

The Cairn Terrier Open Show

Saturday 14th June 2025

Held at Border Union Championship show.

Thank you to The Cairn Terrier Club for inviting me to judge their Open show, and to the committee who co-ordinated the whole thing so well. It is always such a privilege to judge the breed you hold dear to your heart. Thank you to all the exhibitors that gave me a wonderful entry too, I was truly humbled by this. Credit must also go to my two fantastic stewards, Nikki Gardiner and John Gardner who kept the ring running smoothly.

Sadly, the weather was not to be kind today, which meant we had to use the wet weather rings under canvas. These were not the biggest of areas. Three breeds had previously used our ring which certainly did not help many of the exhibits show themselves to the best of their ability. A mixed bag in type and depth of quality here today. The bitches being much stronger, with superior quality, making me really think in some classes and for the top awards. Overall, I was very shocked to find so many questionable mouths and narrow muzzles. Cairns should have large teeth, set square to the jaw with a complete and regular scissor bite. I found several large, highly placed untypical ears along with shallow stops and a few with lighter eyes which all leads to spoil that wonderful cairn expression. Feet in general were good but several thin longer tails. Nearly all coats were in good order and presented well and clean. Movement in many was somewhat erratic but I do believe conditions certainly played a very big part in this as handlers struggled to keep noses off the ground. A few exhibits were carrying a tad more weight than preferred.

Baby Puppy Dog/Bitch 2 entries.

1st. Shannon & Storr's Brenndarcy Supertramp. 5-month B, Red Brindle. Thoroughly enjoying her day out. Promising youngster, good head eye and ear developing, pleasing outline and balance. Good front, nice rib coming, lovely tight jacket of good quality. Moved out well when settled. Good head and stop, with correct ear placement. Nice balanced outline a little untidy coming today but moved out well and covered ground keeping a good topline. Best Baby Puppy in Show

2nd Shannon & Storr's Brenndarcy Dreamer, 5 month red B, litter sister to 1.

Having the best time trying to catch her sister. Another promising girl very similar in all aspects to her sister, just would not settle enough on the move today.

Puppy Dog 2 entries

1st Lucas & Tobutt's Carradine Sir Percival, 9 months light red brindle, good head and stop with pleasing expression. Balanced outline in correct coat. Well placed neck into good shoulder. Stood on good feet. Moved out and round with confidence keeping his topline.

2nd Percy's Ariom Northern Dancer with Winetta, 11 month clear red, giving his young handler a bit of trouble today, good head with correct expression a little short on muzzle furnishings, correct outline stood well over front paws, level topline and correct tail set. Lost out today on movement as just wouldn't settle.

Junior Dog 1entry.

1st Kears' Lindcoly Outta This World, 17 month gray brindle, adequate muzzle and head slightly larger in ear than preferred, nice neck and front, good body well ribbed, very good feet, moved out with confidence.

Novice Dog, 3 entries 1Abs.

1st Kears' Lindcoly Outta This World. As above.

2nd Lamb Mr R. Birselow Dusty Miller, 3 year old wheaten , heavier framed dog that 1st slightly shorter in profile. Carrying a good coat. Good head and expression, good neck, into adequate shoulder, topline just dipping a little before tail of correct shape. Not as settled on the move today as 1st.

Graduate Dog 4 entries.

1st Parkin's Mossapur Into The Shadows, red, very smart outline, shown in new tight jacket of good quality. Good head and expression with neat ear, stood well over forepaws good rib and loin. Good tail set and tail correct shape, good hindquarters. Moved out well with drive. Res Best Dog

2nd Lamb & Saltmarsh's Tycadno Shining Star Around Macmoon, wheaten heavier made dog than 1 but still quality type, Good head eye and ear with pleasing expression. Sporting a good fuller quality coat of correct texture. good neck and topline preferred front assembly of 1. moved well when collected.

3rd Lamb Mr R. Birsław Dusty Miller.

