

IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB OPEN SHOW 2008

There was a real quality entry with some very exciting youngsters. Generally mouths and hind angulation were good but ears and fronts could, in a lot of case, be better. Temperament was, as expected, faultless.

Minor Puppy Dog

- 1 Goodall & Painter's DRIFTCOT CHESS Nicely made black. A little short in muzzle, ears could be better. Well angulated, sound steady mover for a youngster.
- 2 Tebbutt's CAREDIG ELLIS Lovely head with good long muzzle, very well angulated behind with good long second thigh. Movement a bit erratic and was slightly close behind.
- 3 Dunkley's DRIFTCOT TOMMY

Puppy Dog

- 1 Smith's NIGHTWING ONE MORE 9 months eye catching black who won on his movement. Muzzle could be loner. Good reach of neck, upper arm a little short. Good length of body, good hind angulation.
- 2 Roe's BALLALYNS FACE TO FACE AT DARKHYL Good head spoilt by large ears. Good long neck, straighter behind than 1.
- 3 Guntrip's BRACHAN GLEN KELSO

Junior Dog

- 1 Wilkinson's HUNACRES KLARK GABLE Very curvy male, good head and expression but flat ears. Nice long neck leading into well laid shoulder and upper arm, stands over a lot of ground, good width of stifle. Hocks a little long and needs to strengthen behind. Very promising young dog.
- 2 Parsons' KILFENORAS FIRST MATE Very different type to 1. Very tall and very much in his teenage stage, shorter in muzzle and neck than 1 and a bit narrow in front and weak in pastern. Carries his tail very high. A lot of maturing to do.

Yearling Dog

- 1 Holder & Howe's MASCOTTS MY EMPEROR Well made black, slightly small head with good expression. Long strong neck into well angulated shoulders, good width to chest, good tight feet, well ribbed back, strong well angulated hindquarters, moved well with reach and drive.
- 2 Pain's RAVENSBEech CINCINATTI Lovely head with good strong muzzle. Ears large but held well, good front assembly, good length of back, good rear angulation, moved well. Looking more immature than 1.
- 3 Pask's AINSEA MADOC OF BARONGLEN

Beginners Dog

Novice Dog

- 1 Peek's KILFENORAS HOMEWARD BOUND TO MILKWOOD Very substantial wheaten, would prefer longer muzzle. Lovely dark eyes, long strong neck. Rather straight front, rise over loin starts too far forward. Good width of stifle, lovely long second thigh and good short hocks. Moved well but a bit proud of his tail.
- 2 Wilkinson's HUNACRES KOLE PORTER Litter brother to junior dog winner. Although I preferred this dog standing and he is very similar to his brother, this dog really disappointed on the move. Did not have the reach and drive that I would expect and seemed to lift up from the ground. Maybe his large bursas have affected his movement.

Post Graduate Dog

- 1 Pinkney's HYDEBECK DEMETRIUS Everything about this dog flowed under my hand, from his lovely head, long strong neck, good shoulders, well filled chest, good straight forelegs and tight feet, good topline and well drawn up belly, long second thigh and short strong hocks. Would have like more drive from behind by he improved in the challenge.
- 2 Clarke's RIVENHOUND STEEPLECHASER Substantial wheaten, with good dark eyes, good head a little short in neck. Deep chest, good length of back a little straighter behind than 1.

Limit Dog

- 1 McMillan & McCall's SADE ROSSI TO BALLALYN Very shapely dog, lovely head and expression. Good length of neck in good front assembly, deep chest well ribbed back, strong well angulated hindquarters, moved well but lacked a little enthusiasm. Lovely dog but would like him a little larger
- 2 Watson's RIVENHOUND CHASE THE ACE Well boned cream, good head and lovely furnishings. Ears slightly large, strong neck, well drawn up belly, good topline. Moved a little close behind.

Open Dog

- 1 McConnell's HYDEBECK MENELAUS Good head, gentle expression, good rose ears, long strong neck. Upper arm a little steep and would lie more rise over loin. Well proportioned with good height and length, good width to stifle and long second thighs. Short strong hocks, moved well.
- 2 Dambois & Deluet's AME DE LOUP DES COURS DE LUNE Although a bit weak in pastern and slightly flat front feet, preferred the overall type of this dog to 3. Good length of leg and stands over a lot of ground, melting expression, correct rose ears, good spring of rib, moved well.
- 3 Barnbrook & Smith-King's SANTIR PRIDE OF SCOTLAND AT BRIBIBA

Minor Puppy Bitch

A really lovely class with some very promising bitches – 1 and 2 were very close.

