Midland CTC Championship Show – Judge Mrs J Percy

I was honoured to be invited to judge the Midland Cairn Terrier Championship show on December 18th.

Thank you to the officers and all the committee for the invite and a special mention to my stewards Chris Petts and Gerry Leighton for looking after me so well.

I would also like to thank all the exhibitors for the wonderful entry, braving the awful weather forecast and allowing me the privilege to judge their dogs.

I found a number of heads with long foreface which lacked strength in the muzzle, a cause of concern for the breed, although I found no incorrect mouths. Rear movement needs improvement as some were extremely close and although some coats were on the blow on the whole most were good and well presented. I was very happy with my main winners

Veteran Dog Or Bitch – 5

1st Dolan's CH Glenrood Scheherazade – 9 year old wheaten bitch in excellent coat and condition. Best of heads with neat ears and correct mouth. Moved with drive and showed all out. A credit to her owner. BV

2nd Clarke's CH Lentrica Dolly Daydream JW – 8 year old dark brindle bitch. Beautiful head with correct eyes and desired expression, correct mouth. In good coat but carrying extra weight which showed in her movement.

3rd Inett, Harrison, King & Leighton's CH Carradine George Flies with Harkinleigh

Minor Puppy Dog – 6 (3 Absent)

1st Clarke's Furythor Mr Bojangles – 7 month old harsh coated brindle with masculine head, lovely dark eyes with mischievous expression, good stop, strong muzzle and good mouth. Moved well keeping his topline, good tail set. Lovely showman BPD and BPIS.

2nd Jones Tycadno Tom Foolery – 8 month old wheaten with the best of heads, strong skull and muzzle, deep stop and correct mouth. Needs to fill out and finish developing in forechest. Carrying a little extra weight which did effect his movement slightly but lots to like and he should have a very bright future. I will watch his progress with interest.

3rd Keeves Seveek Toby

Puppy Dog – 2 (2 Absent)

Junior Dog – 4 (1 Absent)

1st Petts Doonrae Sentinel – just short of 18 months this red brindle dog is up to size but well proportioned and balanced. Masculine head with fabulous expression, good mouth with large teeth, nice length of neck flowing into well laid shoulders, correct forechest and spring of rib. Moved with drive once settled. Shown in good coat of correct texture he just needs to fill out to complete the picture. He won the RCC due to his ring presence and showmanship. RDCC

2nd Hiam's Carradine Arfa Pint – 15 month red brindle dog I have admired from the ringside throughout his puppy career. Smaller built than the first but so well balanced. Best of heads with correct mouth, neat ears. Good length of neck, well laid shoulders and correct forechest. Moved very well and is so attentive to his handler. Shown in shorter coat today he just lost out but I'm sure his time will come.

3rd Keeves Seveek Guilded Dream

Post Graduate Dog – 3

1st Waugh's Glenrood Galaxy at Tribannon – at just 14 months this dark brindle is well up to size. Strong masculine head, good expression, correct mouth, level topline and correct tail set. He had good reach in front and give his handler a hard time but moved ok once settled.

2nd Purvis Mosspur Time and Again – wheaten brindle with dark mask. He was of good size and well balanced with nice length of neck, correct shoulders and level top line. Would prefer a more masculine head and he was close in rear movement today.

3rd Lucas & Tobutt's Seveek Country Lad

Limit Dog – 4 (2 Absent)

1st Shannon, Storr & Middlehurst's Brenndarcy It's Magic AI – Quality wheaten with good head, correct eye, well defined stop, neat ears and correct bite. Nice length of neck flowing into well laid shoulders, firm level topline and well set on tail. Moved well in his class. Lots to like but he was not in the best of coats today and lacked amination in the challenge.

2nd Munday's Lentricia Mystic Warrior – dark brindle dog with masculine head, correct eye and expression, good mouth. Shown in the best of coats he is well balanced with good bone and strong feet. Front movement was better than the rear today and top line could be firmer.

Open Dog – 4 (1 Absent)

1st Firth's CH Cairngold Chico – Quality Red dog who I liked as a puppy. Lovely to go over on the table, he has the best of heads with wonderful expression, deep stop and correct mouth. Nice length of neck, well laid shoulders, level topline and correct tail set. Shown in tip top condition he moved with ease. DCC

2nd Inett & Harrison's CH Carradine In n'Out Mr Sprout – Dark brindle of correct proportions Loved his head and expression, small neat ears, good length of neck and good forechest. Shown in full coat and excellent condition just preferred rear movement of the winner.

3rd Dennis, Waites & Goddard's CH Good Times Ahead with Oudenarde

Special Beginners Dog or Bitch – 2 (1 Absent)

1st Metcalf Sault's Cannwood Can't Get Enough – wheaten bitch with dark points, lovely feminine head with good stop and correct mouth. Shown in full coat she moved well but just needs to firm up on her top line

Minor Puppy Bitch – 7 (3 Absent)

This was a hard class to judge as all were of different types and in different stages of development.

