25/01/20 The Northern Counties Whippet Club - Limited Show

A huge thanks to the committee of NCWC who invited me to judge my first ever Breed Club show. Its funny to think that NCWC was also the first ever Breed Cub show I handled at back when I first started handling. Indeed the person who told me to enter it was my Steward today and today he ensured we made best use of the time available and kept the ring ticking over perfectly.

I would also like to say a massive thank you to all the exhibitors who entered their Whippets under me, all of which are fine examples of the breed. I feel extremely grateful to be able to have gone over these quality dogs who made some of my decisions very difficult indeed.

Class 1. Minor Puppy Dog

1st Mr & Mrs R.J. & C.S. Perkins SILKRIDGE JUST JOEY. As soon as this young man entered the ring I felt his presence, I absolutely adore his head and expression leading onto well set ears. He has a lovely elegantly arched neck. Strong well laid forequarters with a really nice front, correct length of loin, overall nice curvy and flowing body with a pleasing topline, his shape is to die for whilst being so well balanced. On the move he was eager to get going with ease, true coming and going. At all times covering good ground. BPD and then onto BPIS.

2nd Mrs L. Morris & Mr G. Waddell's CROSSCOP CRAZY LOVE. Another whose head and expression is to die for! Nice ears, good length of neck leading down to well laid strong shoulders. Wonderful curvy shape, flowing topline and nice definite tuck up. Pleasing strong back end with nice bend in stifle. Excitable lad who definitely enjoyed his time in the ring!

Class 2. Puppy Dog

1st Mrs J. Lloyd's SAIL ON SAILOR. Proper Whippety head and expression, well-muscled and in good condition, well sprung ribs, nice flowing underline with definite tuck up and moved well.

Class 3. Junior Dog

1st Mr & Mrs R.J. & C.S. Perkins SNOWLEANA ERROL FLYNN AT SILKRIDGE. Wonderful soft expression with a well-balanced head, well set ears. Impressive front, good bone and strong pasterns. Good condition and well-muscled. Wonderful flowing curves. Very pleasing topline with a nice gentle arch over the loin, strong hindquarters. Moved with ease yet so much power, true coming and going.

2nd Mrs A. Ainscough KIDARUKA MOTHER OF MERCY. Another with a lovely head and expression, nice eyes. Strong neck, well sprung ribs and pleasing topline. Excellent condition and well-muscled. For me he doesn't quite have the front construction and powerful movement of 1st.

Class 4. Novice Dog

NO ENTRIES

Class 5. Graduate Dog

1st Mr I. Austin RANVELI HOT BUTTERED RUM. Soft gentle expression leading to a strong arched neck, well-muscled all over. Nice topline and strong correct length of loin. Flowing underline with definite tuck up. Good bend in stifle, moved well.

2nd Mrs. J Lloyd ARCHIBOLD JON FOR PENWINCOED. A well conditioned dog, lovely head and expression, elegantly arched neck with a pleasing underline. Moved effortlessly.

Class 6. Special Beginners Dog

1st Mrs J. Lloyd SAIL ON SAILOR. Puppy dog class winner.

2nd Miss L. Coleman WAKEBARROW WILLOW HERB AT SILURIAN. Attractive head with a gentle expression leading into an elegantly arched neck. Pleasing underline. For me he is shorter in body compared to 1st.

Class 7. Post Graduate Dog

1st Mrs S.M. & Miss F.S. Mycroft & Mrs L. Brown SHINY SENSATIONS WISH UPON A STAR WITH SUPETA JW (IMP NLD). This stylish boy caught my eye instantly and I found myself constantly looking at him! I adore his head and expression, well set ears leading down to a strong arched neck and well-constructed forequarters, good bone and well let down pasterns. Well sprung ribs with pleasing underline and definite tuck up. Strong topline and good hind-quarters. Powerful on the move with plenty of drive all with ease, true coming and going. BD and went onto RBIS giving the BIS winner a run for their money!

2nd Mrs L. Morris & Mr G. Waddell CROSSCOP IS THIS LOVE. Although seemingly quite unsettled and a bit wary this one's handler definitely did her best to calm and reassure him allowing me to be able to judge him the best I could. A wonderful head with lovely rose ears. A strong and elegantly arched neck, well-muscled all over and nice strong fore-quarters, correct length of shoulder. Flowing top & underline with definite tuck up. Correct bend of stifle and strong hindquarters. Moved well once settled.

Class 8. Limit Dog

1st Miss L. Coleman ROGANSROCK BORN LUCKY FOR SILURIAN. Lovely strong head with a wonderful soft and gentle expression. Well placed shoulders with strong forequarters. Well sprung ribs. Strong topline and nice gentle underline with definite tuck up. The only thing for me would be the hindquarters are slightly wider to what I prefer. Moved well.

