

## Guernsey Handling Critique By Miss Claire White

I'd like to thank GKC for the invite of judging your junior handlers & thank you to my two fabulous stewards Chrissy and Paige. All in all very well mannered and smartly dressed youngsters & well presented dogs.

I had the pleasure of chatting to some of parents and youngsters after all showing promising futures. So please keep up the good work with your handling, as you are our future in the dog world. I'd recommend in training to practice on ring awareness of your judge. My first class didn't notice I was behind them before I got you on the table after that you all knew, just please be aware judges can be naughty and catch you out. You also need to remember when showing teeth fingers are not to be in the dogs mouth, this happened in both age groups and its a personal bug bear of mine. I wasn't mean with my younger class, but older class needs to learn points of the dog. Only 1 junior got 2 correct points out of three. All juniors did know what dogs were bred for and purpose.

### 6-11Yrs

1st Grace Le Page - Very nice handler was in one with her Shih Tzu. Her presentation of the teeth was the neatest in the class. Listened to what patters I was asking, lovely straight lines and neat and precise knew where judges positioned and good shadowing on table and floor after dog wasn't the most helpful, but handled it nicely. Answered very politely & with grace. Had the slight edge on table to 2nd. Sadly in challenge wasn't as confident as older age group RBJH

2nd Tahlia Rault Another very nice handler also very well presented in tune with her Shih Tzu & polite. To be fair wasn't much between 1st and 2nd lost point on table of presentation of mouth. I think it would have been a very difficult decision had it not been for that. Also very clean accurate figure and listen to what was being asked

I was very impressed for age by both handlers skills.

3rd Isaac Le Page - Special mention keep up with the good work and thank you to Paige my steward for helping you and giving you confidence on your figures. I look forward to seeing you progress in the future you have a very nice way with your Shih Tzu well done

### 12-16yrs

#### 1st Samantha Browning

Very well dressed and at one with her Pug. Didn't over fuss the dog, but presented nicely and is lucky to have a dog that self corrects when judge moves feet. Samantha kept a cool head answered all of my question bar 1 well and knew the answers and answered in a polite way & had a lovely calming way with her dog showing teeth. Patterns were nice if being fussy I'd like to see a little more crispness for age group, but same could be said for whole class. Challenge for best junior you had the edge I think the challenge made you concentrate that little more and pushed you.

#### 2nd Katelin Simmons

Another nice handler and great partnership with her Boston terrier. Shadowing was faultless. On the T you were one step over and again I'd expect a bit more sharpness to your corners. If you get that sorted with the points of dog, I think it would give the edge as you were a lovely handler.

3rd Ada Simmons Presented dog nicely shadowing was good on table knew what Boston terrier purpose was, but needs to listen to judges request. As patterns were back to front, I'd put this down

to nerves on the day. Did make up points with correcting the dog as really wasn't giving the handler an easy time at all well done for keeping your cool.

Reserve Christine Browning

Nice handler with her Shih Tzu, well presented and good shadowing knew purpose of her dog was. Patterns were not clean and handler on wrong side several times, which through pattern off and looked messy. Id put this down to nerves too. Also on final stack after pattern you were a little too close to judge.