**Midland Whippet Club Championship Show**

**23 October 2022**

**Bitches**

I would first like to thank the Committee of the Midland Whippet Club for inviting me to judge bitches at their lovely, friendly, well run show. My thanks also go to my stewards Kyle and Anne, for keeping me on track and organised all day; some of the classes with multiple repeat entries were a challenge to sort out. Thank you also to the exhibitors for such a superb entry, not only in quantity, but quality too, I was truly spoilt for choice in some classes with several quality bitches going cardless. I had a wonderful day and it was an honour to be there, thank you. I was looking for a well constructed whippet that moved soundly and with such ease that every footfall seemed totally effortless. I was very pleased with my final line up of beautiful girls, some of whom could change places with my main winners, on another day.

**Veteran (7-9yrs) (11,4)**

Lovely to see a super class full of veteran girls hardly showing their age at all.

1st & BVB Glaholm’s Gazenorth Gan Canny. Balanced, typey 8½ yr old fawn bitch. Nice overall shape and in good muscle condition, standing on well knuckled feet. Good neck into clean well laid shoulders. Well angulated fore and aft with good fill-in. Nice topline, held on the move. Good width to thigh. This girl won her class and BVB on her very free and easy movement. She is a credit to her owner.

2nd Whitaker-Crosby’s Mulcair Meerkat Marble JW ShCM. Lovely balanced pale fawn bitch still strutting her stuff. I judged this girl some years ago and at 9½ yrs old she’s still looking good. Nice head and expression. Good forechest and strong pasterns. Good width to thigh and well developed second thigh with well let down hocks. Moved very well, just not quite the freedom of 1, but close up.

3rd Doherty’s Dut Ch Crème Anglaise’s Sacre Coeur (Imp NDL). Red brindle & white trim just shy of her 10th birthday. Nice and curvy top and under lines, good depth of chest and arch to loin. Just carrying a little too much weight today.

**Veteran (10+yrs) (2,0)**

1st  Chappell’s Blueflight Ice Maiden. Balanced blue brindle girl, just turned 10 yrs old and in lovely condition. Still moving straight to and fro and with freedom. Nice long neck into good top and under lines. Good depth of chest and very neat feet.

2nd Vaughan-Wall’s Shirotae Gin Sing VW. Balanced red fawn girl just shy of her 11th birthday. Built on longer lines than 1. Clean shoulders and good depth of chest with nicely sprung pasterns. Just seemed to be feeling her age today and not moving out quite as freely as 1.

**Minor Puppy (15,1)**

A class full of puppies all at different stages of maturity. I’m sure as they grow on, my first 3 girls will all change places regularly, with glittering careers ahead.

1st BPB & BPIS Morland’s Zoraden You Are My Universe. What a super 6 month old puppy. Nicely balanced, feminine & typey, red fawn girl with white trim. Lovely head and expression, long neck into well laid, clean shoulders. Excellent depth of chest and fill-in for her age, and very neat feet. Curvy underline and good length to her loin. Moved straight to and fro and showed some lovely freedom and drive in profile. Pleased to award her BPB and BPIS in agreement with my co-judge.

2nd Rees & Jones’ Kierpark Ruby Duby Do. Another lovely 6 month old puppy. Red brindle bitch, also balanced, feminine & typey, just still a little leggy. Lovely curvy shape overall, with nice head and expression, long neck into well angulated forequarters and good forechest. Good pasterns and feet. Moved very well but just preferred the foot perfect performance of 1.

3rd Fryer’s Crosscop Tickled Pink at Stonefox. Pretty red fawn girl the least mature of the first 3 in the class, and just going through a gangly stage at 7 months old. Another nice head and expression with a long, elegant neck into clean shoulders. Curvy top and under lines and good width to thigh. Moved well.

**Puppy (12,0)**

1st Wilton-Clark’s Shalfleet Easter Sonnet. Pretty & striking, well angulated, dark brindle parti colour. Lovely head and expression, strong neck into well laid shoulders with excellent forechest and tuck up. Super arch over her loin. Good pasterns and neat feet. Moved very well with a nice easy stride – straight to and fro and showing drive in profile. Pushed hard for BPB. Another to watch for the future.

2nd Howgate & Hull’s Palmik A Million Dreams. Pale fawn 8 months old built on taller, longer lines than 1. Pretty & feminine girl with clean shoulders and curvy topline. Lots of maturing still to do. Nice free mover in profile with plenty of time to tighten up to and fro.

3rd Whitehead, Smith & Mixides’ Citycroft Seattle. Another pretty & feminine pale fawn girl built on longer lines than 1. Well angulated front, good width to her thighs. Moved out well.

**Junior (16,5)**

1st Short’s Collooney Tommy Girl. Striking, well balanced, dark brindle & white trim. Up to size girl, but still feminine and typey. Good head and expression, long neck into well angulated forequarters with good forechest and neat feet. Lovely curvy topline and underline with good width to her thigh. Just still needing to mature up a little. Super skin and coat, and very well muscled. She won this class on her true movement to and fro, showing freedom with reach and drive in profile.

