

JUDGE: Chris MacLeod

6-9 month Dogs 2 (1 abs)

1st Schaeffer and Schaeffer. Hops-n-Hounds The Oncoming Storm Lugh.

Rangy, puppy of nice type. He has good long straight bone and shapely but rather narrow throughout and a little tight in elbow. A little close behind going away although movement steady in profile and moved out well. Nice head and expression, well furnished. Level bite. Depth and substance throughout. Lovely temperament.

9-12 month Dogs 2

1st McNeely-Aube and Roland. R Noble Lucien of Eagle at Elkhorn.

Tall red brindle houndy type who was sound moving. Promising with scope and potential. Long planes to head. Level bite. Long neck into fair shoulder. Nicely bodied, sweep to underline. Good length to second thigh but lacks width through stifle. Harsh coat. Muscled.

2nd Fitzgerald and Gagne. Starkeeper Brady of Fitzwick.

Light grey well boned brindle, bodied with substance and depth but not as together as 1st. Tail carried high on the move. Dark eye with keen expression, ears set a little high. Curvy. Good bend and width to stifle, nice low hock, moved soundly.

12-18 month Dogs 9 (5 abs) 2 in this class were nervous.

Generally, bites were better and lower canines ok

1st Roland. R Noble Nasch.

Tall, impressive very houndy tpy youngster with flowing lines. Masculine head and big black nose. Strong neck but a bit tight in front due to lacking a little in length and slope to upperarm. Nicely bodied. Has scope and moved soundly in profile. Good leg length and balanced ratios. Has presence.

2nd Brown and Gagne. Starkeeper Torina Dei Laislinn.

For maturity and substance I thought initially that he would be my winner. He is nicely bodied up with substance through, with a harsh coat

and presents as typy and strong, but he is rather upright in front although his rear is moderately angulated with a good low hock. Not as enthusiastic in movement as 1st.

3rd Weidinger. R Noble Beyond the Horizon.

Balanced grey of good breed type. Typical head with kind expression, well held ears. Strong neck into good shoulder placement. Topline with rise over loin. Moderately angulated quarters. Moved soundly.

4th Schaeffer and Schaeffer. Magh Itha's Bragi.

Rangy young hound of nice type. Well furnished head. Length of neck into angulated shoulder, but lacks in length and slope to upper arm. Long straight bone. A little flat in topline. Length to second thigh. Not so collected on the move.

Novice Dogs 6 (1 abs)

This was a strong class but mouths were poor, the 1st was overshot but this felt like almost a blessing after having seen so many undershot mouths previously.

1st McCarthy. Maccaura Luuka.

Tall upstanding red brindle quality hound of excellent type. Masculine with commanding experience and so much promise and scope. Curvaceous flowing lines all through. Handsome masculine head with long level planes. Crested powerful neck into angulated shoulder giving breadth and depth of chest. Strong, long straight bone. Well angulated hindquarters with width through stifle. Strong and powerful. In hard muscular condition. Once he settled, his movement was excellent and he powered around the ring with reach and drive, he could hunt all day. Lovely temperament. Sadly I couldn't forgive his bite, having already seen so many bad mouths, I had to be more punishing of poor mouths than I ever have been previously when judging, but I loved this young male.

2nd Patterson, Littlewood and Smith. Riversong Rosslare Orange Crush.

Dark grey typy hound with an excellent coat. In hard muscular condition. Kind head with soft expression. Strong neck into good shoulder placement and excellent forechest. Depth and breadth throughout. Not quite so well angulated behind as in front. Moved out well in profile but a little close behind.

3rd Gagne and McClure. Legacy's Starkeeper Silverado Spirit.
Balanced shapely grey of flowing lines. Furnished head with dark eye.
Strong neck into well angulated forequarters. Sweep to underline. Held
topline on the move. Needs more length to second thigh. Moved soundly.

4th Neinstedt and Smith. Taliesin's Davan of Findaway.

Substantial hound with width and depth through. Wonderful greying head
giving the softest expression. A little short in neck, although strong and
into well constructed forequarters with forechest. Strong straight bone.
Flat in feet. Looking a little short in loin. Width over croup. Long well
covered tail carried nicely. Sound and true due to musculature.

Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs 5 (1 abs)

A nice class of hounds, but once again poor bites.

1st Levan. Lismore Cosmo Topper.

