanced little dog, head type was good with the required large mobile

ears, eyes of a medium size lovely coat with an abundant fine silky texture moved well very nice to handle.

Pekingese Best of Breed was E M C Dale & P Michel's, 4 year old male, Ksarina Somethings Going On, I liked this one, a small well balanced thick set dog, leonine in appearance, with an aloof temperament, head large proportionately wider than deep, skull broad and flat large open nostrils, profile flat with complete pigmentation, eyes large clear round and dark, heart shape ears profusely feathered body short broad chest, size and weight ratio when picked up correct he moved with that slow dignified style a very pleasing example. He was my group 4 winner.

Maltese Best of Breed was Walker's, Zumarnik Delighted For Petwalk, a 4 year old male a smart white coated dog with a proud head carriage, a sweet tempered temperament, a nice correct balanced head oval eyes long well feathered ears, mouth was good perfect bite, neck of medium length short legs shoulders good, a well balanced body, good spring of rib, a level back, feet round with black pads. Tail feathered and carried well arched over back, movement was free, coat was a good length and silky texture pure white movement was free, a good example he was my group 2 winner.

Toy Veteran winner was S A Bennett's, Pomeranian dog, Thelbern Monsieur Le Blanc, a sound male who pleased in good condition great temperament moved well.

Working Group, Alaskan Malamute Best of Breed was N Brouard's, Dreamwolves Cauz for Aplauz a 4 year old male, heavily boned and powerful, with an affectionate friendly temperament, head broad and powerful, skull broad between ears, muzzle large in proportion to skull, eyes brown almond shape moderately large, ears small in proportion to head, good mouth neck strong and moderately arched, shoulders moderately sloping fore legs straight as far as pasterns which are short and strong. Body strong and powerful, loins well muscled, hindquarters broad and powerful, tail was correctly set and carried, his coat was thick and coarse and in good condition he moved well a dog with a lot to admire, he was my Group 2 winner.

Rottweiler Best of Breed was K & G Clark's, Botlierskop Empress Jayde a 2 year old bitch who pleased in outline of angulations a very good top line good loin, front and rear constructions are very sound, her head is to a good standard with the correct balance of muzzle and skull eyes give of a good expression, mouth and teeth are good with correct pigmentation on flews, all tan markings are correct she has good pencil lines on feet she moved well a very pleasing example she was my Group 3 winner.

Boxer Best of Breed was Dr M Bayes MBE Docrema Crystal Ball, a 4 year old brindle bitch in very nice coat colour and condition her head pattern is good with a good muzzle, a good rise of skull that is correct shape with no wrinkling, she has good eyes and ears body shape is good chest room and front legs correct very good pasterns, top line and croup are good she moved well with a good rear drive she was my group 4 winner.

AVNPC winner was Bligh's, Wuzibears Everlasting Love at Burhou a 2 & half year old Newfoundland bitch with a well balanced appearance, she impresses with strength and great activity, massive bone throughout, temperament is lovely, her head is broad and massive muzzle short and clean cut, rather square and covered with short fine hair, eyes are small and dark brown, ears small set well back mouth soft and well covered by lips, neck is strong and

well set, forequarters legs are perfectly straight, elbows fitted to sides, body well ribbed a broad back with a level top line, strong loins, chest deep, hindquarters strong, feet are large and webbed, tail correctly set carried well both standing and on the move, coat was in lovely condition, black with double flat and dense course texture and oily nature movement was free with a slight rolling gait a very good example this bitch she was my Group winner and later in the day I placed her at Best in Show fourth position, thank you.

Gundog Group, English Springer Spaniel, Best of Breed was D De Carteret's, Lyntonridge Loyalty Card at Derrindee, a six year old male who pleased in all proportions of the breed standard, a liver and white in colour, he is symmetrically built compact strong and merrily active. He has a friendly happy disposition, and biddable. He has a skull of medium length fairly broad and slightly rounded, foreface is correct in balance to skull, eyes are medium size almond shape alert with the kindness of expression, ears are lobular a good length set correctly and nicely feathered, mouth has good jaws good bite, neck is a good length strong and muscular, free from throatiness, forelegs are straight and well boned, with strong flexible pasterns, body is strong correct length, chest deep well developed, well sprung ribs, loin muscular and strong hindquarters that have hind legs well let down stifles and hocks moderately bent, thighs broad and muscular, well developed. Feet tight and compact tail well set. Coat colouring and condition was perfect, he moved with a great style. This is a very good gundog he was my group winner and later in the day I was pleased to award him Best in Show well done.

