Three Counties – Judge Helen Greenhalgh

I would like to thank the officers and committee of the show for their kind invitation to judge Cairn Terriers. Thanks also to my efficient stewards.

I was originally invited to judge the 2021 show, but the long wait was worth it – some lovely dogs to go over at a well-run show in the Malvern Hills – and the sun shone.

I have two general comments to make: mouths were excellent: mostly clean, large teeth and good bites. Unfortunately, though, I noticed that some handlers didn't show their exhibits on a loose lead, which hampered movement.

I thoroughly enjoyed my day and was delighted with the overall quality of Cairns. Sincere thanks to all the exhibitors for entering under me and allowing me to go over their dogs.

Minor Puppy Dog (3,0abs)

1)Mcintyre's Castleline Lucas of Macantsoir. A confident 7 months old wheaten brindle puppy. Good head and expression with correct mouth and large teeth. A good coat for his age. Showed well. Needed to settle a little more on the move today. Will watch his progress with interest.

2) Munday's Furythor Reluctant Villain. Another confident puppy, not quite as mature as 1), but well balanced, with a good reach of neck and correct ear set. Good coat. Just needs to settle on the move.

3) Parkin's Mosspur Into the Shadows.

Puppy Dog (1,0abs)

1)Inett, Harrison and Bateman's Carradine My Way Lenny. An eleven month old grey brindle dog, Masculine head and excellent mouth. Well balanced and sound throughout with good coat, topline and tailset. Good bone. Particularly liked his hind movement today. BPD

Junior Dog (1,0abs)

1) Sinclair and Tothill's Tycadno Quickshot. 15 month old masculine, wheaten dog. Well furnished head, correct eye, ear set and mouth. Well balanced, level topline and adequate bone, good bend of stifle. In good condition and sporting a correct coat. Liked his hind action.

Post Graduate Dog (1,0 abs)

1)Mcintyre's Macantsoir Celtic Warrior. Well-made wheaten brindle dog. Good to go over throughout, with well furnished, masculine head and expression. Excellent mouth- big teeth, strong jaw. Moved particularly well in front today. A good showman.

Limit Dog (5,1abs)

1)Ballinger's Cloverbrook Game Set NMatch . A dark brindle, masculine dog, who immediately impressed me when he entered the ring with a workmanlike appearance and alert attitude. My notes say 'on his toes'. Very well made throughout; lovely head, excellent expression, Good reach of neck flowing into excellent shoulders, super topline and correct tailset. Very good front and rear, good bend of stifle; nothing

overdone. In excellent condition, moved with drive both ways. I was delighted to be able to award him DCC and BOB.

2)Thomas' Tycadno Magic Man. Another masculine dog who was good to go over. Well-made throughout with super expression, confident demeanour and showed well for his handler. A quality exhibit who moved well both ways, but I preferred the coat quality of 1) on the day.

3) Lucas and Tobutt's Seveek Country Lad.

Res) Miss SC and Miss ES Munday's Lentricia Mystic Warrior.

Open Dog (4,2)

1) Inett and Harrison's Carradine Applejack. This smart and alert dog caught my eye as he entered the ring. Fully furnished, masculine head with excellent mouth, typical expression. Lovely to go over throughout, good front, excellent bone and in very good coat and condition. Showed and moved well today. RDCC

2) Parker- Tucker's Uniquecottage Grey Borage. A masculine, grey Cairn in correct coat, typical head and expression, pleasing to go over on the table, good bone and correct bend of stifle, not overdone. Showed well and moved correctly, A good, honest dog.

Minor Puppy Bitch (2,1)

1)Thomas's Castleline Seren at Tycadno. A very feminine 8 month old wheaten puppy,. Sparkly dark hazel eyes and a mischievous expression. Good ear set. Developing her furnishings well, and lovely big teeth with correct bite. Well balanced with good bone, and an excellent coat for her age. Moved with confidence, just needs to tighten up a little. A happy and inquisitive Cairn puppy. I was pleased to award her BPB, BP

Puppy Bitch (1,0)

1)Dawidowska's You're So Bossy Seglavi (FCI) NAF TAF. A petite, dark brindle 10 month old bitch. An inquisitive puppy, with typical expression. Well behaved on the table. Good mouth, definite stop and good depth of chest. Lacking in coat today and just needs to tighten in movement. Sympathetically handled and enjoying her day.

Junior Bitch (1.0)

1)Dawidowska's You're So Bossy Seglavi (FCI) NAF TAF. Repeat.

Novice Bitch (3,1abs)

1)Parker-Tucker's Birselaw Floral Dancer of Uniquecottage. An attractive cream bitch with lovely feminine head and good furnishings. Good mouth, well-constructed throughout, moved soundly both ways. Lots to like.

2)Parkin's Svendalens Dancing Queen. A feminine, dark brindle bitch, smaller than 1), lovely head with keen expression, powerful jaw, nice neck, topline and tail set. Very alert and out for fun. Preferred the front movement of 1) on the day.

Post Graduate Bitch (3,1abs)

1)Smith's Cloverbrook Shining Star over Gethlee. A smart, well-conditioned dark brindle bitch who impressed as she entered the ring. Workmanlike, feminine, with a beautiful head, correct ear placement,

definite stop, good depth of chest. Good bone. Good front and rear, which was evident in her driving movement both ways. Coat in excellent order. A quality bitch to go over; well balanced and nothing overdone. Pleased to award her BCC.

2)Metcalf-Sault's Cannwood Can't get Enough. An attractive cream bitch with feminine head, lovely expression. Handled well on the table, good length of neck with correct shoulder placement, leading to level topline and correct tailset. A very nice bitch. Coat needed a little more attention on the day.

Limit Bitch (5,2abs)

A close decision between 1) and 2)

1)Ballinger's Cloverbrook Forget Me Not. A pretty, dark brindle bitch with lots to like. Feminine head and expression, good stop, Well balanced with firm topline and correct tailset, Good coat. Lovely to go over with good movement both ways.

2)Thompson's Castleline Maitree. Very pretty cream bitch with well furnished feminine head and expression. Big teeth and strong jaw. Good shoulders and nice spring of rib. All in proportion and beautifully balanced. Good coat. Liked her a lot, but just preferred the movement of 1) on the day.

3)Miss SC and Miss ES Munday's Furythor Marvel at Me.

Open Bitch (3,0abs)

1)Kinton's Ch. Cloverbrook Unbreakable at Woodthorpe. I judged this bitch as a puppy and remarked she was 'out of the top drawer'. She proved that again today. Beautiful head and expression, dark eye. Excellent mouth, well balanced, standing well on forepaws, presenting a lovely, typical outline. Lovely to go over and in excellent condition. Moved correctly both ways but lacked a little animation today. Had to give way to the younger bitch on this occasion, but couldn't be denied RCC.

2)Inett and Harrison's Carradine PiccaddLilly. Another smart bitch who presented a typical outline. Good head, excellent mouth, neck, topline and tailset. Good front, decent depth of chest and enough bone. Moved correctly. Presented in excellent coat and condition.

3) Bubb's Wandris Please Yourself.

Veteran Bitch (2,0abs)

Two lovely older Cairns, very similar in type.

1)Smith's Cannwood Misty Dawn at Gethlee. A pretty 8 year old cream bitch with lovely head and expression and shown in good coat and condition. Well balanced and moved soundly. BV

2)Metcalf-Sault's Cannwood Call Me Aggie. An attractive 7 year old cream bitch, lovely head and expression, shown in well presented coat and condition. Slightly longer cast than 1). Moved steadily.