

Paignton and District Fanciers Association Championship Show

31st July 2026

Cairn Terrier Critique

Judge: Helen Greenhalgh

Sincere thanks to the Paignton Show Committee for inviting me to judge at this renowned dog show. It had all the ingredients for a perfect day's judging – a wonderful setting, fabulous weather, a genuinely warm and welcoming committee, efficient stewards and, of course, great exhibitors who brought some lovely Cairn Terriers to show under me. Most of you had travelled a long way – I truly appreciated your presence. Thank you.

BOB & DCC: Hiam's Carradine Kiss My Ace (2nd)
RDCC: Parker Tucker's Ch. Uniquecottage Grey Borage
BCC: Hartopp's Carradine Hazel Moon (3rd)
RBCC: Parker-Tucker's Uniquecottage Sorrel
BP: Smith's Cloverbrook Pol Roger of Gethlee
BV: Smith's Cannwood Misty Dawn at Gethlee

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PD (1,0) Smith's Cloverbrook Pol Roger of Gethlee. Nine months old today. Confident, well up to size for his age, soundly constructed, excellent mouth and stop. Furnishings developing nicely. Well set neck leading to level topline and tail set. In excellent condition and good coat for age. Moved well and with drive both ways. BPIB. Congratulations.

JD (1,0) Rose & Harrison's Carradine Little Bird. 14-month-old dog who was good to go over on the table. Typical, masculine head and expression, correct mouth, definite stop, well sprung ribs, well placed shoulders, strong topline. Presented in excellent coat and condition. Sound movement. Just would have liked a little more drive on the day.

PGD (1,0) Rose's Carradine Always a Chance. Another well-presented and well-conditioned boy who presented a good outline on the table. Lovely head, good mouth, typical expression. Correct ear-set, shoulder placement, good depth of chest, level back and good bone. Fore and hind quarter construction was sound. Unfortunately, he was un-nerved by the sounds in the hall and, as a result, was unsettled on the move.

LD (1,0) Morley's Kanawha Spy Man. A masculine Cairn who presented a typical outline on the table with a lovely head and expression, good mouth, super eye and correct furnishings. Moved soundly both ways. Would have liked a little more enthusiasm on the day, but an attractive, honest Cairn.

OD (2,0) 1) Hiam & Harrison's Carradine Kiss My Ace. Seventeen-month-old dark brindle dog. Immediately impressed when he entered the ring with his self-assured and alert attitude. Upstanding, thoroughly masculine Cairn who presented an excellent outline, standing well forward on good size fore paws at all times. Fabulous head, excellent mouth, strong jaw. Super expression, shoulders well placed, good bone throughout, good neck, level topline which he

kept on the move, correct tail set. Good bend of stifle, well let down hocks. Moved well both ways and with strong propulsion from the hind legs. Never stopped showing. I was delighted to award him DCC and BOB. I hope his crowning CC isn't too far away **DCC, BOB.**

2) Morley's Kanawha Spy Man (repeat)

VD (1,0) Parker-Tucker's Ch. Uniquecottage Grey Borage. 7 years and 10 months old. Lovely cream dog with dark points. Excellent head, correct eye, good scissor bite with strong muzzle, good ear set, and expression, good bone, good reach of neck into correct topline and tail set. Well let down hocks and good bend of stifle. Correct coat. Sound movement both ways and with drive. Showed very well. **RDCC.**

MPB (1,0) Smith's Cloverbrook Moet N'chandon. Litter sister to BP winner. Small, feminine and happy bitch; my notes say 'out for fun'! Nicely balanced. Good mouth, stop, eye. The makings of a lovely head; lacking furnishings. Enough bone, level back and good tailset. Needed to settle on the move today. Just needs time.

PB (1,0) Parker-Tucker's Uniquecottage Red Ayla. A 10-month-old feminine red bitch. Excellent mouth, good stop, correct ear set. Furnishings developing well. Lovely front, neck and shoulder placement. In lovely condition with good coat. Moved soundly. BPB. Close decision for BP.

JB: (2,1abs) Hiam & Harrison's Carradine Boozy Suzy. A very feminine 14-month-old bitch. Presented a typical outline on the table. Good to go over. Attractive head and expression, good mouth. Correct sloping shoulders and fore chest. Good bend of stifle and well let down hocks. Moved well, keeping her topline on the move. A lovely girl, in tune with her handler, who pushed hard for the RCC.

YB: (1,0) Thomas & Jones' Tycadno Christmas Star. Very attractive nineteen-month-old feminine bitch. Correct mouth, good stop, eye and ear placement. Lovely to go over – balanced and well-structured throughout. Good bone, straight front, good shoulders, level topline and correct tailset. Unfortunately she was a little hesitant on the move today.

PGB: (1,0) Parker-Tucker's Uniquecottage Sorrel. A well balanced cream bitch who presented a well balanced outline on the table. Beautiful head and expression, excellent mouth, eye, ear set, sloping shoulders leading into a straight front. Good topline and tailset. Strong hindquarters and good bend of stifle. Shown in excellent coat and condition. Moved well and with drive both ways, keeping her topline on the move. Attentive to her handler at all times. A quality show girl. I was very pleased to award her **RBCC**

OB: (1,0) Hartopp's Carradine Hazel Moon. Impressed as 'active and game' as she entered the ring. Keen and on her toes. A very well balanced, feminine, red bitch, excellent head and expression – a mischievous eye and good stop. Super mouth, strong jaw, well carried ears, a neck which she used to her advantage and well bodied and well constructed throughout. In excellent coat and condition. Moved well both ways with confidence and drive. In tune with her handler, she showed very well. I was delighted to award her BCC and found out later that this was her third. Congratulations. **BCC**

VB(1.0) Smith's Cannwood Misty Dawn at Gethlee. A ten-and-a-half-year-old feminine, cream bitch who was out to impress today. Presented a typical outline. A lovely head with dark points, very good eye, an excellent mouth with very clean teeth, well carried ears. Good neck, good bone, straight front, firm topline and correct tailset. Well-muscled hind quarters. Shown in

excellent coat and condition. She moved well both ways with drive. Her physical condition and performance belied her years, and I was compelled to award her BV. Well done. **BV**

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