Limit Dog. 3 entries 1 Abs.

1st Lucas & Tobutt's Seveek Country Lad dark wheaten brindle, powerful muzzle on a good head. Correct neck and good front assembly, well shaped rib and strong loin, good tail set moved with purpose. In excellent coat of quality.

2nd Young's Furythor Orion, dark grey brindle, a little plain and square in head, but good neck shoulder and chest. Well ribbed and strong loin, good tail set. Good overall body shape of correct proportions. Coat in good order not the drive of 1st

Open Dog 2 entries 1 Abs.

1st Hiam's Ch. Carradine Arfa Pint JW. 3year old dark brindle. This chap knows his job and is a consummate showman. Very typey dog of quality. Excellent head with correct proportions. Good neck into well placed shoulders correct chest and width between straight forelegs and well padded good feet. Good rib into strong loin and correct tail set giving a sound topline. Moved out steadily and covered the ground well. Best Dog and Best opposite sex in show.

Veteran Dog 2 entries.

1st Marchant's Ch. Winetta Quest for Fame. 8 year old dark brindle, quite full of himself today. Balanced outline showing correct proportions. Good muzzle, head, eye and ear giving that typical expression. Good neck into correct shoulder standing well over forepaws. Very good body and condition. Correct tail set and best tail of the day.

Moved enough to see clean movement with drive. Best Veteran Dog.

2nd Lamb & Saltmarsh Birsław Come Dancing With Macmoon OSW,JW,SHCEX,SHCM

Dark brindle 8year old. Well balance outline sporting a full quality coat. Good head and expression. Correct neck and topline slightly lower tail set than 1, and didn't quite cover the ground as 1st.

Special Beginner 3 entries

1st Kears' Lindcoly Outta This World. Best Special Beginner In Show

2nd Polanek's Birsław Morris Dancer. 3year old In full correct coat, good muzzle head eye and fair ear. Nice neck into well laid shoulder, good rib tad short in loin and rear angulation didn't quite match front.

3rd Mr R Lamb's Birsław Dusty Miller.

Puppy Bitch 4 entries 1Abs

1st Percy's Ariom Calypso Dancer With Winetta. 11 months Red, good muzzle and strong jaw. Enough stop, correct head and ear. Nice length of neck into well laid shoulder, stood over forepaws well showing off chest, good rib and loin back angles matching front moved with drive. Best Puppy Bitch and Best Puppy In Show.

2nd Hiam's Remember Your Roots With Carradine. 7months Red, very much a baby with much promise, head coming nicely, outline a little high behind today throwing her topline out in stance. Good chest and rib into balanced loin, great tailset with plenty behind. Good feet. Not moving as steady in front as 1st.

3rd Jobling's Ariom Midnight Dancer.

Junior Bitch 3 entries 1Abs

1st Bingham's Carradine Miss Hayley, 16 months Red Brindle, Lovely young bitch who pushed the top winning girls really hard today. Very good head and expression, good neck and chest, correct shoulders into good body, balanced outline with good tailset and carriage. Very good coat in good order. Moved out well holding her topline. Just lost out on maturity today. I will watch her career with interest as I'm sure it will be very successful.

2nd Saich's Lindcoly Sweet Maid Marion 13 month Red. Fair muzzle and head larger ear than 1, Narrower made girl about to change coat. Fair neck, and shoulder. Slightly longer cast than 1, but balanced good tail set and excellent hind quarters with well let down hock, very unsettled on the move today.

Novice Bitch, 1 entry.

1st Hartopp's Carradine Hazel Moon, 9 month Red, good head with correct ear placement, good neck flowing into well laid shoulder, fraction straighter in upper arm, good rib, tad shorter in loin than I prefer, good tail set and rear assembly. Moved out with drive.

Graduate Bitch 3 Entries.

