

The Irish Wolfhound Club Rally & Fun Day

What a lovely surprise to be asked to judge the fun classes at the rally. I was honoured to be given the opportunity to be part of such a special day. The temperature was scorching and reached 30 degrees during the afternoon which appeared very demanding for the dogs, however luckily there were plenty of trees available for good protection. Generally everyone coped well and it was a friendly and social atmosphere for all to enjoy. I was overwhelmed with the stories of the rescue hounds and in awe of all the hard work and dedication of the Rescue Trust. Our breed is so lucky to have such a caring and well organised team.

My classes were as follows:

Longest Tail

What a selection of lovely long tails. The prize was given to Paddy & Gill Grice's Ahaon.

Best Head/Expression

So many to choose from, they were all so lovely but I chose Caroline's Whisper she is so beautiful.

Dog Most Like Owner

They both dressed up exceptionally well considering it was such a hot day. I gave the prize to Linda and Paul Atkinson's Finlay.

Junior Handling (12-16)

What a star! Caitlin Simpson and her Border Collie Snoopy.

Adult Handling (25 & over)

This was a hard decision with four proficient handlers. I gave the prize to Caroline with her lovely Hopi who was rescued with a broken leg, such a sweet and gentle girl.

Fancy Dress

Well, everyone went to town! The winners were the Mexican trio... what can I say such a grand performance; we all expected to be serenaded with La Bamba! Congratulations to Paddy and Gill Grice's Lia, Ahaon, Ealga.

Best 6 Legs

I gave Wendy and Nellie the first place - it was the body art!

Dog The Judge Would Take Home

This time I loved them all but finally decided I would take Nimbus with me. He is such a sweetheart and has gone through so much during his young life. Bless him.

Irish Brace

This was supposed to be the dogs who are most different. I chose Snoopy/Willow a Border Collie and IWH belonging to Sonali and Gwen. Totally different.

Best Veteran

What a wonderful group of veterans, a credit to you all. The winner was Linda and Paul Atkinson's Finlay.

I would like to thank the stewards who did such a well organised job and also the special exhibitors for their kind and sporting entry.

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