

Midland Bedlington Terrier Club 13 June 2021

Congratulations to the Officers, Committee and helpers for organising an excellent event, with two Championship Shows in a lovely venue, and my thanks to my stewards Joan and Sophie for keeping my ring running smoothly throughout. I was delighted to be able to finally judge at the postponed 2020 show, and the good entry was lovely, with some quality dogs to assess, and only three absentees. There was a fair number of new exhibitors and some promising young dogs who were making their debuts in the ring and I wish them all well for the future. My only disappointment was the number of dogs with dirty teeth, but only a couple of less-than-perfect bites in evidence. No problems with feet and pads.

Minor Puppy D no entries

Puppy D (2, 1 abs)

1. Jackson's Woollytop the Marshman at Padztar Promising pup, masculine and substantial without being coarse in any way, already well up to size. Good head with powerful jaw and big teeth, correct shaped eye. Balanced angulation front and rear, and nice depth of brisket. Moved nicely in front, but his quarters still need to strengthen, so he was moving a little close behind, forgivable in a youngster, and should improve as he matures and strengthens. BPD and BPIS

Junior D (1, 0)

1. Tonner & Oxbury's Tunman Full Throttle. Only just out of puppy, thoroughly enjoying his day and playing up his handler, but when he did settle, he presented a lovely picture, and although still very raw he is a promising prospect. Excellent proportions, lathy with a good topline which he held standing and on the move. Lovely head carried well on a good length of neck, excellent mouth and thin ears. Coat of good colour and texture. He is a little proud of his tail at the moment, hopefully this will sort itself out when he settles down to the job in hand. Front movement a bit untidy, but excellent behind, I shall be interested to watch his progress.

Yearling D (3, 0)

All three are developing decent muscle over the loin, with the resulting arch correctly placed, and all need time to fully mature.

1. Worrall's Bluesmurf Boogie Woogie. Another of nice proportions, just enough length to give a balanced picture standing and on the move. Correct angulation both ends, and in a decent, crisp jacket. Lovely light, springy movement which won him the class in good competition.
2. Cooper & Davies' Plumerias Dolphin Striker. Well made youngster, good head with excellent mouth, nice big teeth. His front movement was untidy, he still needs to tighten in front, but hind movement OK. Lacked crispness to his coat, which is still rather soft and plush, but overall a promising dog.
3. Jackson's Woollytop the Saxon at Padztar. Rather heavier build than I like, not quite the grace and lighthness the Standard calls for. Eye a little round. At an awkward stage of maturity, and still needs to tighten up in movement, but a nice enough dog overall

Novice D no entries

Graduate D no entries

Post-Grad D (2, 1 abs)

1. Oldfield's Blue Comet Flash. Shorter coupled than I like, and his croup slopes too much, causing his quarters to come under his body when he stands, nevertheless his hind movement was good. Not quite so tidy in front movement, as he is rather wide across the chest, and appeared to be throwing out his elbows, which could be disguised by neater trimming, as he has a good coat of correct texture and nice colour. Lovely dark eye of correct shape, and good mouth. He needs time to mature fully, but already he looks as if he could do a good day's work. Once his handler grows in confidence, he too should relax a little which will help the overall picture

Limit D (3, 0)

1. Scott's L'end Show Melody Maker Nicely balanced dog, with good head of correct proportions, carried well, nice length of neck running into well-laid shoulders. Good deep brisket and well muscled over loin, keeping a lovely topline standing and on the move. Correct angulation front and rear resulted in lovely movement, which gave him the win in good company
2. Gillies' Rhicullen Rennie Mac. I thought this lad might be my winner when he came into the ring, lithe and lathy, presented a nice picture standing, Well put together, good length of loin to give correct proportions, and in nice coat. His movement generally was light and springy, however, he flattened on the move, lost his topline and threw away the win.
3. Harris' Ratzwell St Valentino. Another good dog, generally well constructed, and moving true coming and going and in profile.

Open D (3, 0)

1. Butler's Yarbach Federers Final. I first judged this dog as a raw youngster, when he showed promise, and I watched his progress with interest. Now fully mature, he has fulfilled that promise, and was the best mover in the whole entry, light and springy with lift and drive. Good head, nice dark eye, good mouth in a strong jaw. Balanced angulation front and rear and on the best of legs and feet, good width across the chest and correct depth to brisket. Long flat ribs carried well back, and well-muscled over the loin, giving him an excellent topline standing and on the move. Was pleased to award him the CC and BIS
2. Hewitt-Taylor's Mollora Red Kite for Tobanie. Another of lovely proportions, but a different type from the winner, this boy is of a more "old-fashioned" appearance. Lithe and athletic, he is up to size, lovely length and holding a good topline. True movement from all directions.
3. Turner's L'end Show Mystery Uneverse. Lacked the grace and elegance of the first two, rather heavier through the shoulder than I feel is ideal, and moved rather clumsily, particularly in front. Nice for size, and in good coat.