Tall and standing over a lot of ground with good leg length. Houndy and
shapely. Well furnished masculine head and well held ears. Great length
of neck into well laid shoulder. Sweep to underline, topline drops away a
little. Angulated quarters with excellent low hock. Well carried long tail.
Movement in profile lovely and he gaited well. He would improve and be
stronger coming and going if in harder condition with more muscle.

2nd Reese. Deora's Daeglan.

Houndy dark grey but a little short on leg. His bite and general condition
of his mouth so far the best of the dogs. He moved exceptionally well and
was very sound. Could just be more of him, although he is nicely made
and has flowing curvy lines, he is little fine.

3rd Kneavel-Craley. Castlekeeper's In Awesome Wonder.

Tall substantial hound standing over a lot of ground. Long level planes to
head, but flat in ear. Strong neck into well angulated forequarters. Flat in
feet. Sweep to underline and rise over loin and width over croup. Rather
straight in stifle.

4th Eby and McCormic. Ancupla Pennys Arcade.

Substantial hound but looking a little short on leg. Lovely head and
expression. Well constructed front. A little heavy through. Bend and width
of stifle with nice low hock.

American-Bred- Dogs 2

1st Smith and Shiley. Windborne Stephen St. Leger.

Only 18 months old. Tall houndy dark grey, lovely for type and looks a hunter. Has great potential. Strong masculine head with keen eye. Huge black nose. Strong powerful neck into correct shoulder placement. Well ribbed back. Well held top line. Length and angulation to stifle, needs more width through. Harsh wiry coat. Moved out well in profile with reach and drive. A little more muscle and condition and his movement will strengthen coming and going. Intermittantly carried his tail a little strangely. RESERVE WINNERS DOG

2nd High and Muffley. Coleraine's Cathbhadh Incubator Jones

A balanced hound but a bit squarer in profile than 1st but a nice type with sound true steady movement. Impression of power and strength due to his hard muscular condition. A nice head with kind expressive eye. Good shoulder placement with plenty of forechest. Well off for bone and substantial throughout. Carried tail a little high on the move. Harsh coat.

Open Dogs 10 (3 abs)

1st Callender and Gagne. Can.Ch Starkeeper Caloren Ambr Declan.

Stood out both in this class and in the line up for Winners Dog. Very impressive strong masculine male with commanding appearance. Large wheaten with excellent dark pigmentation giving a lovely soft expression to his handsome head. Excellent bite. Crested powerful neck could be a little longer. Excellent lay of shoulder and width and breadth of forechest. Strong straight bone. Tight feet. Depth of chest looks exaggerated due to "petticoat." Well held top line on the move and width over croup. Strong powerful hindquarters and nice low hock. Well carried tail. Strong and so sound, in excellent hard muscular condition. He excelled in movement, totally sound and true. Excellent coat harsh and wiry. Loved him.
WINNERS DOG.

2nd Patterson and Ross. Cnoccarne Olog Carrowmoragh.

A substantial balanced grey of good type, with nice lines through. Expressive head with well held rose ear. Neck strong but could be a little longer. Excellent lay of shoulder and good forechest. Strong straight

bone, a little flat in feet. Nicely held topline and sweep to underline. Moderately angulated hind quarters. Steady true movement.

3rd Abrams, Shriver and Fenton. FC Tailstorm Kevin Barry SC RN.

Shapely balanced hound. Masculine head with ears well placed. Nicely constructed forequarters. Less angulated in rear.

4th Marx and Benjamin. Lonnkyle Aerie's Poindexter.

A nice type, but looking a little finer through than others placed in this class. Kind, expressive head. Correct shoulder placement with forechest. Well held topline on the move and rise over loin. A little straight behind.

6-9 month Bitches 6 (2 abs)

4 lovely pups all with good bites. 2 sets of sisters

1st Marx, Benjamin and St Clair. Quid Warwick of Aerie.

A very nice puppy who is more together than the others today, she is well trained and sound moving and was enjoying her day out. Lovely temperament. Pretty head with good length to muzzle. A long neck into fair shoulder placement. Good length to leg. Feet a little flat at present. Nicely bodied with length through. Well angulated hind quarters. Tail is a little ringed. Nicely conditioned and some muscle already. A puppy with potential.

2nd Marx and Benjamin. Quip of Aerie.

She was hampered by bursa today and I think maybe has more promise than 1st but is less coordinated on the move at present. Very much the same comments apply as to her sister. I am sure they will change places many times.

3rd Knight. Nightwing's Blue Dove at Dry Creek.

