

Paignton and District Fancier's Association

Monday 9th August 2021

I would like to thank the committee for the invitation to judge English Toy Terriers at their show with no CCs. The show was superbly run considering we have just come out of a pandemic, so kudos to all the committee and volunteers who made the show a great success.

I was incredibly happy with my entry considering there were no CCs and the geographical location. I had some pleasing exhibits and was happy with my principle winners. Movement overall was good, although I feel we are missing thumbprints throughout some of the exhibits.

Puppy Dog - No Entries

Yearling Dog (1,0)

- 1) Mrs K Dixon. – Witchstone Who Dares Wins. 15 month old dog that really pushed the handler to all capabilities today. Clean wedge shape head with a good width between the ears. Today he wasn't using his ears to full potential. Would prefer a slightly more almond eye. A graceful, arched neck leading into a topline that was held on the stand. A clean straight front with neat tight feet. Rich tan. A muscular rear which was used to drive. This dog is still young and immature and was unsettled on the move. But once he settled he had that desired low extension. RBD

Post Graduate Dog (3,0)

Three very different types in this class.

- 1) Mr & Mrs, Miss M Dixon. Lokeren Abba Bjorn. A 2 year old dog who is up to height. Although up to height he is very shapely and balanced. A masculine wedge shape head with an almond eye placed well. Great ear placement which he used at all times. Neck in proportion which leads into a strong topline. Clean front with some issues with thumbprints. Strong rear. Movement today was a little unsettled and as a result was stepping higher rather than having the desired low extension.
- 2) Mrs N Whitehouse. Twowayhouse Tudor King. A very different stamp of a dog to 1. Attractive nonetheless. Lovely shaped wedged head. Ear placement was a little wider than I prefer. A dark almond eye which is placed well. Correct bite. An elegant neck which is led into a topline which was strong on the stand and the move. There was lack of thumbprints. Another dog that is conditioned well with a strong rear. The tail was carried higher than the winner.

Open Dog (5,0)

- 1) Mr G & Mrs L Dixon. Witchstone Mine's a Double at Lasagesse. An evident winner of this class. On standing profile on first inspection he immediately caught my eye. Great shape and size with curves in all the right places and a gleaming black jacket. A masculine wedge shaped head. Well placed ears which he used whilst in the ring. Eye was rounder than what I preferred. Elegant neck which led into a strong topline finishing with a tail carried low. Elbows tight to his chest which gave a straight front. Rich tan throughout. Great depth to chest leading into good tuck up. Muscular rear. On the move there was the desired low extension however the rear was a little untidy on occasions. BD and BOS
- 2) Mr K Wood. Moretonia Easter Parade. Very different in stature to 1 and was very unlucky to meet 1 today. On the stand he was another that caught my attention. Very shapely. Ear

placement was wider than preferred as a result not completing the picture of the head that I would have liked. A long graceful neck. A topline that is held well on the stand but can flatten a little on the move if moved too quickly. Neat clean front with tight feet. No clear thumbprints. Good depth of chest. Tail was carried higher than the winner. Moved out well.

Puppy Bitch (0,0)

Yearling Bitch (0,0)

Post Graduate Bitch (1,1)

Open Bitch (5,0)

This is a class that took a lot of sorting out and where I found 2 beautiful examples of the breed. The top 2 are bitches that I would happily own and exhibit myself.

- 1) Mr G and Mrs L Dixon. Ch Witchstone Unexpected Gift. An ultra feminine 2 year old bitch in prime condition. This bitch oozes femininity from the tip of her nose to the end of her tail. When she first came in the ring she didn't quite catch my attention as she had rushed from her bench. Once settled and I did my first inspection what an absolute delight. Small and compact. A wedge shape head, dark almond eyes and a good ear placement. A topline which is held on the stand and on the move. Good length to neck, solid topline finished off with a low set tail. A clean, straight and when on the move she had the best low extension of the day. A well conditioned rear which she used to drive around the ring with ease. BB and BOB. The Toy group was almost straight after she looked and represented the breed well and was handled beautifully throughout.
- 2) Ms B Wiles and Mr I Argint. Witchstone Share the Dream with Vidra. A bitch I judged as a youngster and my what a beautiful young lady she has turned out to be. And looking at the parents, the apple does not fall far from the tree. I have watched this bitch in the ring and there have been several times where she was on the end of the line. Today was a day where dog and handler pulled it all together and put on a stellar performance and really pushed 1. This bitch is taller than 1 bit she is still beautifully put together. A feminine headpiece with almond shaped eyes. Good ear placement which she used. An elegant neck flowing nicely into a strong topline which was held on the stand and the move. A clean front, however I would prefer a bit more width in chest. This girl moves beautifully, clean low extension and enough drive from the rear. I think the handler was shocked at this placing, But today it was well deserved. RBB

Judge

Richard Forsythe

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