Champion D (1, 0)

1. Middlebrook's Ch Tcheria Tcharleston. Beautifully presented, and in good coat, good head, with nice dark eye and well set thin ears, perfect mouth. I feel he is a little upright in front, with not quite the return of upper arm, and lacking a little slope and spring to his pasterns. Flat ribcage of good depth and well muscled throughout, holding a correct outline standing and on the move. Seriously considered him in the challenge, a worthy champion.

Veteran D (1, 0)

1. Thompson's Jetsway Bollinger. Another excellent mover, driving from his well-angulated quarters, with lift and drive, he could put many of the youngsters to shame in this respect. He carries himself so very well, lovely head carriage, presenting a beautiful picture both standing and on the move. Correct angulation both ends, well boned right down to perfect feet, long neck into well-laid shoulders, deep brisket and flat ribs running to a good length of loin with beautiful muscle tone. Lovely dark jacket of correct texture with good furnishings. Delighted to award him RCC

Spec. Beg D (1.0)

1. Oldfield's Blue Comet Flash. A little more settled in this class, and his handler looked little more at ease, I wish them both well for future outings

Minor Puppy B (1, 0)

1. Pollard & Barrowcliffe's Jobanker Cotton Candy. Very much a baby, and a little unsure of herself, but she is beautifully put together. Nice head, with a lovely eye of correct shape, good mouth. Lovely width across the chest, good legs, well-boned, and nice feet. Correct, balanced angulation both ends, with a good topline and well carried tail. Movement needs to tighten up but time is on her side. BPB

Puppy B (3, 0)

All three of different type and at different stages of maturity.

1. Jones' Toolbox Yes Why Not at Squidlyannes. Elegant and graceful girl, lithe and lathy, with correct front, flat ribs and excellent length of loin. Light and springy movement, and she held her topline well, standing and on the move.
2. Bannister's Miteymidgets Twenty Twenty. Smaller puppy all round, still in a very dark jacket with no lightening of topknot and furnishings as yet. Nicely proportioned head, and big, strong, white teeth which would put many of the bigger dogs to shame. Balanced construction, sound and well proportioned, moved well. It will be interesting to see how she develops.
3. Porter-Manning & Porter's Woolytop Secret Wispa among Wallaroo. Rather too heavy through the front for me, shoulder blades upright which makes her appear thick across the chest, although the upper arm is reasonably well laid back. I would prefer her ribcage to extend further back, with better depth of

brisket, but this may improve with maturity. Moved OK, but flattened her topline on the move.

Junior B (5, 0)

1. Scott's Janmark Just Do It. Feminine young lady, very pretty, with lovely dark pigmentation, well presented and handled. She has a good width across the chest, giving her the correct horseshoe front, and nicely angulated quarters, giving lift and drive from the hocks.
2. Butler's Yarbach Mrs Claws. Rather unruly youngster, thoroughly enjoying herself, but when she decided to behave, she moved well. Not quite the front assembly of the winner, but she has lovely deep ribs carried well back to a decent length of loin, and with strong quarters. Another one who moved with an effortless light step, with lift and drive.
3. Corcoran & McDermott's Tunman Trust In Me. Litter sister to the Jnr D winner, and many of the same comments apply, although this girl was better schooled. Promising youngster, with a lot to like, still a little narrower across the chest than 1 and 2, but this may well develop with maturity.

Yearling B (2, 1 abs)

1. Mitchell's Paceyaws Patricia. Stood 4th in the previous class, but was so much more settled here as she and her handler relaxed. Nicely constructed throughout, although coat is at an in-between stage and felt rather soft. Moved much better in this class, although she still needs to tighten up in front. Hind movement was OK.

Novice B (2, 0)

1. Hewitt-Taylor's Rathsrigg Rosabella for Tobanie. Elegant and athletic in appearance, well proportioned throughout, in good coat of nice colour. Good head, feminine but with good strength to foreface, lovely small dark eye of correct shape, well-set ears and excellent mouth. Flat ribs carried well back, good quarters and moved well, although not the most co-operative of girls. When she settled, she looked a picture.
2. Woolytop Secret Wispa among Wallaroo

Graduate B (1, 0)

1. Bannister's Miteymidgets Tiewie. Lovely size, with a nice head carried well on a neck of good length which leads into well laid shoulders. Correct horseshoe front with good width across the chest, gave her true front movement, feet converging with no crossing or plaiting at any point. Lovely deep, flat ribs, carried well back. She has beautiful sweeping quarters, good length from hip to hock, well muscled, and with true hind movement, resulted in a well deserved RCC

Post Grad B (4, 0)

A lot to like about all of these, they could all change places on another day.

