

Irish Wolfhound Club
Open Show
12th November 2011
Judge's Critique

I was delighted and honoured by the invitation to judge this well run club show. The classes were held indoors on a good surface but a number of exhibits seemed quite unsettled and some may have benefited from a larger ring. A very friendly show, with excellent, tolerant temperament demonstrated by all handlers and exhibitors! Thank you to all and especially my stewards who kept me in order and up to schedule.

Minor Puppy Dog (4.0 absent)

1 - Pask's Baronglen The Lawman - Very shapely, well grown, tall, but balanced 8½ mo. boy. Masculine head carried proudly. Good bone & leg length, broad thighs and hocks. Well angulated hindquarters. Best movement from all sides of all the youngsters today. BPIS.

2 - Dawson's Shalico Rolling Stone - Another balanced young male of good type, bone and substance. Typical head with very tidy ears. Moved well coming & going & in profile.

3 - Goodson's Moralach The Gambling Man - Less than to 2. Balanced with good bone. Good forequarters, bend of stifle & low hocks. Ribbing carried well back but needs to deepen and fill in some. Feet a little soft at present. Good harsh coat.

Puppy Dog (2.0 absent)

1 - Chichvarkin's Barachois One In A Million - Long cast, shapely dog with dark eye and good pigment. Strong neck of good length. Good bone, deep ribbing & broad hindquarters. Balanced angulation. Good pasterns and feet. Excellent coat. Unfortunately rather unsettled indoors today.

2 - Griffin's Kilrein Red River - Younger but less mature than 1. Well pigmented. Tidy ears. Good leg length. Good shoulder but needs to develop in chest and hindquarters. Short, strong pasterns with tidy feet. Super tail but needs to settle on the move. A little unruly in movement but very good fore and aft when settles.

Junior Dog (3.1 absent)

1 - Gilbert's Madaimoy King Arold Returns To Antsyarna - Shapely almost 12 mo. fawn dog. Often well held ears. Proud head carriage. Long neck. Stands over a lot of ground. Good topline, first & second thigh. Needs to settle down into front and pasterns. Positive movement in front; a little close behind. Good in profile but outline spoilt by tail.

2 - Dawson's Gartlove Ghleaningairdoch At Graefyn - Balanced 13 mo. boy. Good underline, topline & broad hindquarters. Good feet, bone & length of leg. Not the head of 1 but dark eye and good pigment. Movement if a little wide in front, very good from the rear. Tail carriage may settle with age and experience.

Yearling Dog (5.1 absent)

1 - Stirling's Clanlily Baron Of The Glen - Very balanced 18 mo. dog. Good eye & pigmentation. Well constructed fore- and hindquarters. Scored in ribbing, topline & underline. Good feet & bone. Excellent positive front, hind & profile movement. Just lacked the age and maturity to challenge for BD.

2 - Box & Braine's Hollyhenge Diamond Geezer - Dark masculine dog with lots of scope but today more raw than 1. Typical head & expression. Well pigmented. Strong neck, deep, well sprung ribbing carried well back. Strong loin. Nice straight limbs. Excellent profile movement. Very promising.

3 - Lockett's Tatteredgown Remezzo De Caversmill - Just 12 mo. dog with masculine head & nice dark eye. Not yet the outline of 1 & 2. Strong forequarters, well developed forechest & good ribbing. Scored on topline and balance of angulation. Straight limbs, low hocks, good profile movement.

Novice Dog (2.0 absent)

1 – Griffin’s Kilrein Red River

2 - Du Rose’s Little Brother Von Der Oelmuhle At Heliodot - 23 mo. dog with dark hazel eye & good pigment on masculine head. Long, strong, well arched neck set well into good shoulder with good return of upper arm. Well sprung ribs & long, strong bone. Very tidy feet. Odd glimpse of good front and hind movement, but very unsettled in this venue, so difficult to assess and tending to crouch, anxiously when stacked today.