2nd Mrs P. Clewes & Mrs P. Cleaver SHARDBECK JET SET. Good head and pleasing expression, well set ears. Strong arched neck. Nice front construction with good bone and

correct and well let down pasterns. Well sprung ribs. Close decision between these two, preferred 1st's topline.

Class 9. Open Dog

1st Mrs L. Morris & Mr G. Waddell CROSSCOP I WANT YOU. Straight away I could see how well balanced this lad was with lovely flowing curves. Correct head and lovely expression which just shouted Whippet! Elegantly arched neck leading into well-constructed fore-quarters, good bone and good spring in pastern. Well sprung ribs, nice definite tuck up. Pleasing topline leading to a good backend, good bend in stifle and well let down hocks. Moved well with ease and power around the ring, true coming and going. RBD really pushed hard for BD.

2nd Mr I. Austin ELEQUAL CLASSIC STONE. Overall a very strong dog in good condition, nice head and expression. Strong neck, pleasing topline and underline with definite tuck up. Well sprung ribs. Would prefer a little more length in loin and bend of stifle. Powerful mover and covered the ring with ease.

Class 10. Veteran Dog

1st Miss J. Wilkinson ROWANGARTH WIND OF CHANGE BY FLETCHGATE. A proper Whippety head with a lovely expression, strong elegantly arched neck leading down to good shoulders. Well-built fore-quarters, good spring of ribs. Very pleasing underline with nice definite tuck up. Strong topline with a gentle arch above the loin which is of good length. Good bend of stifle and strong hind-quarters. True coming and going and moved effortless around the ring displaying power.

2nd Mrs D. Clark WHILLOER WAIT ON ME. Wonderful head and expression with a strong neck. Good blade of bone. Well sprung ribs and pleasing underline. A pleasure to watch on the move.

Class 11. Racing and Lure Coursing Dog

1st ARCHIBOLD JON FOR PENWINCOED: 2nd in Graduate Dog.

Class 12. Racing and Lure Coursing Bitch

1st Mrs E.M. Third GOREWATER JURA JOY AT BRUNTSFIELD. Lovely expression, well laid back shoulder and good blade of bone. Pleasing underline with nice definite tuck up. Lovely topline with nice arch over loin and gentle slope. Powerful hind-quarters with good bend in stifle. Powerful effortless movement.

2nd Mrs L.C. Fletcher BRUNTSFIELD BEATNIK AT SHULEAH. Lovely head with a pleasant expression good condition and well muscled. Strong neck, well filled brisket. Pleasing top & underline with definite tuck up and nice arch above the loin. Pleasing to watch on the move.

Class 13. Veteran Bitch

1st Mr & Mrs R.P. & D.M. Mason APHREAL CASTING PEARL. What a wonderful veteran! Such a pleasure to go over this girl. I loved her expression with a correctly proportioned head, well set ears. Strong elegantly arched neck leading down to well placed shoulders. Well built fore-quarters with good blade of bone and nice spring in pastern. Well sprung ribs, pleasing topline and good length of loin with a nice gentle arch. Pleasing underline with definite tuck up, nice bend in stifle and well built fore-quarters. Amazing condition overall. Pleasing to watch on the move - true coming and going with powerful movement around the ring with ease. I struggled to take my eye of this bitch at all times. BVIS

2nd Mrs E.M. Third TANGO TIME OF BRUNTSFIELD. Lovely head and expression leading to a strong neck and well placed shoulders. Well sprung ribs and nice deep brisket. Pleasing top & underline. Amazing condition. Moved well - true front movement and pleasing on profile. Preferred 1sts backend construction.

Class 14. Minor Puppy Bitch

1st Mmes D.M. Winup & L.D. Paipala ROGANSROCK LOVE ME DO. A very pretty face in good proportion, strong neck leading down to a nice flowing body, pleasing top line and curves above the loin, good underline with definite tuck up flowing to a good bend in stifle. Moved well coming towards, going away was a little too wide for me.

Class 15. Puppy Bitch

1st Mrs E. McKay & Miss E. Mrs S. Mycroft ENVISAGE THIS AT SUPETA. A beautiful proper Whippet with an amazing head and expression which I fell in love with, well set ears with a lovely rose shape, leading down to a strong and elegantly arched neck. Good bone and well sprung pasterns, flowing curves all over. Pleasing underline with definite tuck up. Pleasing topline although at the back end drops off quickly. Effortless flowing movement. BPB and then RBPIS making my final decision a very hard one indeed.

2nd Ms S. Varnam VEREDON ANOTHER VERSE. Litter sister to 1, again I'm almost lost for words how much I love these twos heads and expressions - a proper Whippet head! Strong and elegant neck, well-built front and good bone. Good depth of chest, pleasing underline with definite tuck up again similar to 1 with flowing curves all over and effortless flowing action on the move.

