

Cairn Terrier Association 91st Breed Championship Show

Sunday 12th July 2026

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to The Cairn Terrier Association for this prestigious judging appointment, and to all the exhibitors who gave me the privilege of going over their dogs. You made the day both enjoyable and truly memorable.

My thanks also go to my wonderful stewards, Miss Sharon Confue and Mr Phillip Horspool, who looked after me so well throughout the day and ensured everything ran smoothly and efficiently. Their hard work made the whole process appear effortless.

Thank you to all the exhibitors who accepted my decisions in a true sporting manner. It is worth remembering that the perspective from the centre of the ring is often very different from that of the camera or those watching from the ringside.

Overall, temperaments were excellent, and coats were generally presented in good condition, especially considering the recent heatwave. Heads were, for the most part, of very good quality, although I did find some mouths where the bite and tooth alignment gave cause for concern. As mouths can change over time, they should be checked regularly.

I was concerned by the relatively low entry numbers and the overall quality in some of the lower classes. The future of our breed depends upon these foundation classes, and it is important that we continue to encourage quality exhibits coming through.

A few exhibits were carrying more weight than ideal, which can have an adverse effect on shoulder placement and overall movement. Maintaining correct weight should always be considered alongside good conditioning and presentation.

Once again, the bitches appeared to be ahead in both depth and overall quality. In several classes, placings were determined by only the smallest of margins, with decisions coming down to very minor faults.

BABY PUPPY DOG or BITCH (3 entries, 2 absent).

1st - Saich's LINDCOLY HEY GOOD LOOKIN NAF, nearly 6 months & is a well grown harsh coated red brindle. Pleasing head, correct bite, nice reach of neck & length of leg. Will need plenty of time to mature & confidence building. It's always hard for a youngster in class by self.

VETERAN DOG (4 entries, 1 absent).

1st - Firth's CH CAIRNGOLD CHICO JW, now of 9 years, well presented harsh coated red in good condition. Lovely broad skull & keen expression. Level topline with well sprung ribs & good tailset. Nice length of leg, all in proportion. Covered the ground easily and maintained profile. Enjoyed his day – Best Veteran.

2nd – Dennis, Waites & Goddard's CH GOOD TIMES AHEAD WITH OUDENARDE, very happy 7 year old dark grey. Well made strong masculine looking head. Good reach of neck into shoulders, level topline. Overall well grown & workmanlike appearance, steady mover.
3rd – Lamb's & The Late Saltmarsh BIRSELAW COME DANCING WITH MACMOON
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MINOR PUPPY DOG (2 entries).

1st – Smith's, CLOVERBROOK POL ROGER of GETHLEE, well grown 8 month light grey brindle. Masculine head with good stop, good bite, ears slightly wide set. Nice reach of neck, level topline, slightly long in loin which affects overall balance at present. Just needs time to mature. Free movement, especially looks good when moving in side profile
2nd – Rogers, COPSELEAZE MIDNIGHT, Another well grown 8 month, harsh coated dark brindle. Lovely head & expression with well set ears. Level topline but profile spoilt by tail. Moved freely & showed well.

PUPPY DOG (1 entry).

1st – Percy's, WINETTA NORDIC DESIGN, immaculately presented & well grown dark brindle pup of 9 months. Excellent head & expression. Requires time to settle on table, just a puppy! Nice clean outline, liked his neck & shoulders, firm body, level topline with good tail set. Lovely neat feet, very showy, stands well.

JUNIOR DOG (2 entries, 1 absent).

1st - Griffiths, WONDERPAWS DARTH VADER, only 2 days out of puppy. Harsh coated dark grey brindle. Well proportioned head & ear placement. Liked his expression. Good firm body & well sprung ribs. Steady movement & very smart on standing. Will need to watch weight & for, front to tighten.

NOVICE DOG (0 entries)

POST GRADUATE DOG (2 entries).

1st - Sinclair & Tothill's, TYCADNO STARBURST at HREYSIHUS, smart harsh coated wheaten. Beautiful head & expression. Nice overall size & built all in proportion. Needs to watch his weight. Good front on standing & nice bone. Lots to like, level topline & correct tailset. Excellent rapport with handler. On the day would prefer more coat on hindquarters, sound free movement.
2nd – Dennis & Waites, SVENDALENS MOON STONE, harsh coated red brindle, Liked his head, good neck & shoulder placement. Firm to handle overall. Has nice length of leg & all in proportion. Level topline, outline spoilt by tail being proud at times.

LIMIT DOG (6 entries, 2 absent).

