

CRUFTS 2026 Cairn Terriers. - Judge Brenda M Shannon

A big thankyou to all the exhibitors who brought their lovely Cairns to be judged by me at Crufts 2026 - Usually our biggest entry Championship show of the year. (99 dogs 105 entries)

I was thrilled to be asked to Judge my Cairn Terrier breed at Crufts 2026. Such a super quality entry. I was really surprised and so pleased with the number of overseas exhibits. I had some very difficult decisions, but my top winners stood out as such special Cairns. I admired the Hjhoo Kennel when I judged in Sweden a few years ago. The problem with such large classes was not being able to place some quality Cairns.

My 1st Cairn "Darcy" replaced my 17 year old naughty Jack Russell in 1990. I chose the Cairn from a Terrier breeds book then visiting a few pet ones. Sadly I bought Darcy from a puppy farm, he died in my arms at 6 yrs old, such a lovely friendly cute light red boy who gave me such a love of his breed.

Looking for a replacement the C.T.C put me in touch with the late Norma Newton (Strathinver), we had a choice of 2, a dark one sired by Kinkim and a red from the Strathinver line. Incidentally my top winners' pottery prizes were from Norma's Cairn collection.

We (Me and Danny) ended up with both Cairns. She advised us to go to Milly & Alf Jennings who lived nearby us for advice etc. Milly said our red bitch Dollie would be a good show girl, she filled in a schedule for us at a local show, Dollie ended up winning her class and getting RBOB by Judge Catherine Butterfield. Both Milly and Catherine became our close forever friends. We joined MCTC who encouraged me join their committee then become a Cairn Terrier Judge and ended up being assistant secretary etc. I am now retired but still very loyal.

BOB & Dog Challenge Certificate - Multi Ch Hjhoo's Yes Hjo Can (Miss E Theodorsson) 3rd CC!
Reserve Dog Challenge Certificate - Ariom Northern Dancer with Winetta (Mrs J Percy)
Bitch Challenge Certificate - Landbuck Amethyst (Mr A Felters & Mr R A Rumens) 3rd CC!
Reserve Bitch Challenge Certificate - Ch Tycadno Winter Star (Mr G Thomas)
Best Puppy - Rough Wroughts Maria Callas (Mrs A M Vlieghe)
Best Veteran - Cannwood Misty Dawn at Gethlee (Miss J H Smith)

Dogs

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Dog Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

1st Tycadno Quick Shot, this lovely wheaten with dark points, moved well fore and aft, good to go over, size and conformation. He won class on his perfect pose and expression. Excellent handling.

2nd Carradine Little Bird, So close to winner, 10 month old light red with dark points, good front, coat, tailset and mover.

3rd Carradine All Ways A Chance

Puppy Dog Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

1st Carradine Little Bird, (2nd in GCD)10 months, well deserved winner of best puppy dog.

2nd Wonderpaws Darth Vader, 7.5 months smart grey brindle, good ear set and correct mouth. Good coat, moved well and good to go over and well balanced for one so young. Looks promising.

3rd Seveek Balsa

Junior Dog Entries: 5 Absentees: 1

1st Tycadno Starburst at Hreysihus. 14 month old very smart promising boy with excellent condition wheaten coat, so alert, good front and rear, such a smart mover, correct tail set and stance. Very attached to his owner.

2nd Svendalens Moon Stone, 13 months light brindle, dark points, good front, tailset and earset. Good to go over, coat in good condition, close to 1st, loved his size, make and shape.

3rd Carradine Kiss My Ace.

Reserve Seveek Balsa

Post Graduate Dog Entries: 9 Absentees: 0

1st Ariom Northern Dancer with Winetta, couldn't find a fault with this super red boy, excellent coat and condition, super head and expression with dark points. correct tail set. Lovely to go over. Moved with drive and so attached to his handler, good mouth, stance and attitude, showed so well and stood out in dog line-up. Pleased to award him **RDCC**.

2nd Corynthean Sunshine Boy, Another red with dark points with good stance and condition. Really caught my eye. Moved well front and rear, excellent tail set, good head, expression and to go over, liked him a lot.

3rd Carradine Sir Percival

Reserve Tycadno Shining Star Around Macmoon JW

VHC Tycadno Quick Shot

Limit Dog Entries: 9, Absentees: 0

Difficult decision, between 1st & 2nd so close

1st Wonderpaws Obi Wan Kenobi, Such a handsome wheaten beauty with dark points, stood & moved so well. good to go over, correct mouth and tailset, coat in excellent condition. Close decision for **RDCC**.

2nd Mossbur Into The Shadows, loved this red dog, so good to go over, correct mouth, ear set, good front. in ex condition. Moved and showed well.

