West of England Ladies Kennel Society – Judge Mr G Thomas

I was pleased to take on the entry at short notice as it has been over 4 years since I last judged the breed due to the cancelation of Crufts 2021. Firstly my best wishes for a speedy recovery to the scheduled judge Mr Paul Wilkinson. A change of judge is not a good scenario for judge or exhibitors, with an entry of 36 I was pleased that there were only 3 absentees and my thanks to those exhibitors who still attended.

My general observations are that males were quite disappointing for depth of quality, with 11 entered and only 10 present on the day we really need more quality males kept and exhibited. While there was a better depth of quality in the bitches that too is not a broad as it was 4 years ago! Cairns were scheduled on day 4 of the show so the ground was very interesting to many of the dog's and would have been the first time many had been exhibited on grass. This did mean that quite a few were far more interested in smelling the ground than co-operating with their handlers.

VD, No entries

MPD(3,1 abs)

1. Hiams Carradine Arfa Pint, 7 month old light red brindle, very smart young dog, well made head with deep stop, broad muzzle and correct bite. Presented a balanced outline, well made front, good legs and feet, firm topline, correct tailset and well made quarters. Well presented with a coat of correct texture. So well schooled for a puppy and was handled to make the best of his self at all times. Moved with purpose and covered the ground well on the move and at one with his handler, impressed me enough to be awarded BPIB and RCC.

2. Waughs Glenrood Galaxy at Tribannon, 7 month old grey brindle, up to size and not quite the balance of class winner. Another with a well made head with good stop, good infill under eye and correct bite. Well made in front with firm top line and good ribbing, shown in good condition and a full puppy coat. Not co-operating that well with his handler on the move as found the ground very interesting. When he settled moved well in profile but a shade close behind.

PD(1)

1. Keeves Seevek Guilded Dream, 10 month old clear red, nicely made head with broad skull, good stop and correct bite. Well made in front with good legs and feet, level top line and short hocks. A bit wayward on the move and would just like a bit more of him for a male.

JD(1)

1. Shannon, Storr & Middlehursts Brenndarcy It's Magic, 13 month old light red, well made head, deep stop, good infill under eye, nice bite with big teeth. Nicely made throughout, firm top line well set tail and well made quarters, presented in excellent coat and condition. One who should have been considered for top honours but today he had other ideas and just would not co-operate with his handler insisting on constantly sniffing the ground and never really got into any sort of stride making it impossible to assess his movement.

YD, No entries

PGD(2)

1. Peers Tweedisle Charismatic Guy, Clear wheaten, ok in head, could do with a deeper stop, good in front, presented a balanced outline, coat of correct texture, moved steadily.

2. 2. Binghams Carradine Bumbling Boris, wheaten with slight brindling, preferred his head and expression with deep stop and broad muzzle. Not the balance of class winner, a shade heavy which affected his movement and another who found the grass very interesting so not co-operating with his handler on the move.

LD(3)

1. Hiams Carradine Podgy Paddie, light wheaten brindle, well made head, good width with deep stop, and correct bite, well made in front, firm top line and well set tail. Good new coat coming in. Moved well in profile and covered the ground well, carrying a shade too much weight today so moving a shade wide in front.

2. Peers Tweedisle Jaunty Lad, grey brindle who presented a balanced outline in excellent coat and condition, well made head with good stop, ears a shade big, moved well in profile but a shade close behind.

OD(1)

1. Alexander's Coharra Be More, clear red with beautiful head and expression, good width to skull and muzzle with good bite and big teeth, totally masculine in outlook. Presented in excellent coat, well ribbed, firm top line and well set tail. Well turned quarters and short hocks. Makes the best of himself and very attentive to his handler, moved out well, no hesitation in awarding him the CC and BOB.

VB(2)

1. Keeves Seevek Hopes N Dreams, 7 ½ year old dark brindle, feminine in outlook with beautiful head and expression, well made throughout with a balanced outline, coat short but of correct texture. Moved steadily and when settled covered the ground well.

