Darlington Dog Show Society - Judge: Dr A Firth

First of all I would like to thank the Darlington Dog Show Committee for hosting such a well organised event with as always, a pristine showground. A big thank you to all exhibitors – In these times of rising costs of fuel (and everything else frankly) showing is significantly more expensive than it once was and your support is very much appreciated. In spite of the entry being smaller than previous years I was delighted that there was not a single absentee.

VD (1, 0 abs)

1. Lamb & Saltmarsh's Bireslaw Dark Charmer For Macmoon Shcm Vw – 8 years old, pleasing dark brindle with intelligent expression and expressive head. Keen showman with full complement of teeth. Good front movement, correct weight and in good coat. Best Veteran.

PD – (0)

JD – (2, 0 abs)

1. Petts' Doonrae Sentinel – 18 month old red brindle. The picture of a 'typey' Cairn Terrier just coming into his own. Correct bite with nice large teeth. Excellent flow of neck flowing into well laid shoulders and a level topline that was maintained in the move. Perfect weight with double coat in nice condition. Not overdone. Really settled on the move in the challenge becoming very consistent. Showed all out. Dog CC, BOB
2. Hiam's Carradine Arfa Pint – 12 month old dark red brindle. Typical head, correct bite. Coat coming in well. Moves well front and back. Showing well, responsive to handler.

PGD – (1, 0 abs)

1. Dodd's Droverlaw Follow My Shadow – 22 month old brindle of strong stature. Correctly built and in proportion with good depth of chest. Correct dark eye with lovely expression. Moves steadily.

LD – (2, 0 abs)

1. Hiam's Carradine Podgy Paddie – Light grey brindle with darker points. Attractive typey specimen of correct size. Nicely pigmented eye with attractive dark points surrounding, correct deep stop and keen expression. Correct mouth. Built very nicely and not heavy at all. Flows well and excels in front movement. Nice coarse double coat on the body but could be a better texture on the legs. Res Dog CC
2. Lamb & Saltmarsh's Birselaw Come Dancing with MacMoon JW ShCM, ShCEx, OSW – Well built dark brindle shown in profuse double coat. Very distinctly masculine. Constructed correctly with level topline and well muscled hindquarters. Rear movement very good.

OD – (1,0 abs)

1. Waites, Goddard & Dennis' Ch Good Times Ahead with Oudenarde – 3 year old dark red brindle with full double coat. Masculine head. Correct bite. In proportion and soundly built. In good condition. Nice outline with level topline into correct tailset. Moves soundly front and back. I suspect a little over the standard in size but not overweight and balanced. Showed really well, good rapport with handler.

VB – (0)

PB – (0)

JB – (1, 0 abs)

1. Felters & Rumens' Birselaw Caol Ila at Landbuck – One of my favourites of the day. With a little more maturity will be a contender. Such a pretty, feminine, red brindle bitch. Could not really pick fault with her construction or movement. Lovely reach of neck and level topline. Ideal size, mischievous expression and showing very well for her age. A treat to go over. Res BCC

PGB – (2, 0 abs)

1. Harrison & Inett's Carradine Wilma – 2 year old brindle. Nice expression with correct size shape and colour of eye. Correct bite with nice large teeth. Flows from neck into nicely laid shoulders and good full chest. Presented well with a balanced outline. Deserving 1st.
2. Percy's Winetta Frankly My Dear – Pretty wheaten with darker points. Not the most pronounced stop accentuated by relatively sparse furnishings. Nicely built overall, would be much improved by being 1 or 2 lbs lighter.

LB – (2, 0 abs)

1. Petts' Rasken's Joan Jet for Doonrae (Swed Imp) – Slightly reluctant light red brindle bitch. Good colour eye with good stop creating pleasant expression. Scissor bite. Nice flow with well laid back shoulders and level topline, tail not used the most positively and this could be a contributing factor to why it appeared a little low set today. Her lack of love for the experience today nonetheless didn't take away from her overall impression.
2. Jobling's Ariom Full of Sass – 2 year old clear light red bitch in good coat. Keen expression which can be hard with this colouring. Correct mouth. Perfect size with nice level topline. Made and moved well in the rear.

OB (3, 0 abs)

1. Felters & Rumen's Ch Landbuck La Voix – 3 year old brindle with dark points. Lovely expression with correct mouth. Slightly unsettled today but this didn't meaningfully detract from her obvious quality. Correct size and well muscled. Correctly made in nearly all aspects. A pleasure to go over. Well presented in good coat. What I loved about this girl was her back movement. The only really effortless correct rear movement today. CC
2. Bateman's Carradine Fizz Bomb – Clear red bitch with dark points to the ears. Correct eye + stop with a good bite. Profuse coat. Would prefer more length of neck. Soundly made but not the most flawless showgirl today.
3. Miller's Cornton Fyne Hope

Judge Amy M Firth