Post Graduate Dog (3. 2 absent)

1 – Dawson’s Gartlove Ghleannairdoch At Graefyn - Solidly built, well balanced, masculine hound. Shapley underline. Well developed first & second thigh. Excellent tail. Improved muscle tone might help topline. Good bone, pasterns & feet. Could carry less weight. Positive fore and hind movement, typical in profile.

Limit Dog (5. 3 absent)

1 - Holder & Howe’s Mascott’s My Emperor - Soundly constructed 4 y.o. dog. High set ears and strikingly high head carriage. Excellent fore-chest and well sprung ribbing, carried well back. Well developed first & second thigh. Well made feet. Rather longer cast and can drop in topline otherwise moved well.

2 – Bradley’s Caredig Emmett At Glengail - Taller, more rangy dog with dark eyed masculine head and typical expression. Long neck well set on. Good leg length, strong pasterns & good feet. Unable to give of his best today as rather unsettled and anxious.

Open Dog (6. 2 absent)

1 – Timmin’s Ballyphelan Panther Cornovi - Long cast but balanced 2 ½ y.o. dog, not the tallest, constructed very soundly throughout. Typical head set on very strong neck. Good ears, dark hazel eyes and good pigment. Well made in fore- & hindquarters. Well served with straight bone and excellent feet. Very good in fore, hind & profile movement. BD. BOS.

2 – McMillans’ Ballalyn’s Shakey – 3 y.o dog, taller than 1,.. Well proportioned. Masculine head, set on strong neck of good length. Very well ribbed. Not as positive in front or front movement as 1. Good hind and profile movement. RBD.

3 – Rarsons’ Kolfenora’s First Mate - 5 y.o. wheaten dog. Good outline and proportions standing. Balanced angulation, without exaggeration. Strong neck, well set into shoulder. Excellent coat. Not the width of movement in front & not the drive of 1 & 2.

Veteran Dog (2. 0 absent)

1 – McConnells’ Ch. Hydebeck Menelaus - 7 y.o. dog in excellent condition, well muscled with a typical outline. Excellent, balanced conformation, especially of forequarters. Good feet. Typical profile movement.

2 – Ward’s Rathdaws Porthos At Backtor - Older, very masculine dog, still in good condition. Nice in profile. Excellent coat. Not the strength behind or movement of 1.

Veteran Bitch (7. 0 absent)

1 – Sheppard’s Goldswift Snow Leopard – Exceptionally sound, if smaller, 9 ½ y.o. bitch. Lovely balanced, well proportioned girl with super outline fully maintained on the move. No contest on the move. Best VB. Best VIS.

2 – Pinkney’s Victoria Plum - 8 ½ bitch. Nice outline. Good in head & neck but not the forequarters of 1..

3 - Gilberts’ Anstyarna Bizzi Bee – Soundly made 8 ½ y.o. bitch of nice type. Dark eye & good pigment. Strong neck well set into good forequarters. Excellent ribbing & good topline. Strong in loin, well muscled first & second thigh.

Minor Puppy Bitch (4. 2 absent)

1 - McCall’s McLight Star Light - 8 ½ mo. bitch. Preferred her head, eye, neck set & balance. Very sound in movement, indeed all round very up together for her age.

2 – Pasks’ Baronglen Miss Lilybet – Taller, appropriately raw & less finished than 1. at the same age. May change places as adults. Very feminine. Has length of leg & scope in body. Moving very well especially outline in profile.

Junior Bitch (4. 1 absent)

1 – Ashby’s Ashgroave Tumbulgum – Very up together, fawn 17 mo. bitch. Liked her outline, balance & proportions. Feminine head on strong well arched neck set well into good forequarters. Typical topline, strong, well made first & second thighs. Excellent profile & hind movement.

2 – Johnson & Parson’s Nellwyns Miss Saigon With Kilfenora – Just 12 mo. raw youngster. Well grown with good bone & feet. Excellent ribbing, strong loin & broad thighs. Not yet the frame or side extension of 1..