2. Asmyhr's Windlines Born To Run Wild, 9 year old clear wheaten, nicely made head with good stop and broad muzzle, shown in a full coat, carrying a bit too much weight , moved happily around the ring but not really interested in showing today.

MPB(3,1abs)

1. Felters & Rumens Birselaw Caol Ila, 8 month old red brindle bitch feminine in outlook with well made head and loved her expression, excels in front with well laid shoulder, pronounced forechest with good legs and feet. Firm top line and well set tail. More settled on the move than 2nd covering the ground well, preferred her overall balance.

2. Firth's Birselaw Cora at Cairngold, 8 month old dark red brindle, litter sister to class winner, made in a smaller mould another with a well made head, deep stop and lovely expression. A shade heavy today and not so settled on the move as class winner.

PB(2)

1. Keeves Seveek Peaches N Dreams, 11 month old bright red so feminine in outlook and just right for size. Beautiful head with correct proportions giving a keen expression, lovely balance with good spring of rib and good angulations both ends, moved well when she settled.

2. Metcalf-Sault's Cannwood Can't Get Enough, 11 month old clear wheaten, made in a bigger mould than class winner, not the head or expression of 1st and stop could be deeper. Nicely made but today not making the best of herself and not interested in showing. Coat could do with some tidying as lots of old stuff there to come out.

JB(2)

1. Waugh's Glory Daze at Tribannon, 17 month old clear wheaten lovely feminine bitch who excels in head, so well balanced with dark eye and broad muzzle, presented a balanced outline with firm top line and correct tail carriage, good rib and well made quarters. A bit unsettled on the move but when she got into her stride moved out well and covered the ground.

2. Keeves Seveek Licence To Dream, nicely made 17 month old red brindle. Still looking very raw for her age but has a well made head with a deep stop, good front and firm top line and another one with a good coat of correct texture, just needs to settle on the move.

YB, no entries

PGB(5)

1. Shannon & Storrs Doonrae Rebel Rebel Among Brenndarcy, red brindle who lives up to her name. Well made throughout with a beautiful head, deep stop and intense expression, excellent front with good forechest, well ribbed, firm top line and shown in excellent coat and condition. But would she settle and move, would she heck! A bitch who should be doing so much more if she just settled and co-operated with her handler.

2. Peers Tweedisle Enchanted Lady, clear red made in a smaller mould, loved her head and expression so feminine in outlook, well balanced and good ribs, firm top line and nice short tail, shown in a full coat of correct texture. Moved and showed steadily.

3. Metcalf-Sault's Cannwood Call Me Aggie.

LB(6)

1. Hooton & Hughes Penticharm It's My Party, feminine light grey brindle, well made head with good stop and infill under the eye. Well made in front with good forechest, firm top line and well set tail. Shown in good coat and condition, not the easiest bitch to show but her handler always gets the best out of her, in contention for top honours.

2. Sopers Elitecharm Showgirl, light wheaten brindle, truly feminine with a lovely head with width and good infill under the eye. Well made in front with firm top line and good quarters, good new coat coming in. Not quite the balance of class winner.

3. Ballingers Cloverbrook Maid For Gold.

OB(4)

1. Firths Cairngold Chiquitita, eye-catching, feminine clear red, lovely balanced outline, well made head and keen expression, so well made in front with good angulations and pronounced forechest, firm top line and well muscled quarters. Presented in excellent coat and condition, moved well and so attentive to her handler, could not deny her the CC & BOS.

2. Felters & Rumens Landbuck La Voix, totally feminine wheaten brindle, loved her head and expression, well made throughout and presented a balanced outline, excellent quarters. An exuberant showgirl who took a while to settle but moves well once she does, well deserved the RCC.

3. Inett,Harrison & Claytons Carradine Jo.

SBB(2)

1. Metcalf-Sault's Carradine Quiet Reflections, up to size wheaten brindle, ok in head with good bite and big teeth. Well ribbed with a good new coat coming in, carrying a bit too much weight which affected her front movement.

2. Asmhyr's Motoppen Pinot Noir, nicely made wheaten brindle, well made head with good proportions. Carrying too much weight today and not interested in showing.

Judge; Geoff Thomas