- 1 Brooks & McDonald-Ulliott's HIBECK RACHEL Lovely head and expression, long neck leading into one of the better fronts of the day, good length of leg, long back with correct rise over loin and plenty of ribbing, well angulated rear, moved freely and easily.
- 2 Goodall & Painter's DRIFTCOT WICKED A super quality puppy, lovely head and expression, well laid shoulders, good length of leg, good cat feet, good rear angulation, slightly shorter coupled than 1, moved well.
- 3 Timmins & Box's DRIFTCOT EVITA

Puppy Bitch

- 1 McMillan's BALLALYNS THE EASY WAY 10 months dark brindle, really liked this girl, lovely head good long neck, well laid shoulders, long legs and standing over a lot of ground, good tuck up, correct rise over loin, strong rear well angulated, long second thigh, moved with reach and drive.
- 2 MacLeod's BRACHAN LOCH AISLA Good head and correct rose ears. Neck a little heavy in proportion to body. Good length of back. A little steep in croup, which is making her stand a little tucked under at the moment. Very well angulated rear, lovely long lashing tail and moved well despite her handler's flying tackle at the judge.

Junior Bitch

- 1 Pain's RAVENSBEECH SABELLA Lovely head, long strong neck well angulated good length, nice tuck up. Falls away a little sharply at the croup. Good width of stifle, very houndy, moved with good extension in front and drive behind.

2 Peek's KILFENORA MAIDEN VOYAGE TO MILKWOOD Different type and more mature looking than 1. Would like slightly longer muzzle t good furnishings and lovely dark eyes, rose ears, good depth of chest. A little dippy in topline but good underline, great width of stifle, moved well.

Yearling Bitch

1 Pask's SOLSTRAND YELENA OF BARONGLEN Lovely type, lovely head, good long strong neck into well laid shoulders, plenty of daylight underneath her and the length to balance it. Well angulated rear, moved well, a little upright in pastern.

2 Holder & Howe's MASCOTTS MY LOLA Shapely well made bitch, good head spoilt by large ears. Good angulation, well filled in chest. Moved with purpose.

3 Trethowan's BRAEWISAN AIBREAUN

Beginners Bitch

1 Tresize-Dundas's SOLSTRAND WILLOW WISHMAKER Would like a longer neck and more spring to pastern, front feet a little flat. Shapely bitch with good length of back and well angulated rear, extended well in profile but a bit close behind.

2 Bromwell's JOHDRA DOUBLE EMM Very immature bitch, good head, lovely furnishings, correct rose ears, nice long neck. Straighter in front and behind than 1.

Post Graduate Bitch

1 Malley's AINSEA GYPSY Built to hung, long muzzle, keen expression, great length of neck but still strong, well laid shoulder and well filled in chest. Well sprung rib, good length of back with correct rise over the loins, strong well angulated rear quarters used well on the move, covering the ground with ease. Good width of stifle. Looked a little immature next to the dog in the challenge, but a super bitch.

2 Goodson's MORALACH LIL WEE BIT O'JOY Heavier built but a well made bitch with no exaggerations. Good head, ears and neck, straighter in front than 1, good strong rear and moved freely.

3 Watson's RIVENHOUND CHASE ME

Limit Bitch

1 McHugh's MADIAMOY EMERALD AIR Good head, eye and ears, neck could be a bit longer. Good breadth of chest, good long back wit correct arch over the loin, well ribbed back, one of the best movers today. Coat could be crisper.

2 MacLeod's BRACHAN BUSTED KHIA A workmanlike, plainer hound. Correct head proportions, long strong neck. Good forechest and depth of chest, good rear angulation. Slightly flatter in topline than 1, moved freely.

3 Goodson's MADIAMOY BABY BOLLINGER

Open Bitch

1 Barnbrook & Smith-King's BRIBIBA DESTINY OF SCOTLAND A strong, shapely bitch, lovely head. Ears could be smaller. Well filled in chest, good underline, deep chest, well ribbed back. Steady, powerful mover.

2 Tebbutt's CUALAINNE PSYCHE CAREDIG Good long muzzle, lovely rose ears, good length of neck, well laid shoulder. Looked a little overdone behind for perfect balance. A very pleasing workmanlike bitch.

3 Pain's RAVENSBEECH BRITTANICA

Veteran Dog/Bitch

1 Tebbutt's CAREDIG KALAMITY JANE Plain but correct head, well angulated. Good topline and tuck up, moved with a grace and power that belied her seven years.

- 2 Gilbert's ANSTYARNA MOR BROC More substantial dog than 1, nice head, large ears. A little flat in topline. Good deep chest, moved soundly.
- 3 Holder & Howe's NELLWYNS MR MIDNIGHT

Brace

- 1 Barnbrook & Smith-King's
- 2 Tebbutt's

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