Shapely balanced bitch of nice type. Houndy head with long muzzle, but flat ear. Good shoulder placement. Tight feet. Drops off a little over croup at present. Angulated hindquarters.

4th Dormady. Nightwings Chaos at O'Lugh.

Very similar to her sister for type and shape. Another lovely houndy head with a well held ear. Flowing lines through into nicely angulated quarters. Bursa impinged a little today.

9-12 month Bitches 10 (3 abs)

One young puppy was overwhelmed today, but has potential so please persevere with her.

Bites were all good again in this class, as was muscle and condition

1st and 2nd were sisters of very similar type, the 2nd has more scope but was not moving out as well as 1st today, also she has a bursa which hampered her movement a little. Both were balanced and sound with lovely natures

1st Callender and Gagne. Starkeeper Calorien Beryl.

She just has the edge over her sister at the moment due to more training and steadier in movement, she's more coordinated at present and very together. Kind head with sweet expression. Shapely and balanced with good length to leg ratios. Angulated shoulder placement giving forechest. Well off for bone, and substance throughout. Nicely angulated hind quarters. Muscling up nicely, in hard condition. Well carried tail. *BEST PUPPY.*

2nd Callender and Gagne. Starkeeper Calorien Beausoliel.

I feel she has more scope and potential than her sister, she's taller, houndier and more shapely, but not the same sound, true, steady movement at present.

3rd Roland. R Noble Lyanna of Eagle

Bitch of nice type with flowing lines. A little plain in head. Angulation of shoulder, but rather short and upright in upperarm. Nicely bodied. Angulated quarters.

4th Marx and Benjamin. Gin Fizz O'Lugh of Aerie.

Nicely balanced shapely bitch. Pretty head with rose ear. Length of neck into well placed shoulder, but a little short and upright in upperarm. Bodied up. Well bent stifle.

12-18 month Bitches 12 (3 abs)

There were some nervous temperaments in this class, really not acceptable. Mostly good bites.

1st Roland. New Girl in Town at R Noble.

1st was a lovely dark bitch of good type who moved like a train and absolutely power housed around the ring, so sound and true moving with reach and drive. She looked as if she could hunt all day. A lovely feminine bitch. Beautiful head carriage, excellent bite. Crested neck into excellent shoulder placement with breadth and width to forechest. Lovely curvaceous lines through, so balanced. Strong powerful quarters which she used so well on the move. A lovely young bitch with so much promise for the future.

2nd Dentino and Shriver. Padraic Black Eyed Susan.

A nicely balanced bitch with good angulation fore and aft. A well furnished pretty head with kind expression. Good shoulder placement and forechest. Well boned. Sweep to tuck up. Nicely angulated rear construction. Well carried tail. Moved out well, sound and true.

3rd Marx, Benjamin, Callender and Gagne. Calorien Starkeeper Darley at Aerie.

A very pretty shapely wheaten bitch. Furnished head with dark pigmentation, giving a soft expression. Curvy outline. Angulated all through. Nice low hock. In hard condition and moved well.

4th Wright. Huntersrun Starkeeper Bellina.

Another shapely typy bitch who also moved well and was in good condition, as were all 4 bitches placed in this class.

Novice Bitches 19 (5 abs) 14 in this class. A strong class of good bitches.

1st Patterson, Littlewood and Smith. Riversong Rosslare Pinkalicios.

A curvaceous, balanced bitch of nice type who got stronger and stronger on the move. Powerful and sound in excellent hard muscular condition who looked as if she could hunt all day. Strength, muscle, condition and power in her reachy driving movement won her this class.

*** 2nd Roland. R Noble Nainsi.

Dark typy shapely houndy bitch who just began to slouch in the move as the winner got stronger and stronger. I loved her type and thought initially she was the class winner, but she just flagged at the end. Sister

to previous class winner and similar comments apply. 2 beautiful bitches.
***Disqualified due to AKC Novice rules, ineligible for Novice class

(2nd) 3rd Chastain, Abrams & Dentiono. Brie Moonstruck of Tailstorm.

A pretty bitch but rather long cast so looking a little unbalanced. Strength of neck into angulated shoulder placement. Nicely boned. Moderate angulation to hindquarters.

(3rd) 4th Purvis. Cuceile Sceitimini.

Balanced curvaceous bitch. Nicely angulated throughout. Straight bone. Tight feet. Nicely held topline and sweep to underline. Width over croup. Good low hock

Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches 6 (1 abs)

1st Simmons. Lonnkyle Provenance.

