Whippet Club of Wales

Special Award Classes

Judge Miss Z Brodie (Wolfscastle)

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Firstly thank you to the committee for inviting me to judge at this show and exhibitors for their entries. Always a warm welcome at this club, and the food and meal provided was delicious. Overall I was pleased with the quality of exhibits, which varied in types. However there were a few rather (overweight) not in muscular condition examples and some top lines - tended to be rather flat and short in length of loin; with no rise and fall. We must not let this become the norm as a whippet is a running, sporting hound first and foremost and their power and speed comes from this combination. I had also noticed some upper arms were shorter than should be, so effected front extension with correct daisy cutting action and was rather noticeable, coming and going .

Class SAC1: SA Junior (7) 1

1. Wilson & Morgan: Shalfleet Simply Grace at Meandi; Brindle Parti colour (B)

This youngster of 10m immediately took my eye as she entered the ring. She has curves in all the right places, giving her a super outline. A very pretty feminine head with neat ears onto elegant long neck. Good laid back shoulders with nice return giving her forward reach and correct daisy cutting action. Plenty of depth & fore chest with good spring of rib for her age. Powerful, muscular hindquarters with rise over loin, good bend of stifle. Truest mover in the class.

1. Richards : Richclass Run For Cover; Fawn/white trim (D) A young male who is still maturing. Loved his head and expression with dark eye, neat ears onto clean neck. Narrower in front than 1. with ample ribbing, could have a tad more length of loin but nicely arched. Muscular, hindquarters with good angulation and bend of stifle with low set hocks, giving him and drive from behind. Just preferred front action of 1.

Class: SAC2 L Y M Members Open Class (10)

1. Wayman: Speymalt Northern Star JW; Parti colour (D) Nothing over exaggerated with this male of 5yrs old, all in proportion. Liked his size and length ratio. Pleasing head and expression with dark eye. Long elegant neck. Straight front, with correct bone and neat feet, pasterns were a little loose. Held his top line on the move, nicely arched over the loin. Well angulated hindquarters and moved well in profile.
2. Rishworth: Richclass of Kings; Red brindle parti.(D)

Much heavier type than 1. and I liked him very much. Workman like, muscular male, with super head and neat ears onto strong well arched long neck. Correct front construction with good bone. Ample ribbing of good length & arch over the loin. Powerful well angulated hindquarters, excelled in his side profile, unsettled coming and going. Very close between 1 & 2.

Junior Handling

Class A. 6-11yrs (1)

1. Madison Potter:

This young handler was always aware of my position in the ring, even though I tried to catch her out. Whilst presenting her charge on the table, he was not an easy subject, but she persisted with him to her credit, never lost her concentration even though he wasn’t relaxed. She was constantly talking and reassuring him, a team with a bright future. She has all the skills, she just needs to finesse now.