

THE NORTHERN STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER CLUB (New Zealand)

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW. Saturday 24th March 2012

Firstly let me say how much I enjoyed myself in your beautiful country. The hospitality extended to us was fantastic and I would like to let you all know how much it was appreciated.

Now to the Dogs. The reason we visited.

Although numerically small, the quality of your SBTs was very apparent and you should all be justly proud of them. To give you a brief overview. What I look for is a typically typy dog i.e. fitting the standard and having some relevance to the history of the dog – the reason for his being. They need to show strength for size, be muscular and show power in their quarters and be fit and active and have a blend of bull and terrier – Courageous, tenacious, game - active, and agile, tough and intelligent. A dog who is affectionate and reliable in the home and towards all his friends.

We are lucky to have such dogs and should do all we can to ensure nothing but a positive perception of them in the eyes of the general public and the media. We are their guardians.

PUPPY DOG - Clay's Westwood Amarilla Moonshine

Alone. Dk Br Well made for age. Pleasing blocky headshape. Ribbing up nicely. Well quartered with well bent stifle and straight front. Moved and handled well. Best Puppy in Show

JUNIOR DOG - 1st. Gardyne's Whitestaff Demolition Man. Br. Neat and well balanced. Liked his head shape and expression. Good dark eye and neat ear carriage. nicely boned fore and aft with well laid shoulders and no weaknesses at the front or narrowness. He carried himself well. Easy winner and well deserved Res Dog Challenge.

2nd - Ingliss-Topp's Regalcross Baretta Boy. Pied. Needs tightening up and ring training (was told this was his first time in the show ring). Has a lot to like about him and if his owner perseveres with him, he could do well for her as he has all the potential with good head and body properties needed for success

3rd - Wood's Oakstaff Golden Sovereign. Rich red with excellent pigmentation. Lots to like about him but preferred the overall balance of those above him.

INTERMEDIATE DOG - 1st. Meredith's Challenger Limited Edition. Stood alone but not diminished by it. Br/with white chest. Very attractive. Good head and expression with broad skull and well defined cheek muscles. Level topline. Muscular hindquarters with required bend of stifle. Nice straight front. In all a pleasing exhibit. Moved OK.

NEW ZEALAND BRED DOG - 1st. - Baars' Dacaho About to Rock. Dk Br. Good head shape. Strong but not coarse. Pleasing expression. Fit and muscular with level topline and well ribbed body and no weaknesses in quarters. Moved and handled well.

2nd. Anderson's Challenger Necromancer DkBr. White stripe on a lovely head. Excellent expression. Neat and compact and beautifully balanced. Really took my eye and the decision for 1st place was very close but on the day I preferred the winners tail carriage as Necromancer's wouldn't settle sufficiently to secure him 1st.

3rd. Maher's Rojeme Rhythm & Black. Dk Br. Top size but lots to like about him. Possesses a beautiful headshape. Deep through with well defined stop and pronounced cheek muscles. Fit and muscular. A dog to be proud of. His only 'if' lost him a higher place.

VETERAN DOG - 1st. Maher's Rojeme Lady's Man. Dk Br Fit for age and in good form. Showed well and enjoyed his outing.

2nd. Baars' Ch Rojeme Tarbuck. Dk Br. Younger of the 2. Dk Br. Worthy Champion retaining lots of his shape. Preferred movement of winner.

OPEN DOG - 1st. New's Gr Ch Rojeme Popgun. Dk Br. Good head. Short with broad skull, pronounced cheek muscles and stop. Nice eye, which can make such a difference to expression. Excellent topline and body properties. Clean in outline with muscular neck, level topline and well muscled hindquarters and straight front. Did everything asked of him a pleasure to go over and well deserved Dog Challenge. Well done.

2nd - Blackwood's Surestaff Ultimatum (imp UK). Dk Br. Lots to like and in excellent form. Just preferred slightly stronger muzzle of winner, but a very good dog nevertheless.

3rd. Wood's NZ & Aus Ch Belleden Golden Prince (imp Aus). Red with good pigmentation. Larger type. Good headshape and liked his expression. Excels in quarters. Level topline and in good fit condition. Completed a trio of lovely dogs.

BABY PUPPY BITCH - 1st Wood's Dragonstone Fizzibella (NAF) 3 and half months Dk Br. Very shy to start off with - first time out I believe. Has lots of potential and didn't mind me going over her gently. I noticed that she gained confidence as she grew accustomed to her surroundings. A delight.

PUPPY BITCH - 1st. Byers' Pitshaft Stellar Eclipse. Dk Br. Has lovely headshape and expression. Well grown but body properties need to settle. Lots to like.

JUNIOR BITCH - 1st. Pryde's Whitestaff Southern Girl. Br. Ticked all the boxes for me. Good head, strong and deep through with well pronounced cheek muscles, defined stop but retaining femininity, with lovely eye shape enhancing her expression. Well ribbed muscular body with level topline, good bend of stifle, straight well boned front showing no narrowness and possessing good shoulder placement. Moved well. An easy winner for me. Pleased to award her Res Bitch Challenge and ultimately Res Best in Show. Well done and good luck in the future.

2nd. Anderson's Challenger Shady Sadie. Dk Br. Smaller but perfectly balanced. Has all the attributes for success in the future. Alert and moved well.

3rd. McOnie-Perfect's Ch Westwood Dream On. Dk Br. Unlucky to meet above in such good form. Lots to like about her but needs to body up a bit more.

INTERMEDIATE BITCH – 1st. Day's Challenger Girlinton Gertie. Alone. Typy bitch. Has good head and expression with nice dark eye. Pleasing body properties. Showed and handled well.

NEW ZEALAND BRED BITCH – 1st. Aldous'Ch Aldoushire Burlesque Babe. Topsize. Good head and expression. To be hypercritical could be fitter on the day. Moved OK.

2nd. Anderson's Challenger Incantation. Dk Br. Smaller. Not settling too well today. Moved OK. Preferred strength of underjaw of winner.

OPEN BITCH – 1st. Peden's Warmaster Double Shot. Lovely Dk Br and Wh Pied. On top form today. Beautiful headshape showing breadth of skull, deep through with pronounced cheek muscles, well defined stop, short foreface with strong muzzle. Dark eye enhancing expression and neat rose ears. Straight front with well boned legs showing no narrowness and enhancing depth of brisket. Level topline and good tuck up. Muscular hindquarters with stifles well bent. Showed and moved well. Impressive. Best in Show. I hope she soon gains her title.

2nd. Aldous' NZ CH Valglo Belle of the Ball (Imp UK) Dk Br. Topsize. Good head shape and body properties. Moved and handled well. Unlucky to meet above on such excellent form. Worthy Champion from this prestigious UK kennel.

3rd. Baars' Ch Dimon Been Behavin. Nice type. Fit and alert with lovely head and expression and beautiful body outline. For me her ear carriage could have been neater and would have enhanced an otherwise super bitch. She completed a trio of excellent bitches and I thank their sporting owners for giving me the privilege of going over them.

Ann Goddard (judge)