1st – Saich's, LINDCOLY GOLDEN BUICK TAF, attractive red of nice overall type & size. Liked his broad well balanced head. Good neck & shoulder placement. Firm body & nice front on standing, level topline. Free movement to & fro. Showed well.

2nd- Lamb & The Late Saltmarsh, TYCADNO SHINING STAR AROUND MACMOON JW, ultra smart harsh coated cream, lovely head & masculine expression. Good body & well sprung ribs, firm strong hindquarters. Moved soundly & happily.

3rd – Thomas & Jones, TYCADNO NEW TRICKS.

OPEN DOG (4 entries).

1st - Parkin's, MOSSPUR INTO THE SHADOWS, well presented red, liked his overall length & balance. Nice head shape & eye, good neck & shoulder placement. Nice to handle on table. Good front on standing. Held topline on the move. Shows well with encouragement. Went around ring very well in the challenge. Res Dog CC.

2nd – Jones & Arnold's, CH TYCADNO TOM FOOLERY. Happy & honest looking harsh coated cream, loved his well defined head & mischievous eyes. Well bodied with good depth of ribcage, good topline & tailset. Moved very positively & freely.

3rd – Lucas & Tobutt's, CARRADINE SIR PERCIVIL

CHAMPION DOG (9 entries, 3 absent).

1st – Theodorsson's, MULTI CH HJOHOO'S YES HJO CAN enters the ring with real presence. Immaculately presented red coated masculine dog. Beautiful head & intelligent expression. Good conformation overall, nicely bodied & well sprung ribs. Moves with drive & most freely. His consistently delivery in the ring led to being awarded Dog CC.

2nd – Roberts, CH CANNWOOD MOONLIGHT SHADOW. Very smart & well presented harsh coated grey. Lovely to handle on table. Good reach of neck into nice shoulder placement. Level topline & good tailset. Has nice length leg & built all in proportion. Sound free movement to & fro. Closely in consideration for Res CC.

3rd – Felters & Rumens, CH LANDBUCK SABRAGE

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG or BITCH (1 entry).

1st - Metcalf – Sault's, CANNWOOD CAN'T GET ENOUGH. Very enduring & honest looking cream. Most sweet expression & kind eyes. Overall of nice size & conformation. Liked her general type. Free movement when settled & reassured. Would benefit from growing a new jacket.

VETERAN BITCH (8 entries, 3 absent).

1st - Goldfinch's – CH TYCADNO BRIGHT STAR FOR KANAWHA, (9 yrs & 2 months). Grey brindle with a very harsh weather resistant coat. Good head & expression. Liked her neck & well laid shoulders, level topline. Pleasing firm body upon handling. Liked her overall size & general balance. Free flowing movement & showed well.

2nd – Smith's, - CANNWOOD MISTY DAWN at GETHLEE, (10yrs & 6 months). Cream with harsh double coat. Well made headpiece with nice eyes, lovely wistful expression &

definite stop. Good front with forechest on standing. Level topline, correct tailset. Showed & moved steadily, on the day just preferred movement of winner.

3rd - Thompson's, - CASTLELINE MAITREE

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (3 entries, 1 absent).

1st – Purvis, – MOSSPUR MADDIE, just 8 months, Nice shaped head, Correct bite, Pleasing expression, awaiting more hair furnishings. Nice to handle on table, liked her neck, shoulders, topline, firm body & well made hindquarters. Most sound free flowing movement but needs motivation when standing. Would benefit from trimming tail. BPIS

2nd – Smith's, - CLOVERBROOK MOET N'CHANDON of GETHLEE, well grown harsh coated light brindle pup of 8 month's. Litter sis to winner Puppy Dog. Full of fun & very mischievous expression. Liked her head, neck & shoulder placement. Front needs time to tighten. Good overall length of leg. Moves well when settled, just preferred movement of winner.

PUPPY BITCH (3 entries).

1st - Percy's, - WINETTA NORDIC UNION, 9 months, well up to size, harsh cream brindle coat coming. Beautiful head with neat dark ears. Handles well on table, good front on standing, deep well sprung ribs, level topline & good tailset. Free flowing movement, full of life. Will need to watch weight.

2nd – Gardner's, – LENTRICA LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH ABERFORTH, 11 month's, attractive dark red brindle. Has good reach of neck, overall good length & in proportion. Excellent temperament, just needs time for movement to settle.

3rd – Saich's, - LINDCOLY NESSA SHANESSA

JUNIOR BITCH (8 entries, 3 absent).

