Guernsey Kennel Club Winter Open Shown 30th October 2016

Guernsey is a small island but provides proof that as, jazzmen say 'you should never turn down a gig'. The island is beautiful, the welcome is warm and the vast majority of the dogs are good. My fellow judge, Dave Foulds, agreed with me that the quality from such a small pool was excellent. The organisation was impeccable and I had brilliant stewards. I had the honour of judging the Utility, Working, Pastoral and Toy groups and we both had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Although we did not judge the Junior Handling which was down to Jo Mauger, we were very impressed and felt that the winner, Sophie Bowring and the reserve Megan Lucas were excellent and others showed their mettle in the breed classes during the day.

Utility Group

Tibetan Terrier P D/B 1, Martel's Majikcharms U R The One. Lovely, promising puppy. 6½ months with everything in the right place. Good head and typical expression moved well when settled. BP Res BPIG 2 Wyser's Majikcharms Mr Casanova. Also 6½ months but not quite as balanced as 1 at the moment: proportions just a little out of kilter but promising,

OD. 1. Le Moignan's Waterley Skyfall. Up to size but otherwise a lovely example of the breed. Excellent conformation. Good head and expression: moved very well. Good coat BOB.

OB 1 Martel's Araki Rumour HasIt. Very nice bitch, beginning to show her age with rather full chest and thickening loins, but the structure is excellent and she had a good head. Moving well.

2 Le Moignan's Lasang Tiger Lily. Lovely outline although coat a little too smooth, fine and straight.

Shih Tzu L D/B 1 De La Cour's Santosha Sandy Cove. Very nice example of the breed. Excellent head with open nostrils and well shaped eyes. Moved well despite being a little loose at elbow. Excellent coat (BOB BIG).

2 De La Cour's Cavateena Red Rascal. Happy little bitch with many typical characteristics: lovely head but mouth not her fortune. Open D/B 1 Bowring's Miracey Seriously Spicey. Lovely example of the breed. Excellent head coat and movement: lovely even mouth. 2 Girard's Forepaws Gift of Gold. 10½ and looking really good. Compact and moved well just beginning to show his age.

Lhasa Apso PD 1 Walker's Petwalk All Eyes On Me. Lovely and promising puppy with a super head, excellent outline: moved very well when settled BP & BPIG. PB 1 Walker's Petwalk Irresistible. A lovely bitch, a little sister to the above and showing the same quality and style: moved well. L D/B Billington's Best Foot Forward at Denzarnia. An excellent example of the breed with good structure, lovely head and very good on the move: perhaps carrying too heavy a coat (BOB & RBIG)

2 Walker's Petwalk Writing's On The Wall. A little too slight even for a bitch. Beautifully presented and moved well. Mouth not her fortune. OD 1 Walker's Ch Doubletrouble at Terendak. Excellent example of the breed. Size, outline, structure and movement all ideal and demonstrating all the characteristics of the breed. OB Billington's Dancing Lady at Denzarnia. Good head and expression. A little heavy in shoulder and chest and perhaps a little too long in loin.

French Bulldog P 1 Deane's Kenquince I Wish. Good head and expression. A little heavy in shoulder and perhaps too long in loin. BOB.

AVNSC Utility. L. 1 Le Scanff and Seymour's Cosmos Button. A neat Miniature Schnauzer—well-made but could do with some professional trimming.

BPIG	Walker's Lhasa Apso Petwalk All Eyes On Me
RBPIG	Martel's Tibetan Terrier Majikcharms U R The One
G1	De La Cour's Shih Tzu Santosha Sandy Cove
G2	Billington's Lhasa Apso Best Foot Forward at Denzarnia

G3 Le Moignan's Tibetan Terrier Waterley Skyfall

G4 Le Scanff & Seymour Miniature Schnauzer Cosmos Button

Working Group

Rottweiler L D/B 1 Clark's Botlierskop Scarlet Emerald. 11 months old and very lively but good type and moved well: good outline and structure. O D/B 1 Clark's Botlierskop Empress Jayde. Very good example of the breed. Lovely outline, very good head and moved well.

2. Clark's Botlierskop Viognier. A little fine through and rather 'sooty' in facial markings. Could be a fraction shorter in back. Moved well though a little close behind

Boxer OD 1 Bayes' Docrema Don Giovani Lovely example of the breed. Excellent outline and very good head moved quite well too (BOB BIG).

