

## Irish Wolfhound Club Open Show 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014

What a great day and an honour to judge The Irish Wolfhound Club Open Show at the Kennel Club's fabulous venue. I would like to thank all involved in making the day run so smoothly and a huge thanks to the exhibitors for giving me the opportunity to go over such a wonderful field of dogs. My sincere thanks to you all.

MPD (1) 1<sup>st</sup> Redferns Rainster Ilya 8 mth old at his first show. Lovely head, long muzzle, good eye, rosed ears teeth looked good hard to assess his bite. Long strong neck leading to a good shoulder and long straight legs. Well ribbed back with a deep chest. Standing a bit high in the rear & would prefer a little more angulation in the rear, movement a bit slow a little on the leg at the moment.

PD (2) Two 10mth old litter brothers. 1st Pains Ravensbeeche Credo. Balanced head with correct bite, well set rosed ears. Strong neck, correct lay of shoulders, width and depth to fore chest, straight legs with spring of pastern and tight feet. Deep chest, ribbed well back, correct rise over the loin and tail set. Good width to stifles and long second thighs, muscle starting to develop. Lovely shape with flowing lines which he held on the move. BPIS 2nd Addington Ravensbeeche Comitas of Wolvebrigg. Good head with more furnishings than his brother, correct bite and dark eye, would prefer less stop and holds his ears a little flat at times. A strong neck into good shoulder and deep chest. Ample width of stifle and length of leg but not quite the angulation of 1. Moved ok but not with the drive and fluidity of 1.

YD (5) 1<sup>st</sup> Porter's Pitlochry's Quaros for Lindall (Imp Ned). Only 19mths old but gives a very commanding masculine appearance. Balanced head, dark eye, correct bite and small neatly rosed ears. A strong neck, good forechest giving width and depth. Deep chest well ribbed back, would like a little more length in the loin, used his well-muscled rear to drive from behind when on the move covering the ground, holding his tail in the correct position. 2nd Bogart's Nellwyns Mr Ozymandis. Nice head with good pigmentation and correct bite, more of a stop than 1 and larger ears. Deep chest and forechest, well ribbed. Good width to stifle but not the angulation of 1 nor the drive from rear quarters on the move held tail high.

ND (3,1a) 1<sup>st</sup> Lefleys Hydebeck Imperial Comander of Nicsar. 1yr old, just out of puppy, very masculine with lovely furnishings, correct bite, dark eyes and rosed ears. Deep chest, rise to loin, would like a little more rear angulation. Carrying a bit too much weight which showed on the move. 2<sup>nd</sup> Stranges Titan Destroyer of Worlds. 19 mth old, dark eye, correct bite and ears but head finer than 1. Would prefer longer neck and better lay of shoulder. Deep chest would have preferred more length to ribbing. Tail carried high and curled which distracted from outline on the move.

PGD (2) 1<sup>st</sup> Vaudins Fearghas Really Irish in Torteval (Imp Cze) 2 yr old with a pleasing head neat ears and correct bite. Shorter neck leading to adequate shoulders and front angulation with forechest that would benefit from a little more fill. Good depth of brisket. Good width and length to rear angulation, easy movement with reach and drive. 2<sup>nd</sup> Stranges Titan Destroyer of Worlds.

LD (6,1a) 1<sup>st</sup> Redferns Rainster Azlan just coming up to 3yr old, presented as a masculine well balanced dog. Lovely head shape and proportions would just prefer a tighter ear. Strong arched neck into correct shoulder and forequarters giving depth and width to forechest. Deep chest, well ribbed and good tuck up with correct rise over loin. Good width to stifles and long second thigh that he

made excellent use of on the move holding his shape and topline. Pushed the BD very hard in the challenge. 2<sup>nd</sup> Patemans Nellwyns Mr Heathcliffe at Glydas, another approaching 3 yrs. Head good would prefer less stop, correct bite and eye, tended to fold ear rather than rose. Good lay of shoulder and angulation to forequarters however not the forechest or depth of 1. Plenty of width and depth to brisket, rise over loin but lacking in tuck up. Not the width of 1 in stifle nor the drive from the rear in movement but covered the ground well.

OD (4,2a) 1<sup>st</sup> Stirling's Clanlily Baron of the Glen. 3 yr old attractive well balanced hound in hard condition. Super head with correct bite and ear carriage, powerful neck leading into good shoulders. Width and depth throughout his body, deep chest, well ribbed back with adequate tuck up. Rise over loin sweeping down to correct tail carriage, width to stifle, length to second thigh and short rear pasterns. Moved really well today, easy and active and this combined with his maturity gained him the edge to take BD, RBIS. 2<sup>nd</sup> Treadwell's Hibeck Hugo Boss at Floydian. 3 yr old powerful looking dog of good size. Correct bite, dark eye and lovely rosed ears. Strong neck into good shoulder with width and depth to forechest. Deep chest, well ribbed, a little steep in croup. Not as free moving as 1.