3rd Furythor Orion

Reserve Furythor Reluctant Villain

V H C Motoppens Verdejo Njv-25

Open Dog Entries: 13, Absentees: 0

1st Multi Ch Hjohoo's Yes Hjo Can. I absolutely loved this boy, he is of a perfect Cairn standard who moves and shows like a dream for his owner/handler! Beautiful wheaten coat in super condition. Such a stunning handsome head, good front, stance, coat, ear set, tail set and a super temperament. Was **DCC & BOB** I was so disappointed the group judge didn't place him.

2nd Cannwood Moonlight Shadow, Another good mover front and rear who really enjoys being in the ring, correct make and shape. Attractive head with correct earset. Three year old brindle and in excellent condition,

3rd Int/multi Ch Hjohoo's It's Hjour Time to Shine Ew ,

Reserve Am Gchs Beatus Amadeus Arbor Vitae.

VHC Ch Tycadno Tom Foolery

Veteran Dog Entries: 4 Absentees: 0

Loved these boys so full of life in good and good movers. Difficult decision.

1st Ch Uniquecottage Grey Borage. Absolutely full of it, moved well when settled. Well structured with correct ear set and tailset, A worthy Champion.

2nd Birselow Come Dancing with Macmoon OSW JW ShCEx ShCM 9 yrs old Dark brindle who loved his owner and always shows well for her.

3rd Place Multi Ch Hjohoo's Hjour Hallelujah Moment Ww24 Reserve Ch Winetta Quest for Fame

Bitches

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bitch Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

1st Cairngold Brandy Snap by Jorvikairn (8yrs) Always loved this light red girl who shows and behaves well for her owner. Lovely size, attractive head and lovely temperament. Still good to go over.

2nd Carradine Miss Hayley Dark brindle 2 years old, good mouth, well made, level topline and correct tail set. Promising.

3rd Golden Shadow of Loughend RI2

Puppy Bitch Entries: 6 Absentees: 0

1st Rough Wroughts Maria Callas Loved this young girl, 9 months old super well balanced brindle, attractive head, so promising. Good mover and stance, full of life. A very worthy **BPIB**

2nd Lindcoly Beautiful Zuri NAF 10 months old cutie. Wheaten with dark points, lovely to go over and moved well. (close decision)

3rd Carradine Boozy Suzy

Reserve Lindcoly Esmeralda

VHC Seveek Angelica Dream

Junior Bitch Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

1st Svendalens Pearl 13 month old pretty brindle youngster, well balanced and so alert and naughty, but moved well when settled – promising future.

2nd Uniquecottage Sorrel 17 months wheaten with a beautiful head an expression. Good to go over, Hopefully will settle with maturity.

3rd Lindcoly This Is The One

Post Graduate Bitch Entries: 10 Absentees: 2

1st Glenrood Silent Whisperer at Cairngold. Super wheaten with good head and expression, good mover with level topline, correct tail set, super front and rear. So well deserved to win this excellent class.

2nd Mossbur Moving Shadows. 2yr old red with dark points, excellent mover, so attractive when stood with lovely neck head and expression.

3rd Breezy Kingussie Molly Connell

Reserve Viva La Diva Du Harpouy D'auzan

V H C Castleline Cariad

Limit Bitch Entries: 12 Absentees: 1

1st Landbuck Amethyst. Absolutely stunning 2 yrs old brindle bitch who moved so well for her owner. Level topline kept on the move. Lovely to go over with good head, ear set, good coat front and rear, correct tail set. So pleased to award her **BCC** (told later it was her 3rd!)

2nd You're So Bossy Seglavi with Wonderpaws (Imp Pol). Beautiful red who stood so perfect and moved with straight front, rear and correct tailset.

3rd Hjohoo's Hjours Without A Doubt

Res Castleline Seren at Tycadno

VHC Majestic Sandial Rosenrot

Open Bitch Entries: 16 Absentees: 2

1st Ch Tycadno Winter Star. Another super bitch, such a lovely type of brindle cairn. Showed and moved so well with handler.

2nd Am/se/dk Ch Hjohoo's I'm Perfect for Hjo. Very close result, lovely to go over, could find no faults. Red with dark points. Excellent mover front and rear, so good to go over delete already included, such a close decision.

3rd Tamar Valley Glen Brullemail

Res Lindcoly Picture Perfect

VHC Velma Von-Bon-Bon Ti Glaz Mor (Meunier)

Veteran Bitch Entries: 9 Absentees: 1

1st Cannwood Misty Dawn at Gethlee. Always admired this now 10 years old very pretty wheaten girl. Now shown by the daughter of her late original handler. Moved with drive and in excellent condition.

2nd Ch Cloverbrook Unbreakable at Woodthorpe. Beautiful 7.5 year old dark brindle bitch, moved with drive and keeping level topline. Very attentive to owner/handler. Such a worthy Champion.

3rd Cairngold Brandy Snap by Jorvikairn

Res Airytykes Excuse Me VW.

VHC Golden Shadow of Loughend RI2

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