Cocker Spaniel. I had very good classes at this show today some 10 on show all pleased with quite lovely presentation and temperaments. For Best of Breed I selected D De Carteret's Bitcon Spy For Derrindee a 2 year old male a blue roan a dog with a merry sturdy sporting appearance, a gentle and affectionate temperament muzzle is square with a distinct stop skull well developed cleanly chiselled lovely eyes dark brown he has lobular ears, mouth has strong jaws correct bite, he has a neck of moderate length, good forequarters a strong compact body ribs well sprung loin short, hindquarters well rounded and muscular legs well boned good bend of stifle, gait and movement was true with a good drive, he was my group 4 winner.

I must mention the Best Puppy in this breed she was L Symphorien's Jayzander Make a Wish a lovely young bitch she has a nice temperament with all breed qualities developing correctly she was my Best Puppy in Group

American Cocker Spaniel Best of Breed was P J Walker & M A Noel's, Mycalleys Happy Harry a 4 year old male, tan coloured well presented coat and condition quite lovely, head is well developed and rounded, eyebrows and stop clearly defined, correct shape and balanced head muzzle broad deep and square, eyes round and full forward looking, ears are lobular set correctly, strong jaws with a good bite, neck long and muscular, body make and shape outstandingly good coat condition and trim presentation quite fantastic, his movement was smooth and effortless he was my Group 2 winner.

Spanish Water Dog Best of Breed was L K Ozanne's, Briarlow's Asombrosa Del Lyntonridge a very sound correctly coated bitch in good condition she has a very pleasing out line of body shape I liked her head pattern she moved well and has a very pleasing temperament.

Labrador Retriever Best of Breed was the black bitch L Sharpe's, Carriegame New Beginnings of Kermouster, I liked this retriever bitch, standing she was very good to see a broad head a broad back good tail no sign of coarseness about her, lovely eyes correct size and colour mouth soft with good jaws and teeth front and rear constructions are correct she was very nice to handle coat was in sparkling condition movement was sound and true, she was my Group 3 winner

Irish Setter Best of Breed was Cox's, Tiroen Too Hot To Handle JW a good sound 2 year old male with the required long lean head, a well balanced skull and muzzle, he has dark hazel eyes ears of moderate size neck Forequarters body and hindquarters are all very sound he moved well his coat was in tip top condition.

Flat Coat Retriever Best of Breed was S Spurrier's, Woodavens Ziggy a 5 year old male, with the appearance of a bright active dog, with a kindly and confident temperament, lovely head and expression, head long nicely moulded, skull flat and moderate, slight stop between eyes, medium size eyes dark brown, ears small and well set strong jaws, good bite, neck has a well set on head placed well to shoulders and back, he has a deep chest body well ribbed, legs and feet are good, coat dense of fine to medium texture colour black movement was free and flowing.

Golden Retriever Best of Breed was C Parslow's, bitch Monfortmagic Elsa's Star, a 2 year old who was in nice correct colour coat and condition lovely breed type head with a kindly friendly temperament, dark brown eyes well set correct size ears all combing to give a very pleasing expression she has a nice well balanced body shape she moved well a nice bitch and a pleasure to handle.

The Veteran winner in this group was an outstanding example of his breed he was Cox's, Irish Setter dog, Jsy Ch Tiroen True Blue JW ShCM PdH, a great up standing male full of his self to say he enjoyed the day an under statement, his profile standing was quite outstanding coat condition was perfect his head and expression to a good standard he moved with very good front extension and rear drive I thought a great gundog. I later awarded him Best Veteran in show, thank you for bringing him.

Then I judged the finals and I liked the way the club had arranged them firstly came the Best Junior in Show, this went to the outstanding young Tibetan Terrier, Araki Irrestibleu Avec Majikcharms.

Then the Best Veteran in Show the Irish Setter, Jsy Ch Tiroen True Blue JW ShCM Pdh.

Then Best Puppy in Show that was the Lhasa Apso Sweet Lady Stara For Petwalk, the Reserve Best Puppy in Show was the Rhodesian Ridgeback, Zejak Koinor.

Then came the Best in Show line up with the seven dogs/bitches all to a very good standard, for Best in Show I selected the quite outstanding English Springer Spaniel, Lyntonridge Loyalty Card at Derrindee.

For the Reserve Best in Show I selected the classic Chow Chow, Traversains Ching Fu PDH.

This was a very good well organised event, with good dogs/bitches to judge very sporting exhibitors, the day ended with a committee diner hosted by the President of the club, who proposed the loyal toast, I had the pleasure to speak about the event and thanks on our behalf.

The following day a lunch with the club members prior to the flight back home it was a lovely week end we wish to thank everyone concerned.

Peter Bailey Judge.