VD (1) 1<sup>st</sup> Holder and Howe's Mascotts My Emperor. 7 yr old, good forechest & depth of chest, strong angulated hind quarters, he could have shown some of the youngsters how to move super to watch him driving around the ring.

VB (6,2a) 1<sup>st</sup> Holders & Howes Mascotts Mica. 8¾ yr old, lovely feminine head with small rosed ears. Good forechest with depth. Good width and angulation to stifle & short rear pasterns which she used to full advantage, out moving all in her class and some of the younger ones as well on the move, a pleasure to watch. BVIS 2<sup>nd</sup> Donaldson's Ravensbeece Camarillo at Kirkcarswell. 7yr old lovely balanced tall bitch. Well rosed ears with a dark eye. Deep chest good tuck up and rise over loin. Not the rear angulation of 1 moved well.

PB (4,2a) 1<sup>st</sup> Pains Ravensbeece Caritas. 10 mth old, very feminine, lovely head, ears could be slightly tighter. Strong neck into good shoulder and front angulation. Deep chest flowing nicely into tuck up. Strong hind quarters with well let down hocks. Moved out well holding her top line. 2<sup>nd</sup> Porters Geal Cailin for Lindall. 9 mth old with a lovely puppy head complete with furnishings & good pigmentation. Strong neck into ok shoulders. Good topline with rise over loin and balanced angulation front and rear, not the drive of 1 on the move.

JB (6,1a) 1<sup>st</sup> Heathers Whiteorchard Venusta. 16 mth old, lovely overall type, very feminine. Dark pigmentation, rosed ears and correct bite. Strong long neck into good shoulder and lay of upper arm showing forechest and depth. Long straight legs with spring of pastern. Well ribbed deep chest, rise over loin good width and angulation to rear, and would prefer a slightly shorter rear pastern. Lovely stride holding her shape on the move. 2<sup>nd</sup> Appleyards Conmeryl Maeve. 15 mth old shorter type than 1 and not as feminine. Correct bite, ears could be tighter. Strong shorter neck into correct shoulder, good width throughout, deep well ribbed chest and rise over loin. Well-muscled not as long in stride as 1 on the move and high tail spoilt her outline.

YB (7,2a) 1<sup>st</sup> Gregory's Killoughery Bliss. 20 mth old, tall, shapely and feminine bitch. Good head with small rosed ears and excellent pigmentation. Strong neck leading into well laid shoulders. Deep and wide forechest. Well ribbed back with rise over loin. She is well muscled with ample angulation good second thigh. Once settled covered the ground well. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wilkinson's Conmeryl Merriment over Hunacres. 15 mth old not as mature as 1, deep chest, rise over loin and is well muscled. Movement is settled but stride not as long as 1. Coat harsh, maturing well.

NB (6,4a) 1<sup>st</sup> Appleyards Conmeryl Maeve. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fox Hydebeck Imperial Vision. 12 mth old pleasing head with dark pigmentation and rosed ears. Long neck and deep chest, would prefer longer ribbing. Correct rise over the loin, would prefer more angulation to stifle, enabling more fluidity to movement.

PGB (4,1a) 1st Timmins Cornovi Karisma. 2 ½ yr old typical head correct bite and rosed ears leading into a long strong neck, shoulder placement ok, deep forechest with depth of brisket well ribbed back. Good angulation and length of second thigh, enabling her to drive from the rear when moving, light on her feet. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dolling's Madiamoy Miss Money Box of Chaobie. 3½ yr old lovely head with a gentle expression has a good strong neck, but the depth or width to forechest of 1. Good depth of brisket and good tuck up. Correct rise over loin and good croup. Would prefer more angulation to stifle, not the drive of 1 when moving.

LB (4,1a) 1<sup>st</sup> Sumner's Ballyphelan Black Cap. 3 yr old good head and excellent pigmentation. Strong neck, with deep chest and good ribbing. Correct rise over loin and with good width across stifle. Drove well from the rear on the move. 2<sup>nd</sup> Donaldson's Rainster Rosa at Kirkcarswell. 6 yr old plainer head than 1 ears neat but not rosed, bite good. Shoulders ok, chest deep with tuck up. Would prefer more width to stifle. A steady true mover but did not cover the ground as well as 1.

OB (7,2a) 1<sup>st</sup> Johnsons Nellwyns Miss Pollyanna. 2 ½ yr old. Lovely feminine head correct bite, rosed ears and good pigmentation. Strong neck leading into correct shoulders and forechest. Deep chest well ribbed back, flows nicely into tuck up. Correct rise over loin sweeping into correct croup. Good width to stifle and nicely angulated. Movement free and easy driving round the ring with purpose. The flowing lines and proportions of this young bitch coupled to her free and easy movement made her stand out BB and Best in Show. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bradleys Glengail Nniamh. 3 yr old, typical head with good pigmentation and rosed ears. Shoulder lay good into adequate forechest. Brisket deep and well ribbed. Good width to stifle and angulation. Movement is sound but not as free and easy as 1. RBB

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