Attractive feminine head. Good length to muzzle with strong powerful jaw and excellent bite. Nicely made with well angulated forequarters with forechest. Well ribbed back. Width over croup and broad angulated quarters with width to stifle. A very pretty bitch of lovely type in super hard condition, well muscled and moved so freely driving around the ring, powerful and sound. Temperament excellent. A little too short on leg, could just do with an inch more. RESERVE WINNERS BITCH.

2nd Simon. Rockhart Raptur

Lovely sound balanced strong powerful bitch in hard muscular condition who moved out well and was so sound coming and going. Good length to height ratios, and lovely angles all through. A nice head with level bite. Good front construction with excellent lay of shoulder. Well boned, substance and depth through. Used her well angulated quarters to drive on the move.

3rd Roland. Dun Myrica R Noble Nuala of Eagle.

Lovely dark bitch of beautiful type. She has lost the end of her tail, but it does not detract from the overall picture. Flowing lines through and so sound and true on the move.

4th Forman. Ballyhara Kellyanne.

A very lovely bitch of quality and excellent type, such a shame she was pinning in and moving a little close behind, I really liked her. Tall and standing over a lot of ground. Beautiful greying head. Superb lay of shoulder and depth and breadth of forechest. Could carry a little less weight. Beautifully angulated hindquarters and width through stifle. Harsh coat.

American-Bred-Bitches 12 (3 abs)

1st Simon. Rockhart Valor.

A true huntress of excellent old fashioned type. Very similar to Mrs Nagle's stock. A bitch of amazing quality who is a power house of activity. Strong, so well muscled and in such hard muscular condition. Reachy driving movement in profile, and so sound up and back. Typical Gazehound head with keen expression. Excellent bite. Could lose a little weight. A beautiful bitch, exuding power but maintaining elegance. She is so well made and so balanced. Fantastic shoulders and super forechest. Beautiful curves and lines all through. Width across croup. Well angulated hind quarters with low hocks. Such a beautiful bitch of excellent type. I loved her. *BIS BOW WB*

2nd Marx, Benjamin and Levan. Lismore Marion Kerby.

Gorgeous type with lovely lines and curves. She moved out well with reach and drive and was very sound coming and going. She's a tall girl and nicely balanced. A kind expressive head. Long neck into well placed shoulders with forechest. Long straight bone. Maintained her topline on the move. Sweep to underline. Strong, muscled hindquarters, long well carried tail.

3rd Flynn. Shancarrick's Daring Deunet.

A nicely balanced shapely bitch. Furnished pretty head with well held ears. Long neck into well laid shoulders with forechest. Substance throughout. Nicely angulated hindquarters but a little high on the hock.

4th Smith. Taliesin's Brice.

Tall wheaten looking rather square and not so angulated through. Dark pigmentation and expressive eye. Good length of neck but a little short in upperarm. Long straight bone. Harsh wiry coat. In hard condition.

Open Bitches 18 (9 abs)

1st Simon. Rockhart Endeavor.

Pretty much the same comments apply as to her half sister who was 1st in American-Bred-Bitches. Although she is a little close behind. Another powerful huntress of beautiful type. Moved excellently in profile. In hard muscular condition. Strong and powerful but maintained her femininity.

2nd Gagne and Ivanovskis. Can Ch Starkeeper Granuaille's Galleon.

A grey nicely balanced bitch with substance throughout. She has a pretty head but a little light in eye. Strength to neck and reasonable forequarters. Good bone but a little flat in feet. Depth to chest width over croup. Moderate angulation to hindquarters. Moved soundly and freely.

3rd Sula and Dormady. O'Lugh Blackwater Bombay.

Wheaten brindle young bitch who was lovely for type, but not conditioned well, but scope and much promise if she muscles up and enhances her potential. She is a lovely shape and so balanced. Well presented.

4th Marx and Benjamin. Dash Shancarrick at Aerie.

A bitch of nice type but lacking angulation through and a little straight fore and aft. Attractive houndy head. Good straight bone. Nicely bodied. Long well covered tail.

Veteran Dogs 9 (1 abs)

A nice class of elderly Gentleman all still in good condition and presented well. They are all a credit to owners.

1st Patterson. Berrybriar Caraglen Ieise ar Carrowmoragh.

A handsome chap, balanced and well made. A kind head with soft expression. Well held ears. A little short in neck but into well laid shoulders giving forechest. Strong straight bone. A little flat in feet. Good top line but a little flat in underline. Well angulated hindquarters and let down hocks. In strong hard muscular condition and moved out well and was sound fore and aft.

