

## **Midland Whippet Club Championship Show 3.9.21**

### **Dogs (Judge Mrs C Fisher-Home)**

I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge dogs at their recent show & the exhibitors for giving me the chance to go over their lovely hounds. I thought the quality of the males has improved a lot overall since the last time I judged them, particularly as regards movement which was good to see. I found a few exhibits that lacked underjaw & surprisingly, a few with incorrect bites. Apart from that, there were very few issues & the majority of dogs were shown in tip top condition with just the right amount of muscle tone & were definitely fit for function. I was delighted with my main winners & in some classes I was splitting hairs. Thanks to my stewards for keeping everything running smoothly.

### **Veteran (7-9 years) Dog (9 entries, 2 absent)**

1. Johnston's Ch. Danluke Lord of the Dance JW. What can I say that hasn't been said previously? This handsome, 7 years pale f/br dog just commanded the ring today. Super head & expression, long neck into well-laid shoulders, so smooth to go over & just flowed from head to tail. Clean lines throughout with good depth of brisket & length of rib, strength in loin & powerful, well-angulated hindquarters. A little less shapely than some of my winners but moved absolutely true with effortless reach & drive. Not showing his age at all & although not

my normal 'type', I just couldn't fault him on conformation, balance & movement & he stood out to me today. He so deserved the CC, his 15<sup>th</sup> I believe. CC, BD, RBIS, BVIS.

2. Wood's Ardencote Star Gazer. Very shapely 7yr handsome fawn in good, hard condition, well-balanced with deep brisket, good spring of rib & strong loin, lovely head & expression, moved true with drive. Smart boy just preferred the neck & shoulder of 1.
3. Neale's Stormalong Romantic Romeo.

### **Special Veteran (10 years +) Dog (3,1 abs)**

1. McConkey's Barmoll Billy Elliot. Handsome 10yr fawn in super condition for his age. Lovely straight front with good lay of shoulder & deep brisket. Very well-muscled throughout with strong loin & hindquarters. Super mover with good extension & drive which won him this class.
2. Candler's Ch. Maidenbower Make Believe. Classic, slightly finer pale fawn, another veteran in great condition. Lovely overall shape & breed type. Beautifully balanced throughout, was toeing in slightly today but moved true with good extension.

### **Minor puppy Dog (6)**

1. Wilton-Clark's Shalfleet Chasing the Wind. Loved this 6mth br/w baby. Attractive head, long neck into good

lay of shoulders, very shapely & balanced throughout with good bone & feet. Loved his clean lines & elegance without any exaggeration whatsoever. Lovely topline & strong, well-angulated quarters. Moved absolutely true. Just hope he grows on.

2. Whitehead, Smith & Mixides' Citycroft Drumshanbo. Elegant 8mth brindle, of larger type but beautifully constructed throughout. Super front & shoulder placement, good length & spring of rib & strength in loin. Moved with good extension & drive. Really liked him just moved slightly wide in front today.
3. Robinson's Indian Chief at Tarward.

### **Puppy Dog (5)**

1. Howgate & Hull's Palmik King Arthur. Very balanced, elegant pale br/w boy. Attractive head, neat ears, good length of neck with straight front & clean shoulders, good length of body with shapely topline & underline, strong loin & well-muscled hindquarters. Sound as a pound on the move with great extension. Really liked him, just lost his sparkle in the challenge. Must have a bright future.
2. Manners, McDonald & Reed's Dejure Official Secret. Very elegant black boy in super condition. Lovely head, long neck into well-laid shoulders, good length of rib, strong, nicely arched topline with strong quarters. Slightly upright in pasterns but liked his breed type, balance & shape. Moved true with good reach.

### 3. Bonser Hadfield & Hadfield's Bronchinbelle A Wee Dram.

#### **Junior Dog (8,1 abs)**

1. Dargue & Halliday's Brochinbelle A Wee Dancer with Jalwhipp. Beautifully balanced pale f/br/w 11month boy who really caught my eye in the ring today. Super head & expression, dark eye, good length of neck with straight front, good bone & feet. Despite his brindle markings being deceiving over his shoulder, he has a super lay of shoulder with deep chest, good spring & length of rib, strength in loin & well-angulated, strong hinds which he used to his advantage on the move. This dog just flows from head to toe, moved so soundly & just floated round the ring. I loved his elegance, clean lines & super smooth movement. He just had that sparkle that I was looking for & really stood out in the challenge. Delighted to award him the RCC, BPD & RBPIS.
2. Shepherd's Kidaruka It's Showtime at Oxana. Classy red f/w boy who was so balanced throughout. Beautiful head & expression, straight front with deep brisket, good length of body & strong loin. Correct angulation all through. Super topline which he kept on the move & powerful, well-let down quarters. Moved true when settled with good drive behind. Really liked him, just preferred the smoother shoulder-line of 1.

3. Morris, Waddell, Mycroft & Mitchell's Crosscop Who's the Daddy.

### **Yearling Dog (8, 1 abs)**

1. Shepherd's Kidaruka It's Showtime at Oxana.
2. Yeates & Winter's Lolani Café Amore. Attractive dark f/w trim boy who is very balanced throughout. Handsome head, well-laid shoulders & good front assembly with deep brisket, smooth topline & underline with moderate hind quarters which he used to his advantage on the move. Clean, easy profile movement just tends to flick his front foot but a lovely quality boy, nonetheless.
3. Dimmock's Selinko Festive Prancer.