1st – Saich's Lindcoly Here Comes Oh Shi (NAF) – 8 month wheaten brindle with dark mask who best fitted the standard. Liked her size and shape. Lovely head with fabulous expression, good stop, neat ears and good mouth. She moved very well. Shown in profuse coat she sometimes held her tail proud but not always, I feel trimming would help here.

2nd Dennis & Waites Svendalens Snowdrop – 8 month wheaten bitch, more rangy than 1st she had a level topline and better tail set but not as sound in movement and not the head or expression of the wiiner

3rd Munday's Furythor Marvel At Me

Puppy Bitch – 4 (1 Absent)

1st Waugh's Dazzll Me at Tribannon – 10 month old rangy wheaten pup with a gorgeous head. She is well up to size and I really hope she does not grow any more. Dark eyes with fabulous expression, good stop, strong muzzle and large teeth. Lovely reach of neck flowing into correct shoulders, good forechest, level topline and correct tail set. She was a picture standing. Although a bit reluctant at first with a little encouragement she moved out ok and settled well. BPB – unfortunately when it came to the challenge for BPIS she was not co-operating and showed the cairn stubbornness we all love.

2nd Osborn's Be Gin Again at Tweslem – 10 month old wheaten brindle who it turns out is the litter sister of the class winner. A lot of the comments above apply, another lovely bitch pup I hope does not grown on. She moved well, I particularly liked her rear movement. Shown in shorter coat she does not quite have the ring presence of her litter sister yet but I'm sure her time will come. Two lovely bitches who could swap places in time.

3rd Saich's Lindcoly Here Comes Oh Shi (NAF)

Junior Bitch – 4

1st Dolan's Glenrood Midnight Spell – 14 month dark bitch, another who is up to size. The most feminine of heads with beautiful expression, neat ears and good mouth. She has lovely length of neck, clean shoulders and excels in front. Level topline, good spring of rib and correct tail set. In good coat of correct texture she moved well both ways and won this class on movement.

2nd Felters & Rumens Birselaw Caol Ila at Landbuck – well coated 16 month red brindle. Liked her size and shape. She has correct eyes and expression, good stop and neat ears. Head needs time to finish as narrower in muzzle. Nice length of neck, correct shoulders, level topline and good tail set. Moved ok in front but today was turning both back feet out which effected back movement and spoilt the overall picture.

3rd Firth's Birselaw Cora at Cairngold

Post Graduate Bitch – 8 (2 Absent)

A lovely class with some very promising bitches and my first three were all worthy winners. I was splitting hairs when it came to final choices.

1st – Keeves Seveek Peaches n Dreams – really liked the size and shape of this girl. She give her handler a hard time but eventually settled down to show her worth. Lovely head with wicked expression, good stop, neat ears and correct mouth. Enough neck she had correct shoulders and a level topline. Shown in profuse coat of correct texture she was full of spirit – naughty but very nice!

2nd Bateman & Ravenhill's Carradine Mon Mon Sherry – a quality grey brindle bitch of correct size and shape. Loved her head and expression also. Everything in its right place which showed in her movement, a true showgirl her tail never stopped wagging. She pushed hard for 1st place. In the end it came down to the harshness of the coat on the legs of the winner – as I say splitting hairs!

3rd Osborn's Tweslam Be Gin The Magic (AI)

Limit Bitch – 6 (1 Absent)

1st Inett & Harrison's Carradine Wilma – Red brindle bitch who is so well balanced. Feminine head with mischievous expression, strong muzzle and correct mouth, topped off with lovely small neat ears. Enough neck, good shoulders and an excellent forechest. She has good bone, lovely straight legs, correct feet, level topline and good tail set. Well presented she moved with drive and pushed hard for top honors. RBCC & RBIS

2nd Soper's Elitecharm Showgirl – Light wheaten brindle with sweet feminine well proportioned head, dark eye and correct mouth. Medium neck, clean shoulders, good front, level topline and correct tail set. Moved and showed well.

3rd Metcalf Sault's Cannwood Quiet Reflections

Open Bitch – 10 (2 Absent)

This bitch class was a pleasure to judge, full of quality which made my job interesting.

1st Felters & Rumens CH Landbuck La Voix – Beautiful wheaten brindle bitch who fits the breed standard so well. A pleasure to go over on the table. Excellent feminine head with expressive dark eyes of correct shape and size, good stop, neat ears and correct bite. Lovely length of neck flowing into well laid shoulders, correct forechest, lovely spring of rib, level topline which she holds on the move and neat well set tail. Correct leg length with good angulation and bend of stifle she moved freely with reach and drive giving a beautiful balanced outline. BCC & BIS

2nd Firth's Ch Cairngold Chiquitita – another quality bitch with harsh red coat shown in tip top condition. Good head, strong muzzle, correct mouth and neat ears. Nice length of neck, correct shoulders, level topline and well place tail. She moved out with drive and is a worthy champion. Today I just preferred the expresion of the winner.

3rd Waugh's CH Glory Daze at Tribannon

Brace – 1

1st Mrs Dolans Brace – lovely pair of wheaten's so similar in type, moved around the ring with ease. Beautifully presented as always by this kennel.

Judge: Joan Percy