3 – Cramphorn’s Yelxba Mera – another raw young girl. 15 mo., overall well put together. Balanced moderate angulation, strong short pasterns. Nice straight limbs. Needs to settle in movement.

Yearling Bitch (6. 3 absent)

1 – Pinkney’s Rivenhound Imperial Cream To Hydeback JW – Well pigmented, light grey, 19 mo, quality bitch. Well balanced and proportioned. Long, strong neck. Good pasterns & feet. Well made fore- & hindquarters without exaggeration giving excellent fore, hind & profile movement. Strongly considered for higher awards.

2 – Tebbutt’s Knocknarea Zetagh Caredig – Well made 18 mo. bitch shorter in outline than 1. with bone & substance. Proud head carriage on long, strong neck, well set into shoulder. Good forechest & deep long ribbing. Well muscled broad loin. Stacked well but not her day today – very unsettled showing in erratic movement up & down and in profile failure to lengthen, as she certainly should be able.

Special Beginners Bitch (2. 1 absent)

1 – Avevor’s Clanlily Lady Of Fortune – A soundly constructed promising youngster in need of ring training at 18 mo.. Good shoulder, very well muscled loin & powerfully made hindquarters. Can move quite positively coming and going. Playing up her handler and very unsettled. In excellent condition with good coat quality.

Novice Bitch (3. 2 absent)

1 – Stirling’s Clanlily Sky Of Diamonds – 18 mo. bitch of striking outline. Lovely feminine head, super set of neck. Long straight limbs with good pasterns & feet. Correct topline. Good movement. Might stride out better when settled.

Post Graduate Bitch (5. 2 absent)

Three very nice bitches

1 - Court’s Ravenbeech Valeria. - Tall, impressive 23 mo. bitch with sound construction, pleasing outline and exceptional balance throughout. Proud head carriage, good body & ribbing, muscular loin & powerful hindquarters. Very positive movement with lovely extension. A long, light stride holding a super outline. BB, BOB, BIS.

2 – Staytes’ Doolalley’s Magic Lace At Carwenwy – Slightly younger & not the size or substance of 1. At just 20 mo. another quality, balanced bitch. Fawn, with dark hazel eye, good pigment & typical expression with high set ears. Well made but not quite the movement up & down of 1.

3 - Parsons’ Milkwood My Lily Marlena At Kilfenora. Similar age, but not the balance of 1 & 2. Good in head, ears, forequarters & ribbing. Good feet & excellent harsh coat. Moved well in profile. Longest of tails!

Limit Bitch (13. 9 absent)

1 - Holder & Howe’s Mascott’s Another Story – Balanced mature 2 y.o. bitch. Feminine head. Tidy, high set ears. Good shape & plenty of length,. Well angulated with good first & second thigh, topline & underline. Secured the class on the move. RBB RBOB RBIS

2 - Cole’s Culkeeran Thornbird – Another soundly constructed bitch without exaggeration. 2 ½ y.o. with strong neck, well set in and very well muscled loin. Well boned with good pasterns & feet. Typical profile movement. Positive coming & going.

3 – Wilkinson’s Cairnstorm Vermillion Via Hunacres ShCM – 2 ½ y.o. bitch, shapley in profile. Well balanced, low hocks & good feet. Caught my eye for type but not the movement of 1 & 2.

Open Bitch (5. 2 absent)

1 – McMillan’s Ballayn’s The Easy Way – Well made, balanced 3½ y.o. bitch without exaggeration. Firm front, well angulated hindquarters. Good bone & substance. Moved well coming, going & in profile.

2 – Tebbutt’s Caredig Grace – Another well constructed mature bitch. 5 y.o. with good bone & substance, shoulder & upper arm. Well developed first & second thigh. Had the class standing, threw it away on very unsettled movement.

3 – Simpson’s Tatteredgown Truce – Feminine 4 y.o. bitch with long neck, set well into good forehand with strong pasterns & tidy feet. Unsettled today, showing in her movement.

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