Class 16. Junior Bitch

1st Mr & Mrs R.P. & D.M. Mason FALCONCRAG ROCK ON WITH APHRAEL. A very pleasing bitch with a wonderful expression and well-proportioned head with well-set ears. Strong neck leading down to good shoulders and a well-built front, good blade of bone and well sprung pasterns. Lovely flowing curvy body with well sprung ribs, pleasing top and

underline with definite tuck up. Really pleasing bend in stifle and overall nice hind quarters. Lovely powerful movement with plenty of drive. True coming and going.

2nd Mr & Mrs R.J. & C.S. Perkins AFTERGLOW MISS WHIPLASH OF SILKRIDGE. Wonderful expression and nice ears. Strong neck leading down to well-built fore quarters, well sprung ribs and pleasing topline. Nice backend. Powerful and stylish on the move.

Class 17. Novice Bitch

1st VEREDON ANOTHER VERSE: came 2nd in Puppy Bitch.

2nd Mrs A. Ainscough KIDARUKA MOTHER OF MINE. Lovely head and expression, strong neck leading down to a well-conditioned body, good muscle all over and good bone. Well sprung ribs, pleasing topline and underline. Preferred 1sts length of loin and power on the move.

Class 18. Graduate Bitch

1ST Mr M.A. & Mrs D. Cardus TAMALDEN DARE DEVIL AT DALZEAH. Pleasing head with nice ears, strong neck. Lovely temperament. Well filled brisket, plenty of heart room. Good spring in pastern. Gentle underline. lovely to watch on the move, powering around the ring.

2nd Mrs J.A. Norman BRUNTSFIELD BLUE PEARL AT JARMANE. Lovely feminine girl with a gentle expression and good head. Strong neck leading down to a nice flowing curvy body. Well sprung ribs. Definite tuck up and correct bend of stifle. Covered good ground on the move and was pleasing to watch. Just preferred 1sts fore quarters.

Class 19. Special beginners Bitch

1st Mrs. E. Mckay DANLUKE LITTLE RED DRESS AT JUBRANCY. Lovely head & expression, well arched neck, good muscle and condition all over. Well-built fore-quarters with nice spring in pastern. Pleasing topline with a gentle slope at the backend. Good spring of rib. True coming and pleasing to watch in profile, covered the ring with ease.

2nd TAMALDEN DARE DEVIL AT DALZEAH: Winner of Graduate Bitch

Class 20. Post Graduate Bitch.

1st Mmes D.M. Winup & L.D. Paipala ROGANSROCK LUCKY CHARM. A wonderful head & expression. Strong neck at good length, well laid shoulders. Pleasing fore quarters, good spring in pastern. Very pleasing topline and underline, curvy but not exaggerated, flowing all over. Out-moved the whole class, true front movement and covered good amount of ground with ease.

2nd 72 (No details in the catalogue for this bitch) Nice head and expression leading down to a strong neck. Deep brisket and well filled ribs. Pleasing underline with definite tuck up and strong topline. Moved with ease around the ring.

Class 21. Limit Bitch

1st Miss S. Mitchell CROSSCOP JUST WHAT I NEED. Very pleasing feminine head & expression. Well set ears. Promising front, well muscled and good bone, well filled brisket. Wonderful top & underline with a nice definite tuck up, nice bend in stifle. Best mover in the class, true coming and going and amazing to watch in profile – a powerful mover who moved with ease.

2nd GOREWATER JURA JOY AT BRUNTSFIELD: Winner of Racing & Lure Coursing Open Bitch.

Class 22. Open Bitch

1st Mmes D.M. Winup & L.D. Paipala WAKEBARROW WEEPING WILLOW CUM ROGANSROCK. Straight away this feminine bitch took my eye with her flowing curves. A wonderful Whippety head and expression, strongly arched neck leading down to well-placed shoulder and well-built fore-quarters. Good bone and nice spring in pastern. Well sprung ribs and nice deep brisket. Really nice underline with definite tuck up. Very pleasing topline with a nice arch over the loin and gentle slope to the backend. Strong hind-quarters with good bend in stifle. Over all a very well balanced bitch with no exaggerations. True coming and going and had effortless movement yet covering a good amount of ground. For me this bitch just screamed Whippet. BB and then went on to take BIS.

2nd Miss J. Wilkinson CITYCROFT STAR FALL JW. A wonderful head and expression with a lovely temperament. Strong neck. Well-built fore-quarters. Preferred depth of brisket on 1st. pleasing topline and a lovely underline. good bend in stifle and well let down hocks. Good muscle and condition. True coming and going and moved easily with plenty of reach and drive.

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