1st Goud's Breezy Kingussie Molly Connell, 3 year old Dark Brindle, Lovely type girl, well balanced outline, good muzzle and stop, correct head eye and ear. Correct front assembly, good body and tail set, correct behind. Good feet. Moved with drive.

2nd Parkin's Svendalens Dancing Queen. 2 year old Dark Red Brindle bitch, different type to 1st, Slightly square head but with good eye, good neck. Not standing as well over forepaws as 1. Good body and loin, good tail set and hind quarters. Very well muscled and good feet. Moved with drive.

3rd Saich's Lindcoly Times of Trouble.

Limit Bitch 5 Entries.

1st Goud's Vale of Athol's Snug In The Blanket. 3 year old Wheaten Brindle bitch with lovely dark mask and ears setting off her very good head. Correct Muzzle to skull ratio. Correct ear placement. Good neck set on well laid shoulder. Correct front. Good rib and loin going into well angled rear end. Correct tail and set with plenty behind. Wearing a smart full coat in excellent order, moved out steadily and with drive keeping her outline. Just dropping the tip of her tail today which stopped her taking top award today. Re Best Bitch and Res Best In Show.

2nd Jobling's Ariom Full of Sass. 5 year old Light Red, Good head eye and ear, good length of neck into level topline. Not as well defined in chest as 1st but enough, good feet. Well sprung deep rib into strong loin. Good hind quarters and tail set would have liked a shade more behind tail. Good textured coat with correct undercoat. Moved when settled with drive and covering the ground well.

3rd Saich's Lindcoly Phantom Menace.

Open Bitch 3 Entries 1 Abs

1st Shannon & Storr's Brenndarcy Witches Promise. 2 year old Light Brindle. This bitch just filled my eye today workmanlike but feminine well balanced in correct coat. Good head eye and ear, giving that lovely cairn expression. Good neck of correct length held on well laid shoulder correct front and standing over forepaws. Correct bone and good feet. Moved round the ring with drive and purpose true fore and aft never let up showing. Best Bitch and Best In Show.

2nd Percy's Ch Stenrosets Kajsa Kavat (IMP SWE). 4 year old Dark Brindle bitch. Not the happiest of girls today. Good head eye, ear super mouth. Good neck into well placed shoulder. Lovely front and good bone finished with good padded feet. Well sprung rib into strong loin. Fought her handler on the move today.

Veteran Bitch 2 Entries

1st Smith's Canwood Misty Dawn At Gethlee. 9 year old Wheaten. Showing her socks off and really enjoying her day. Good muzzle, big teeth in excellent order. Good head dark eye and ear set giving lovely expression. Good neck, well laid shoulder and correct front assembly. Good padded feet. Level topline. Well sprung rib and correct tail and set. Moved out with drive and was true coming and going. Correct coat presented well.

Best Veteran In Show.

2nd Goud's Lentrica Liberty Bell 7 old year Dark Brindle, another in good order for a veteran good head eye and ear. Good neck into well laid shoulder, stood well over her

forepaws which were well padded, good rib and strong loin, good tail set. Smart short close jacket of correct texture, just pipped to the post today by not as much enthusiasm as 1st.

Special Beginner Bitch 0 Entries.

I only asked all handlers for movement patterns as it had become very hot and muggy in the tent and exhibits had had a long day by this time.

Junior Handling 6-11 years 1 entry

1st Ciara Moat, Confident handling, could practice sharper patterns, got a great deal more out of her charge in this class.

Junior Handling 12-18 years 0 Entries

Adult Handling 19-50 years 1 Entry

1st Lucy Hiam. Very proficient handler, moving with precision and confidence getting every ounce of showmanship out of her charge. Never obscuring my view of her dog. Quietly, confidently and with calm demeanor kept me in one eye while focused on her exhibit. A joy to watch such showing harmony.

Adult Handling 51+years. 2 entries 1Abs

1st Mrs Linda Saich. Could have been a bit sharper on patterns but kept her exhibit going well always encouraging her dog in a jolly manor.