### **Maiden Dog (3)**

1. Wilton-Clark's Shalfleet Making Waves. Quality 6mth dark br/w trim puppy who although very raw he is so soundly constructed throughout & so well-balanced. Attractive head, long neck with correct lay of shoulder & clean front. Good length of rib with flowing topline & well-angulated quarters. Good bone & feet. Again, not overdone in any way & I loved his true, effortless movement.
2. Manners, McDonald & Reed's Dejure Official Secret.
3. Arkell's Swistir Bailey's Cream.

## **Special Beginners Dog (7)**

1. Trouton's Runnel Run for Fun. Loved this classic fawn boy, lovely breed type & so balanced all through. Very much my type of whippet with clean, unexaggerated lines & just the right amount of muscle tone. Good length of neck into well-laid shoulders, deep chest, good spring & length of rib & topline with strength in loin & strong, well-angulated quarters. Moved absolutely true up & back with clean profile movement.
2. Perkins' Southgrove Keep it Moving at Zeglynn. Another quality fawn boy who was well-balanced with lovely head & expression, good lay of shoulder, straight front, good depth of brisket, smooth topline & underline & strong hinds. In beautiful condition just not quite the length of 1 but moved out so soundly. Really liked him.
3. Royal & Fricke's Chiendetom Andante.

## **Graduate Dog (6,1 abs)**

1. Varnam & Parker's Supeta Mojito for Aylros. Very classy r/f, so smooth in outline. Attractive head, clean shoulders with deep chest & good length & spring of rib. Just flows from head to tail. Well-muscled quarters which he used well on the move. Lovely profile movement just moving a tad wide in front today. I loved his elegance, balance & breed type.
2. Wood's Ardencote Dating Destiny. Quality pale fawn heavier type than 1. Lovely head & expression, dark eye, good straight front with deep chest & good length of

body creating a balanced picture. Well-muscled & in good hard condition. Moved very soundly just preferred the smooth shoulder line of 1.

3. Woodcroft & Yacoby-Wright's Cobyco City Limits.

### **Post Graduate Dog (5)**

1. Price's Railfield Rainomen for Silkdance JW. Loved this r/f boy who really stood out in this class. Couldn't fault him on conformation, super shoulder placement, Good depth of brisket, ribs well-sprung with strength in topline & loin with moderate, strong hindquarters. A picture of quality & elegance, I loved his smooth lines & absolutely sound as a pound on the move with great extension & drive. Considered him for top honours but he would not settle in the challenge due to a different handler. His time will come.
2. Perkin's Dejure Dutch Masterpiece at Zeglynn ShCM JW. Classic fawn boy with attractive head, good length of neck & body, well-muscled throughout, up to size but still retaining elegance, strong well-angulated hinds. Sound mover with good reach in front.
3. Royale & Fricke's Chiendetom Andante.

### **Mid Limit Dog (5,2 abs)**

1. Ellis' Oakbark Marksman for Railfield. Balanced f/w trim boy of correct size, nice breed type, handsome head, long neck, good front assembly with deep chest & well-sprung ribs, shapely topline, strong loin & well-

angulated quarters. Moved true up & down with good profile movement.

2. Winstone's Lolani Moonshine over Monelli JW. Another quality r/w I really liked; I was splitting hairs between these 2. Beautiful head & expression, long neck into clean shoulders, good return of upper arm, deep brisket & good length of body, in tip top condition. Moved so soundly just lacked a bit of enthusiasm on the move but a really smart dog, nonetheless.
3. Waymans' Creme Anglaise's One More Knight at Scarletfair (Imp NLD)

### **Limit Dog (16, 2abs)**

1. Price's Wheelspin Silver Shadow Among Silkdance JW. Classic r/f boy who just oozes quality. Lovely head with good length of neck & straight front. Spot on for size & in great hard condition, just the right amount of bone & muscle tone. Loved his clean shoulders, depth of chest & length & spring of rib. Excellent topline which he kept on the move, strength in loin & strong hindquarters. Clean mover with lovely reach, just lost his enthusiasm in the challenge.
2. Gibbins' Osterfen Janus. Gorgeous f/w parti full of quality. Attractive head & expression, well-made throughout with good angulation & length of body. Smooth topline & underline with well-angulated, strong quarters. Just tended to lean back into himself on the stack. Moved so soundly both up & down & in profile.

3. Johnston & Wilson's Aarminias Dragon Lord of Danluke.

### **Open Dog (8, 1abs)**

1. Perkins' Silkridge Just Joey. Very attractive pale br/w boy who stood out in this class for quality & elegance. Super head & expression, just so well-constructed throughout, loved his smooth shoulders, flowing topline & overall balance. Good bone & feet, deep chest & well-muscled hindquarters. Again, not my normal type, but he certainly makes the best of himself in the ring & he flowed round the ring with great extension & drive. His free movement won him this class.
2. Neale's Ch. Runaround Starman at Stormalong JW. Another quality f/w trim who is just up my street. Handsome head, good, straight front & lay of shoulder, deep brisket, strong topline with nice arch over loin & well-angulated hinds with well-developed 2<sup>nd</sup> thigh. More moderate all through than 1 & is beautifully balanced. He moved very soundly with good profile movement. Really like him but he just lacked enthusiasm today & didn't make the most of himself which was a shame.
3. Hawker's Ch. Jothryn Future Legend with Mollytop JW.