

In the first instance, thank you to the Northern Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of New Zealand for inviting me to judge your very well ran championship show. It was truly an honour. Secondly, and not with any less importance, thank you to the exhibitors who showed their beautiful Staffords to me and all the wonderful people that took the time to introduce themselves. I really enjoyed myself and I hope everyone else enjoyed themselves as much as I did.

Puppy Bitch

3. **USHERIN GLITZ N GLAMOUR (IMP AUST)** – a quality white puppy bitch with a partial black face and black patch on the base of tail; she has good muscle tone. Her forequarter angulation is good. She has a level topline that transitions into a low set on of tail. Hindquarter angulation is good, displaying well bet stifles and let down hocks. She needs to work on her temperament. She would have placed higher in the class if her temperament would have enabled her to show better.

Junior Bitch

1. **ALDOUSHIRE GOT THE FORCE** – a white junior bitch with a black patch on the left side of her face and at the base of her tail; she has a very good shaped headpiece, displaying breadth and depth, with a strong short muzzle. Ears are good, they are set and carried correctly, in a rose fashion. I love her overall correct compact size. She is well muscled and defined. She has a strong wide front that is well boned with good depth of brisket and well laid back shoulders; however, I would prefer leaner shoulder muscles. Her topline is level, aiding in her very good outline and she has well angulated hindquarters. Her tail set and carriage is low and she went on to achieve ***Reserve Bitch Challenge*** and ***Best Junior in Show***.

NZ Bred Bitch

1. **CH ALDOUSHIRE FAIREST OF TH BALL** – a correct size dark brindle bitch with a beautifully typical expression, very pretty headpiece overall. Her excellent muzzle to skull ratio tends toward the ideal. Her strong short muzzle comprises a correct scissor bite. She has a correct distinct stop, between round eyes that are dark and very well placed, coupled with her excellent ear carriage and use, all aid her beautiful expression. On approach, I was impressed by her straight and well boned forequarters, which are set rather wide apart, allowing room for her deep brisket. She has a correct level topline that held on both the stack and the move. Good hindquarter angulation, comprising well bent stifles and let down hocks. Her set on of tail is low, but she did carry her tail slightly high on the move, but that did not have any bearing on my decision and nor did it detract from this bitch's overall outstanding quality. The Best in Show winner received preference due to his true and parallel movement, which equated to excellent feet placement. Overall, this is a bitch of outstanding quality that went on to achieve ***Bitch Challenge, NZ Bred in Show*** and ***Reserve Best in Show***.

Veteran Bitch

1. **NZ CH VALGLO BELLE OF THE BALL (IMP UK)** – a dark black brindle bitch with a beautiful headpiece. Her head is comprised of correct dimensions, displaying very good muzzle to skull ratio, very distinct stop, round, dark and well placed eyes. She has an excellent broad skull. She used her beautiful ears very well. Her topline is level on the stack, but lost it a bit on the move. Her stifles are well bent, but her hocks could be better let down. Overall she is of very good quality.

