Darlington Championship show – Judge Mrs Linda Firth

Not the biggest of entries but thank you to all who entered. Just a couple of points which I think could be improved upon. Firstly teeth – please do check your Cairn's teeth to make sure they are clean. This is important for the show ring as well as the dog's health in the future. Secondly, I think that stops could be improved. The breed standard says "a decided indentation between the eyes with a definite stop." Many Cairns lacked this with hardly any difference in incline between muzzle and skull.

Puppy Dog – 0

Junior Dog – 1
1st – Jones & Arnold's Tycadno Tom Foolery
A good example of the breed, he had a profuse coat and a very masculine head with deep stop and neat ears. Adequate length of neck, clean shoulders and correct tail set. Nice Cairn temperament and strode around the ring with plenty of confidence. Moved very well in front and showed well.

Post Graduate Dog – 0

Limit Dog – (4, 1A)
1st – Parker Tucker's Uniquecottage Grey Borage
Good coat on this cream, double and of the correct texture. Medium and well balanced with a strong head. Straight in front with good bone. Well muscled rear with nice bend of stifle. Conformation all first class and I thought he was one of the best movers of the day. I liked him a lot, I just wish he had that bit more oomph to show himself at his best. **RDCC.**
2nd – Munday's Lentrica Mystic Warrior
Showy dark brindle. I particularly liked his head, masculine with strong muzzle, good breadth of skull and expressive eyes. Strong neck, level topline, correct tailset. A shade more compact than winner but well balanced. Handled and presented well. Excellent rear movement.
3rd – Lamb & Saltmarsh's Birselaw Dark Charmer for Macmoon Sh.cm Vw – smart grey brindle, of medium size. Beautiful head. Really steady mover and showed well. **Best Veteran**

Open Dog – 4 (1A)
1st – Shannon, Storr & Middlehurst's Brenndarcy It's Magic Ai
Correct size, medium and well balanced with adequate bone. Excellent double coat. Straight front, correct lay of shoulder, level topline which he kept on the move. Head of correct proportions with eyes of the correct shape and colour. Good mouth. Moved well, reaching out in front and driving from his well muscled rear. Today he was on top form, he showed with animation. Presented a lovely picture. **DCC.**
2nd – Petts' Ch Doonrae Sentinel
Light brindle, a longer cast Cairn than winner. I loved his stance and the way he shows in the ring to show off his many attributes. The way he does this accentuates his excellent flow and length of neck and he carries his head proudly. Level topline. Good driving rear movement. I know this dog is a well deserved Champion but I cannot help but think that his best is yet to come. Today his coat was not at its best. Very well handled.
3rd – Purvis' Mosspur Time and Again

Veteran Bitch – 1 (1A)

Puppy Bitch – (3)
A nice class of very promising puppies
1st – Petts' Doonrae Tuesday's Child
Ultra smart cream with a lovely jacket. Pretty feminine head which she carried proudly. Excels in length and flow of neck. Level topline, kept on the move. She had that typical Cairn puppy temperament, very mischievous, looking for anything she could get into, including the clumps of grass when she moved. She reminded me of one of my own in her younger days. But she settled and when she moved, she moved true.

She stood particularly well, well forward on her forepaws. Yes I know she is bigger than some, I just hope that she has stopped growing. **BP**
2nd – Shannon & Storr's Brenndarcy Witches Promise,
I liked her a lot. She has a lovely head, correct eye and neat ears, her conformation is first class. She moved very well and was a lively showgirl. Nice red, with a new coat just coming in. Medium and well balanced, nice flow of neck and straight front. Nice depth of brisket for one so young.
She won over her litter sister who was nice but needed a bit more body and coat to complete the picture.
3rd – Wright's Brenndarcy Spellbinding for Glenmonte

Junior Bitch (2)
1st – Munday's Furythor Marvel at Me
Very showy dark brindle, a strong, well-built bitch who has a lot to like. In excellent coat and well presented. Correct size. I liked her head, deep stop and broad skull, short muzzle, good mouth. Moved well, both front and rear.
2nd – Parker Tucker's Birselaw Floral Dancer of Uniquecottage
Cream, a slightly longer cast bitch than winner. She had a correct textured coat and is of a nice type. Pretty head, correct mouth, enough bone but she didn't give off her best today, if she had it would have been a very close decision. Moved OK when settled.

Post Graduate Bitch (3, 1A)
1st – Parker Tucker's Uniquecottage Red Chervil
Red of nice size, medium throughout and balanced. Feminine head of correct proportions. Strong quarters, strong loin. Handled well on the table, adequately boned. In correct double coat. When settled she moved true both ways.
2nd Dodds' Droverlaw Messie Bessie
Brindle with an excellent, rather profuse coat of correct texture. Lovely head. Less coat would show of her good proportions as she handled well on the table. She would also benefit from losing a little weight which might give her a bit more animation in the ring.

Limit Bitch (3)
1st – Percy's Winetta Frankly My Dear
Cream bitch with the desired dark points. She presented a lovely clean outline with enough daylight under her. Medium sized and well balanced with the most lovely well proportioned head with deep stop, broad skull and expressive eyes giving that true Cairn expression. She had a good depth of brisket and straight front, well boned with a level topline and strong loin. Enough neck. She moved out very well, driving from her well muscled rear. True in front, good reach. Just sparkled today. **BCC**.
2nd – Soper's Elitecharm Showgirl
A sound, dark brindle bitch with a typical head and expression. Nice length of neck flowing into clean shoulders. Strong back, level topline, well angulated rear. In good coat. Showed well, moved OK. Very unlucky to meet 1 in such fine form.
3rd – Purvis' Springtime Rose at Mosspur

Open Bitch (2, 1A)
1st – Felters & Rumens' Ch Birselaw Caol Ila at Landbuck
Dark red brindle in profuse coat. Correct size with enough neck. Well balanced head, good mouth, level topline, strong loin. Well muscled in rear. Drove from behind with adequate width and reached out in front. Showed well, good rapport with handler, wagging her tail all the time. On the day she appeared a little low to ground, the grass was long. A worthy Champion nevertheless. RBCC

Linda Firth (Judge)