2nd Wheeler’s Ranveli Glowtini. Pale fawn brindle. Many of the comments above apply; well balanced, up to size girl but still feminine and typey. Good head and expression, long neck into well angulated forequarters, with good fill-in and neat feet. Lovely curvy topline and underline with good width to her thigh. Another with a beautiful skin and coat, and well muscled. Very close up to 1, just preferred the to and fro movement of 1.

3rd Holland’s Elmanash Gemini Gem. Gorgeous, lovely for size and feminine, parti coloured girl 16 months old. Very classic style girl with super curves and well balanced angulations. Just preferred the slightly tidier movement of 2.

**Yearling (10,2)**

1st Tyson’s Starceylon She’s A Mover JW. This young girl caught my attention as soon as she came into the ring. A stunning black with white trim, just the right size & feminine, with type and quality. Classic shape, well angulated and balanced. Long elegantly arched neck into clean shoulders, good pasterns and neat feet. Very curvy top and under lines. Moved true out and back, and with a free and easy profile movement, showing reach and drive. Shortlisted for the CC in a very strong line up, but she came up against 2 girls on absolute top form. I have no doubt she will gain her crown in the future.

2nd Lawley’s Lawleymoon Say No More. Balanced fawn girl built on longer lines than 1. Straight front with nice spring to her pasterns, lovely top and under lines, well ribbed back with good length to loin. Moved straight to and fro, and with freedom and drive in profile.

3rd Cooper’s Sunrise At Byron Bay at Ballauren. Striking feminine black parti bitch. Curvy, well angulated and balanced with elbows set under. Good width to her thigh and well let down hocks. Moved out well, just preferred the tidier movement of 2.

**Maiden (14,4)**

1st Morland’s Zoraden You Are My Universe. See Minor Puppy

2nd Howgate & Hull’s Palmik A Million Dreams. See Puppy

3rd Lipscombe’s Selinko Cherise. Balanced, well angulated red fawn 19 months old. Nice head and expression, lovely top and under lines and good width to her thigh. Just carrying a little too much weight today. Moved out well.

**Special Beginners (16,3)**

1st & BSBB Cooper’s Sunrise At Byron Bay at Ballauren. See Yearling

2nd Maxwell’s Maccus Rosa Gallica Daphne. Nicely shaped red fawn bitch. Lovely head and expression. Nice spring to pasterns and neat feet. Curvy underline leading to good length of loin, and nice width to thigh. Moved well.

3rd Reece’s Saleehah Stardancer. Pretty, pale red brindle with white trim. Feminine girl with a lovely head and expression. Clean through well laid shoulders, straight front, good forechest and neat feet. Moved ok just preferred the tidier movement of 2.

**Graduate (24,10)**

A very nice class with some lovely girls going cardless.

1st Fryer’s Osterfen Lakota at Stonefox. Lovely quality, feminine, typey pale fawn girl. Super head & expression, elegant neck into well laid shoulders and elbows set well under. Good forechest and nice straight front. Curvy top and under lines, well ribbed back. Good width to her thighs. Soundest of movers, showing effortless reach and drive in profile. Another short listed for the CC in a very strong line up, but coming up against 2 girls on absolute top form. I am sure some green & white cards will come her way in the future.

2nd Wilkinson’s Silkridge Saffron. Brindle & white girl, balanced, feminine and curvy. Pretty head & expression, long neck into clean shoulders. Lovely curves to her top and under lines. Straight front, good forechest, nice spring to her pasterns and well knuckled feet. Well developed second thigh. Well presented in excellent muscle condition with good fine coat & skin. Moved out very well and with freedom, just needs to use herself and stretch out in profile.

3rd Thomas & Halliday’s Brochinbelle Ooh La La at Bowdonia. Pale brindle bitch built on longer lines than 2. Feminine with a nice head and expression, strong neck into well laid shoulders. Good forechest and straight front, well ribbed back. Nicely constructed hindquarters with good width to her thigh and well developed second thigh. Moved well.

**Post Graduate (16,7)**

1st & RCC Johnston, Johnston & Wilson’s Danluke Drag On A Dime. Absolutely gorgeous red brindle bitch. Perfectly sized, feminine and typey, well balanced and angulated, and of top quality. Superb head and expression, nice fine ears, long neck blending seamlessly with well laid back shoulders and upper arm to match, placing her elbows well under her. Good width all through. Excellent curves to her top and under lines, leading to very well constructed hindquarters with good width of thigh. Presented in excellent condition. Loved her foot perfect, effortless movement. She stood out for me in the challenge in profile, keeping up with longer legged bitches without looking like she was making any effort to do so. Very, very close up to my CC winner; only lost out to a mature bitch putting on the performance commensurate with the champion that she is. This girl’s day will come, I am absolutely certain of it.