OB 1 Le Poidevin's Newlaithe Cecilia. A really elegant graceful bitch of lovely quality. Excellent outline and so stylish when moving.

2 Bayes' Docrema Diamonds R Forever. Nice example of the breed although slightly thick in throat and through the chest.

AVNSC Veteran 1 Ingrouille's Alaskan Malamute, Icetrax Sno Proof. A little heavy through but excellent structure and movement. Good head although ears set a little too low.

G1 Clark's Rottweiler, Botlierskop Empress Jayde

G2 Bayes' Boxer Docrema Don Giovanni

Pastoral Group

Bearded Collie O D/B 1 Martel's Jupiter de Chester Avec Majikcharms. Lovely example of the breed. Up to size but everything in proportion, excellent head and very stable on the move. (BOB BIG)

German Shepherd Dog L 1 Cochrane's Windgunn Seize the Day. A very good example of the breed. Good shape and proportions. Ring too small to allow him to move properly but an excellent head.

O D/B 1 Lawrence's Chalksville Magnum Force. Excellent example of the breed. Correct outline standing and moving. Well proportioned and structured good on the move too. Lovely head.

2 Lawrence's Surfstone Hot Salsa PDH very lively five-year-old. A little too long and sloping back. Rather down on his front pasterns. Good head and expression.

Shetland Sheepdog. O D/B 1 Le Gallez's Ontoco Secretariat Lovely example the breed. Pretty head, good outline and structure moved well.

2 Le Poidevin's Conorvean Bobbin Joan. Another nice example of the breed but a little upright in shoulder setting up for a too short stride. Very pretty bitch.

Border Collie P D/B 1 Davies' Foxbarton Kings Noble. Very nice head and expression. Good angulation and structure and moved well (BP)

2 Collins' Foxbarton Sable Prince. At the gangly stage at the moment so proportions not yet quite right. Somewhat upright in shoulder. Moved quite well though - tail held a little high,

OD 1 Buckley's Les Nuages Papageno. Good example of the breed. Excellent head. Moved well but stands a little narrow in front (BOD).

OB 1 Davies' Patois Corbette. Seven years old and in excellent condition. She is up to size for a bitch but has a lovely head and moved very well.

AVNSC O 1 Turner's Ozzypool Run for your Money to Chakona. Beautiful nine-year-old Australian Shepherd. Superb angulation and structure: moved very well.

2 Dowding's Mybeards Golden Buttons. Lots to like about this well presented bitch but she is too upright in shoulder and too long in loin. Moved well though.

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RBPIG Not Filled

- G1 Martel's Bearded Collie Jupiter de Chester Avec Majikcharms
- G2 Lawrence's German Shepherd Dog Chalksville Magnum Force
- G3 Le Gallez's Shetland Sheepdog, Ontoco Secretariat
- G4 Buckley's Border Collie Les Nuages Papageno

Toy Group

Papillion OD 1 Simon and Smith's Garsiv's Sunny of Ringlands. Lovely example the breed. Super head and well-placed, in lovely coat and moved very well.

OB 1 Simon and Smith's Ringland Frosted Fern. This is such a typical example of the breed. Very sound, pretty but not overdone. Excellent structure and movement. Beautifully handled by talented junior (BOB). 2 Walker's Ch Omegaville Make me a Petitchien. This is a very pretty and striking example of the breed but in my view and breed characteristics are overdone, she moved too close behind and her eyes are a little full.

Pomeranian) D/B Bennett's 1 Thelbern Boi-Zee. Pretty head but a little long and tended to 'crab' on the move.

Pug O D/B 1 Perry's Ardenpark Agatha. Just 16 months and still to mature but a very promising youngster. Stands a little wide in front and a little too long in back but a lovely head.

AVNSC O D/B. Ozanne's Chinese Crested, Prajna Calling The Tune at Lyntonridge. Nice example of the breed. Good size and shape. Good head and expression although moved too close coming.

- G1 Ozanne's Chinese Crested, Prajna Calling the Tune at Lyntonridge
- G2 Simon & Smith's Papillon Ringland Frosted Fern
- G3 Symphorien's Pup Regencylodge Roxelle at Rienmour
- G4 Bennet's Pomeranian Thelbern Boi-Zee

My Best in Show was the Shih Tzu, De La Cour's Santosha Sandy Cove. With Reserve Marshall and Mottershaws's Saluki Ulmarra Bollinger (Imp Ire).

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