

**Judges Report for GKC Xmas Match from Mrs Pamela Mottershaw
Sunday 20th December 2015**

I would like to thank the Committee for their kind Invitation , the President Mrs Chris Bligh for extending such a warm welcome and to my efficient Steward and Photographer Debbie Ingrouille and of course to all the exhibitors for giving me the great pleasure of judging a really lovely entry, both in quality and quantity. A pleasure and festive atmosphere prevailed through the afternoon

I awarded BIM to Chrissy Le Moignans "Waterley Skyfall", a 3 year old Tibetan Terrier in his absolute prime and really filling my eye , with much to admire in all departments, beautiful head, masculine, yet without coarseness, scores in front assembly, level top line maintained on the move and presenting a superb picture from all angles, so well handled to show his qualities to advantage

RIM and also Best Junior in Match was the delightful Bearded Collie owned by Rachel Martel, "Jupiter de Chester avec Majikcharms" Really fell for this youngster, 13 months old, with breed type and qualities in abundance Loved his well shaped head, with flat skull, beautiful eyes, excellent pigmentation, long arched neck flowing into excellent shoulders, good ribbing and firm top line Presents a lovely balanced outline and is surely assured of a bright future Lucky Owner!

BPIM was the Rhodesian Ridgeback "Walamadengie Flaunt It" owned by Carole le Brun upstanding female, 9 months, who excels in all departments, taking everything in her stride and really covering the ground in harmony with the handler. One id be proud to own myself, she displays excellent breed qualities and characteristics, Admired her feminine, well modelled head, good eye shape and colour, long straight neck and pleasing front and rear assembly Confident, powerful mover, star in the making with a successful show career ahead. One I shall follow with interest.

BV was the Shih Tzu "Four Paws Gift of Gold" owned by Jean Girard, A super example of the breed, almost 10 years young and presented in excellent coat and condition and is a real credit to the owner. Beautiful head with dark well set eyes and plenty of covering on the ears. So balanced in outline both in moving and standing and is a real pleasure to watch when gaiting confidently, in harmony with the handler.

Other 1st prize winners were:-

Minor Puppy

1st Gold/white Shih Tzu "owned by Natalie de la Cour of 5 months old, maturing along, pleasing lines and with much to like in body shape and in head proportions, well placed for hand, ample bone for age and fluent in stride, coat of good texture.

PUPPY

Blue Roan Cocker Spaniel "Beaucette Secret Agent" owned by J Mauger, very promising youngster, 9 months, with much to admire in all departments and is well balanced throughout. pleases in head shape eyes and ears. Long neck, well angulated front and rear and stands on good legs and feet. Lovely profile from all aspects and moving confidently and soundly.

JUNIOR

Pug "Regency Lodge Roxelle at Rienmour" owned by Lynne Symphorien, just 12 months, fawn bitch, full of breed type she demands attention both standing and moving. I liked her head and expression, with dark eyes well set and neat ears. Has plenty of wrinkle, pleases in overall body shape and

proportions and comes into her own on the go round, when she strode out effortlessly and confidently, another one to watch as she matures.

Whippet " Armabay Mistletoe & Wine at Mollytop" owned by Ann Robert Brindle/White parti, presenting a pleasing profile, if rather partial to her dinners! Liked her head, eye and expression and of good type. Stands a lot of ground and has breed qualities to admire, but was unfortunately unsettled on the move today.

ADULTS

Min L/H Dachschild "owned by A. Le Page, 4 years bitch, presenting a pleasing overall body profile, liked her feminine head of desired proportions, dark expressive eyes and reachy neck. Coat of correct texture, well presented, was well handled to show her qualities to advantage on the move.

Shih Tzu "Miracey Seriously Spicely" owned by Sammie Bowring, Mature male with much to admire in all departments and at 3 years old is in his prime. Scores in head and skull property, dark pigmentation, not overdone anywhere but very pleasing in front and rear assembly. In excellent coat and condition and moving out very well.

JH CRITIQUES Judge Mrs Pamela Mottershaw

Handling Classes, I was very impressed with the standard of handling in all 3 classes making for close decisions on my part and places could change easily on a different day.

Handlers showed confidence in all aspects and all showed confidence me the dogs teeth easily and correctly. All the competitors had a good awareness of where I was and moved accordingly.

The ability to remain calm and to encourage the dog is important as is the attention to detail in pattern work and the presentation of the dog, correctly and quickly, at the conclusion of the patterns.

I was rewarding to see such sympathetic consideration, even if a dog wasn't being particularly co-operative but this is an important requirement.

I congratulate all the competitors and the trainer and wish everyone involved every success in future competitions. Good Luck!