The Northern Counties Whippet Club

29th January 2022

Thank you to the committee for inviting me to judge today and for my lovely judges gift. I had two very efficient stewards who kept the ring running very well. Also thank you to the exhibitors for bringing some quality whippets for me to judge and for the sporting way my decisions were accepted.

Thank you to Harry for the entertainment which gave us all a giggle! I thoroughly enjoyed my day.

Minor Puppy dog (4,0)

1st Dillon – Collooney Eat My Shorts at Runforest – Best Puppy – RBPIS

Very promising raw baby but still masculine. Very pleasing head with dark eye. Correct front assembly with good bone and well knuckled feet. Just needs to mature now and I am sure will be an exciting prospect for the future.

2nd Wheeler – Ranveli Douglas Bay

Beautifully pigmented fawn of lovely size, all whippet. Nice topline and underline. Good bone. Just a little unsteady behind going away but very nice in profile.

3rd Johnston – Roseghyll Too Tipsey

Puppy Dog (1,0)

1st Johnston – Roseghyll Too Tipsy.

Settled down a little and moved better than in his previous class.

Junior Dog (5,1)

1st Wincup & Paipala – Rogansrock Harvest Moon

2nd Marston-Pollock – Barnesmore Cloak of Spirits at Falconcrag

A hard class to judge as at awkward junior stage. Fronts needed to settle which made front movement a tad erratic. Prefer the head of 1st, 2nd had better shoulders with better return of upper arm. Good topline with gentle rise and nice tuck up on 1st, well set tail and balanced angulation with good profile movement. 2nd was of correct size and good outline, again moved well in profile but a little unsteady going away.

3rd Brew – Crosscop The Show Must Go On

Novice Dog (1,0)

1st Johnston – Willowash As You Like It at Roseghyll

A correctly sized whippet, would like a slightly more masculine head. Front assembly a little upright in upper arm. Good feet, sufficient bone for size. Good tuck up, croup a tad steep. Moved okay.

Graduate Dog (1,0)

1st Irvine & McMillan – Crosscop Unchanged Melody of Hesli

Fawn boy on the taller side for me. Quality head with dark pigment and eye shape. Mouth strong. Elegant set on from back of skull to neck. Good layback of shoulder. Chest deep. Good bone and feet and well handled.

Special Beginners Dog (4,1)

1st Brew – Crosscop The Show Must Go On

Masculine fawn with pleasing head, good eye shape and ear set. Pigment dark. Balanced angulation fore and aft. Nice tuck up and tail set. Well knuckled feet. Performed better in this class than before. Well handled.

2nd Johnston – Willowash As You Like It at Roseghyll

3rd Searle – Quicksilver He’s The One for Whipsearle

Post Graduate Dog (2,0)

1st Watson – Stoneroll Love In Motion – Reserve Best Dog

2nd Parkes & McKay – Crosscop Born To Move for Jubrancy

Prefer both to be slightly more masculine with stronger underjaws. Preferred the shoulder placement on 1st as it sat further back in place giving him a better fill and brisket, this also gave him better balance overall. Well conditioned and handled.

Limit Dog (6,1)

1st Ellis – Oakbark Marksman for Railfield – Best Dog – RBIS

Neat male of very good breed type. Quality head with good eye shape and fine well held ears. Correct front assembly with well filled brisket. Good flat bone with correct slope to pasterns and well knuckled feet. Good topline with deep ribcage and good tuck up. Balanced angulation fore and aft with gently sloping croup. Best mover in class from all directions and well presented and handled. To be critical, would prefer neck to be set a little higher.

2nd Wilson – Crosscop Bollinger On Ice at Willowash

Another correctly sized male who also moved very well. Quality head, prefer the topline of 1st and shoulder placement of 1st. In lovely condition and nicely presented.

3rd Marston-Pollock – Falconcrag Game Changer

Open Dog (3,2)

1st Irvine & McMillan – Crosscop Bring Me Sunshine of Hesli

Masculine head with good eye shape, ear set and expression. Flat bone with correct slope to pastern, well knuckled feet. Tail set a little high. Nice depth to ribcage with good tuck up. Moved well in profile and going away, just a little pinning in front. Well handled.

Veteran Dog (5,1)

1st Wilkinson – Rowangarth Wind Of Change to Fletchgate – Best Veteran Dog

Obviously no one has told this boy he is a veteran now since he was so full of running. Nice shape with good topline, underline and tuck up. Good muscle tone. Fairly well balanced, moved true in all directions.

2nd Searle – Quicksilver He’s The One for Whipsearle

A fawn parti who was a pleasing type, prefer the length and angle of upper arm on 1st. Another carrying good condition. Moved well. Nice to see the veterans looking so well.