2nd Wood’s Ardencote Destiny’s Child. Pretty fawn girl with a classic shape and type. Well balanced and angulated. Nice head and expression, clean through the shoulders, good forechest and good return to upper arm. Straight front and nicely sprung pasterns. Nice topline and classic curve to her underline. Good width to thigh and well let down hocks. Moved straight to and fro, and with freedom in profile.

3rd Vaughan-Wall’s Shirotae Paws For A Song. Lovely, feminine red fawn & white girl built on slightly larger lines than 2. Very sweet head and expression, elegant neck into well laid shoulders, just needing more return of upper arm to complete the forequarters. Good curve to her underline and well ribbed back. Excellent width to her thigh and well developed second thigh. Moved well.

**Mid Limit (8,0)**

1st Allisstone’s Hergehill With Bells On. Well balanced and angulated pale brindle & white girl. Feminine with a nice curvy outline. Lovely head and expression, long neck into nice clean shoulders and good return of upper arm. Good for bone, straight front and neat feet. Correct length of loin leading to strong hindquarters. Well muscled. Moved straight out and back, and showed freedom with reach and drive in profile.

2nd Short’s Collooney The Little Tease. Very appealing feminine, pale brindle bitch built on slightly taller lines than 1. Well balanced with a lovely head and very sweet expression. Elegantly arched neck into well laid back shoulders and correct return of upper arm. Lovely top and under lines. Well let down hocks. Presented well with good muscle, and fine skin & coat. Moved straight out and back, and showed freedom with reach and drive in profile. Very little to separate 1 & 2, just preferred the size of 1.

3rd Thomas’ Bowdonia Colors Of The Wind. Attractive, very dark brindle & white. Nice head and expression, elegant neck into well laid shoulders. Good curve to her underline. Good width to thigh. Would just prefer a slightly shorter second thigh to complete the hindquarters. Moved well.

**Limit (17,3)**

I was very pleased with the depth of quality in this class and again quite a few nice bitches went cardless.

1st Short’s Collooney Bit On The Side JW. Pretty, feminine pale brindle bitch. Super head with melting expression, strong neck into clean shoulders, straight front and neat feet. Well ribbed back with good length to loin. Super muscled hindquarters with excellent width to thigh and well developed second thigh. Won this class on her lovely movement - straight to and fro and excellent in profile with a long easy stride.

2nd Grisoli’s Loroli Lady Lakeside. Feminine and typey dark red brindle girl with white trim, built on curvy lines. Lovely head and expression, long neck into well laid shoulders with good return of upper arm. Good forechest, straight front and well sprung pasterns. Nicely sprung ribs with excellent underline, strong hindquarters and well developed second thigh. Moved very well and pushed hard for the class.

3rd Glaholm’s Gazenorth Secret Identity. Pretty red fawn typey girl with a classic style. Nice head and expression with a strong underjaw. Strong neck into well laid shoulders and straight front, well knuckled feet. Well ribbed back and curvy topline with arch over strong loin. Excellent width to thigh and well developed second thigh. Moved straight to and fro with freedom and drive.

**Open (16,5)**

1st BCC & BIS Short’s Ch Collooney Dita Von Tease. Stunning dark brindle bitch with white face & trim who commanded the ring as soon as she came in. Pretty, feminine and typey she is the epitome of the balanced combination of muscular power and strength with elegance and grace of outline. A top quality bitch. I loved everything about her from her super head and melting expression, through all her curves to her well let down hocks, could not deny her the CC, despite being pushed hard by the gorgeous young girl to whom I awarded the RCC.

Presented to perfection with a silky fine coat and skin, covering superb muscle tone. She was the best mover of the day. Absolutely true, and had the effortless profile movement covering the ground with ease, just what I was looking for, putting on the performance of the champion that she is. So pleased to award her the CC and BIS in agreement with my co-judge. Well done!

2nd Brown’s Ardencote Sweet Destiny for Bluestreak. Super for size and feminine, this lovely balanced pale fawn and white bitch is built on classic lines. Long neck into well laid shoulders and straight front with well sprung pasterns. Lovely curves to her top and under lines. Good width to her thigh and well developed second thigh leading to well let down hocks. Moved straight to and fro just needed to use herself more in profile. Considered for the RCC.

3rd Lawley’s Crosscop Its Magic for Lawleymoon. Pretty, feminine girl built on slightly taller lines than 2, but another having classic curvy top and under lines. Well balanced and angulated with an excellent depth of chest, and good spring of ribs. She also moved straight to and fro, just needing to use herself more in profile.

Bitch CC Ch Collooney Dita Von Tease

Reserve Bitch CC Danluke Drag On A Dime

Best Puppy Bitch Zoraden You Are My Universe

Best Veteran Bitch Gazenorth Gan Canny

Best Special Beginners Bitch Sunrise At Byron Bay at Ballauren