1. Jones' Miteymidgets Little Hottie at Squidlyannes. Lovely outline standing and on the move. Feminine head with nice eye, good mouth, good length of neck. Balanced angulation through front assembly and quarters, she won the class on her neater movement
2. Moore and Chudleigh's Devleigh Wild Child. Slightly more substantial build than 1, but many of the same comments apply. Well put together, nice body proportions and well boned. Good coat and colour. Just lost out on movement today.
3. Walters & Mitchell's Tunman Shine Amite. Nice shape to this one, but she is, at the moment, rather immature in appearance, and a little narrow throughout, resulting in movement which was close both in front and behind. Promising, however, and she has time on her side

Limit B (6, 0)

1. Phillips' Rathstrigg Willow. Bitch of smaller make, but what a beautiful outline she presents. Feminine, of correct proportions, with good length to height ratio, holding a perfect topline standing and on the move. Lovely head, with correct triangular eye and fine, well-set ears, good mouth. Correct horseshoe front, with excellent shoulder angulation, flat ribs, good length of loin and strong quarters. Lovely mover, a girl I would happily take home. BCC, BOS, RBIS
2. Tonner & Oxbury's Miteymidgets Nations Unite at Jukenblu. A different type from the winner, well constructed but not helped by her handler, who tends to over-stretch her so her topline goes out of shape. Feminine but strong and lithe. Was flattening a little on the move, but action front and back was good.
3. Pocklington's Timberose Rhapsody in Blue. Nice make and shape, lovely head with good strong foreface but still feminine. She just lost out on movement today

Open B (3, 0)

All these bitches had a lot to like about them, all slightly different in make and shape.

1. Bannister's Miteymidgets Love in Bloom. Neat and feminine, well proportioned and balanced. A little upright in shoulder, which affected her head carriage, but nice width across the chest, flat ribs, and good depth to brisket, well constructed, strong hindquarters. Held a good topline, with arch correctly placed over loin, and moved true from all directions
2. Moore & Chudleigh's Devleigh Dare To Dream. Another very good bitch, of slightly heavier make and shape, well constructed with nice width across chest, moved OK

3. Middlebrook's Poppyblu Elara. Shorter coupled than I like, but otherwise nice proportions, but her movement let her down today, very untidy in front and going close behind.

Champion B (2, 0)

1. Bannister's Ch Miteymidgets Going Global. Elegant and lithe, good shoulder placement, deep flat ribs, well muscled over loin and with correct hind construction. She has a lovely head, dark eye and nice ears, good mouth with big, strong teeth. Shown in lovely crisp coat of good colour. She was let down by very bad staining around her feet, which spoilt the overall picture.
2. Moore & Chudleigh Ch Tcheria Tcheerleader at Devleigh. Another worthy champion, and could change places with the winner on another day. Again, slightly heavier in build, and not quite the shoulder angulation of the winner, but still feminine with no suggestion of coarseness, and shown in good coat. Moved well. Close decision between these two lovely bitches.

Veteran B (4, 1 abs)

1. Hewitt-Taylor's Tobanie Earthsong. Just a few days short of her 11th birthday, she is a credit to her owner, and typifies the way Bedlingtons can hold their quality well into Veteran. Shown in excellent coat, she is elegant and graceful, beautifully constructed from nose to tail, and in superb condition. In the challenge for Best Veteran, it was a very close decision, and she just lost out on movement, with not quite the lightness of foot of the dog.
2. Jones' Tcheria Tydfil of Pengerrig. Another lovely girl, just carrying a little more weight, but lovely construction. Good angulation front and rear, well bodied with good length of loin, and neat movement.
3. Pocklington's Nebercrackers Rosie Blue at Timberose. Looking well for her age, coat not at its best, but she's well put together, with good head, nice body shape and decent muscle tone. Just lost out on movement today.

Spec Beg B (3, 1 abs)

1. Mitchell's Paceypaws Patricia. As the classes went on, she became more and more settled, which ultimately resulted in the Best Special Beginners award, beating the dog winner on better balance and movement
2. Spiller's Tunman Tip Top. A lovely young bitch who just needs time to mature and develop. At the moment, she is rather proud of her tail, but this should come right as she settles.

DCC / BIS Yarbach Federers Final

BCC / RBIS / BOS Rathrigg Willow

RDCC / BVIS Jetsway Bollinger

RBCC Miteymidgets Tiewie

BPIS Woollytop the Marshman at Padztar

Best Spec Beginner Paceypaws Patricia

Viv Rainsbury (Judge)