1st – Saich's, - LINDCOLY BEAUTIFUL ZURI, one day out of puppy! Wheaten, full of self confidence. Nice well shaped head with pleasing expression & dark points. Good overall length & in proportion. Requires time to settle on walking. Would benefit from some training & a new coat.

2nd – Kinchin's, SEVEEK ANISE, good coated red of nice overall type, lovely shaped head & expression. Good to go over on table. Well bodied, firm hindquarters with neat feet. Liked her general size. Sound movement. Showed well with encouragement, unfortunately gave-up at the end.

3rd – Gardner's, - LENTRICA NEW BEGINNINGS FOR ABERFORTH

NOVICE BITCH (2 entries).

1st – Saich's, LINDCOLY THIS IS THE ONE. Well coated attractive wheaten, dark points, of nice overall size & has substance. Well sprung ribs & firm hindquarters. Level topline & nice tailset. Needs encouragement to stand. Liked her free flowing sound movement.

2nd – Samet's, - SVENDALENS PEARL, one day out of junior. Harsh coated attractive light brindle. Feminine head, good reach of neck, level topline & good tail set. Would prefer a bit more bone & needs to tighten in front. Steady movement & showed well.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (10 entries, 3 absent).

1st – Firth's, - GLENROOD SILENT WHISPERER at CAIRNGOLD, well presented light red in good coat. Loved her broad head & alert expression. Overall of nice size & well balanced. Lovely to handle on the table, good depth of chest, strong hindquarters. Excellent sound movement, showed throughout. Res BCC.

2nd – Waugh's, - TRIBANNON NANCY LOU, cream with lovely double coat. Of lovely type & proportion. Nice reach of neck into well laid shoulders, level topline & good tailset. Firm hindquarters. Most free flowing movement to & fro. Lovely outgoing temperament. Very close decision, on the day just preferred head & front of 1st.

Two most beautiful bitches, real pleasure to go over and look forward to watching their futures with interest.

3rd – Samet's, GYNCAIRN SECRET MESSAGE

LIMIT BITCH (7 entries, 1 absent).

1st – Osborn's, TWESLAM BE GIN THE MAGIC, well presented harsh coated red. Nice to handle on table. Liked her size & overall balance. Lovely well shaped head, deep stop & keen expression. Has good reach of neck into well placed shoulders. Level topline, good depth of body & firm hindquarters. Steady sound movement.

2nd - Hartopp's, - CARRADINE HAZEL MOON, immaculately presented harsh coated dark brindle, smaller type than 1st but all in proportion & very well balanced. Beautiful outline on table. Lots to like, good drive in profile, stands & shows non-stop.

3rd – Bingham & Stokes, CARRADINE MISS HAYLEY

OPEN BITCH (11 entries, 1 absent).

1st – Theodorsson's, - HJOHOO'S HJOURS WITHOUT A DOUBT, red with well presented jacket. Most feminine all-round, good head structure & alert expression. Neck, shoulders, forechest & overall construction all in proportion. Excellent tail carriage, hindquarters with hocks well let down. Movement free flowing & purposeful. Serious contender for Res CC.

2nd – Jones & Thomas, - CH CASTLELINE SEREN at TYCADNO, Harsh coated cream making a lovely honest & most alert showgirl. Beautiful head & expression with dark well shaped eye. Well sprung body with deep ribs, level topline, muscular hindquarters with good sound movement.

3rd – Waugh, - TRIBANNON ANGEL'S KISS

CHAMPION BITCH (7 entries, 4 absent).

1st – Theodorsson's, - AM/SE/DK CH HJOHOO'S I'M PERFECT FOR HJO, superb weather resistant red coat, immaculately presented, very charismatic, never stopped showing, found her an absolute joy to watch. Good overall headpiece with feminine expression. Perfectly constructed & beautiful in profile. Good forechest, neck, shoulder placement. Level topline, in proportion with strong supple loin, excellent tail carriage. Free movement with drive.

Delighted to award her BCC and BIS. So pleased to learn this was her 3rd UK CC. Congratulations!

2nd – Thomas – CH TYCADNO WINTER STAR, attractive wheaten brindle with harsh textured coat (bit short of today). Another most attractive & appealing well formed head.

Very mischievous expression. Firm to handle, good muscled & well angulated hindquarters making her move with drive, does need time to settle when on the go as so full of enthusiasm. Lovely showgirl.

3rd – Felters & Rumens, - CH LANDBUCK AMETHYST

Ruth Parker-Tucker (Judge)