3rd Coleman – Wakebarrow Willow Herb at Silurian

Racing & Lure Coursing Open Dog (1,0)

1st Johnston – Willowash As You Like It at Roseghyll

Racing & Lure Coursing Open Bitch (5,3)

1st Johnston – Willowash Midsummer Night at Roseghyll

2nd Campbell – Willowash Comedy Of Errors

Similar in type but 1st had more balanced proportions and more curvy in outline. Very good rear end with super width to second thigh and short hocks. 2nd a little flatter in topline and a tad longer in loin just upsetting the balance a little. Both well presented and handled.

Veteran Bitch (2,1)

1st Vaughan-Wall – Shirotae Gin Sing – Best Veteran Bitch & BVIS

Very feminine girl with quality head and fine ears. Good breed type with correct topline, depth of chest and tuck up. A little straighter in stifle. Moved true but could have covered a little more ground. In lovely condition and a credit to her owner.

Minor Puppy Bitch (3,1)

1st McDowell – McBrock Deep Love – Best Puppy Bitch & BPIS

2nd Short – Collooney Tommy Girl

Both lovely and very promising, exciting prospects for their owners, very different types. 1st was a little curvier at this stage and a little better balanced angulation. 1st slightly better let down hocks. Both moved true from all directions. Everything there, just maturity and time needed.

Puppy Bitch (4,2)

1st Wilson – Falconcrag Made You Look

2nd Disley – Falconcrag Take A Look

Both very nice breed type and had quality feminine heads. Good outlines, good feet, flat bone. Both needing just to fill and mature and drop in brisket. Movement a bit unsettled but I am sure with time they may change places. Both well handled.

Junior Bitch (9,2)

1st Short – Collooney The Little Tease

Attractive girl who I would not like any bigger. Well balanced angulation fore and aft. Feminine head but with strong underjaw. Full brisket, flat bone and well knuckled feet, good depth of chest and correct outline although croup could have a slightly softer angle. Lovely profile movement and well handled.

2nd Disley – Snowleana Ray Of Light

Another feminine quality girl with curves in the right places. Excellent breed type. A little straight in pastern, good topline and underline with nice tuck up. Just not covering the same ground as 1st.

3rd Cardus – Brockinbelle Vixen

Novice Bitch (7,2)

1st Newaham-Brown – Zilphas Lady Of The Wood

Up to height and front assembly a tad upright all through, but very much a whippet with good topline, underline and tuck up. Good feet, flat bone, good tail set. A little close behind going away but good profile movement. Very pretty.

2nd Johnston – Willowash Midsummer Night at Roseghyll

3rd Salkeld – Crosscop A Dream Come True

Graduate Bitch (12,5)

1st Marston-Pollock – Falconcrag Rockin This Look

A very nice outline with curvy shape. Good size, elbow well back under withers. Balanced angulation fore and aft. A little strong in head for me but moved well. Good width to second thigh and well let down hocks.

2nd Irvine & McMillan – Limubox Seks Kitten

Another very nice type with curves in all the right places. Feminine with good breed type. Flat bone and good feet. Would prefer neck a little higher set into shoulders. Just outmoved on the day by 1st.

3rd Johnston & Wilson – Danluke Drag On A Dime

Special Beginners Bitch (7,1)

1st Lister & Swarbrick – Edenwhip High Cup Nick

Very much a whippet with feminine head and lovely expression. Well angulated and good balance. Correct slope to pastern and elbow under wither. Nice tail set. Handler could just move her a little faster to give her more animation and length of stride.

2nd Cardus – Brockinbelle Vixen

Pretty and feminine parti colour with good outline although a little upright through shoulder and second thigh could have more width. Nice depth of chest and moved fairly well.

3rd Salkeld – Crossop A Dream Come True

Post Graduate Bitch (8,1)

1st Wilson – Crosscop Star Maker

2nd Cardus – Tamalden Dare Devil at Dalzeah

Both feminine and quality. Fairly well balanced outlines with good toplines and correct underlines. Preferred the rear construction of 1st and the front assembly of 2nd but overall 1st just had the edge on movement.

3rd Williams – Falconcrag Gloves Are Off at Wyndsmoor

Limit Bitch (5,3)

1st Service & Poole – Crosscop Proud Mary – Best Bitch and BIS

2nd Wincup & Paipala – Rogansrock Love Me Do

1st and 2nd were very nice bitches, good breed type, correct outlines, correct front assembly with powerful rears. Preferred the size of 1st and although both moved well 1st was slightly tidier coming towards me and held her topline on the move. Both well presented and handled.

Open Bitch (9,4)

1st Vaughan-Wall – Shirotae Solo Surprise – Reserve Best Bitch

Very feminine quality bitch of excellent breed type and very good topline which she held on the move. Good reach of neck, well filled brisket, straight flat bone, very curvy with correct underline and tuck up. Moved very well.

2nd Wilkinson – Citycroft Starfall

Many of the same remarks apply, I just felt the 1st had a better topline and curves.

3rd Irvine & McMillan – Limubox Seks Appeal

Judge: Ali Morton (Cotherstone)