2nd Walker and Flanagan. GCH Carrickaneena Eoghan Ruadh.

A strong impressive hound of good type. Handsome masculine head. Length of powerful neck into good shoulder placement but a little upright in upper arm. Strong bone and tight feet still. Substance throughout. Maybe a little short in loin. Falling away over the croup a little. Moderately angulated behind and went well. Nicely conditioned.

3rd Smith. Am.Can.Ch Rhiongedd.

Lovely old fashioned type with a masculine greying super head. Breadth, width and substance throughout. Angulated quarters with length to second thigh and a nice low hock. Just giving a little to age.

4th Smith. GCH Taliesin's Realthuion.

Tall grey masculine hound with commanding appearance. Wonderful white head with gorgeous soft expression. Strong crested neck into well laid shoulder with forechest. Strong straight bone. Flat in feet. Depth and substance throughout, possibly a little short in loin. Well angulated quarters but lacking a little in strength behind.

Veteran Bitches 10 (4 abs)

This was a lovely class all free moving and in super condition. All had good bites. As with the dogs they were all a credit to their owners.

1st Johnson and Johnson. GCHB SBIS CH Gladstone's Irish Mist.

A tall upstanding imposing bitch of classic type, she is lovely. A super head with long level planes and the softest expression. Ears a little flat. Long neck into well laid shoulder with forechest. Long strong straight bone, slightly flat in feet. Dipping in a little in topline. Well bent stifle with width through and length of second thigh. Lowest of hocks. Nicely conditioned, just giving a little to age today, although still moving soundly.

2nd MacDonald and Roland. Ch Dun Myrica Nova of Eagle.

Another lovely bitch of nice type. A beautiful head with gorgeous expression, well made and shapely with angulation throughout. Lovely flowing lines and in super condition still. She also moved soundly.

3rd Smith. Talieisin's Realta Scaible.

A nice bitch with the most exquisite greying head with wonderful expression, just gazing into the distance. Well angulated shoulder

placement. Dipping a little in topline and a little flat in underline. Good width over croup. Moderately angulated hindquarters.

4th Bregy, Chastain and Chastain. GCHS Wildisle Brie Andromeda.

Another lovely bitch still in good condition. Attractive head. Curves through, but could carry a little less weight. A little flat in underline. Bend of stifle and width through.

4 lovely Veteran bitches.

Best of Breed Champions Class

In this class I found to my surprise, that dogs were stronger throughout than bitches.

Simon. CH Rockhart Raphael.

My best dog is a magnificent impressive hound. Tall and standing over a lot of ground with strong straight bone. Powerful with commanding appearance. Excellent type. He is a stallion hound in wonderful hard muscular condition. He has a masculine kind head. Powerful crested neck into lovely forequarters with breadth and depth of forechest. Flowing lines and beautifully angulated throughout with substance, depth and width. Length of second thigh, with width through and well let down hocks. Long well covered tail carried well. Harsh coat. In tip top condition. Unlucky to meet the bitch in such fantastic shape today. *BEST OPPOSITE SEX.*

Select Dog

Simmons. CH Lonnklye Traveller.

Dark grey tpy hound in excellent hard muscular condition, which showed in his free flowing active powerful movement. Kind head with soft expression. Well laid shoulder with forechest. Straight bone but needs another inch on leg. Maintained his topline on the move. Broad angulated hind quarters with low hocks which he used well to drive. True coming and going. Well carried tail. Coat gleaming.

Select Bitch

Bregy, Chastain and Chastain. GCH Wildisle Brie Good Golly MS Molly.

A very pretty feminine bitch of lovely type but who also could have a little more length of leg. Beautifully furnished head with kind expression. Length of neck into nicely constructed forequarters. Good straight bone. Kept her topline on the move and had sweep to underline. Nicely angulated quarters with width through. Drove powerfully off her lovely low hocks. Moved freely with purpose and drive, very sound.

Stud Dog 1

Callender and Gagne. CAN CH Starkeeper Caloren Ambr Declan.

My Winners Dog, who judging by his two puppies is a good sire, both very similar to their father in type, bone and substance.

Brood Bitch 3

1st Roland. Dun Myrica R Noble Nuala of Eagle.

A very typy bitch who has stamped her lovely type on her progeny, they could have been triplets!

2nd Bregy, Chastain and Chastain. GCHS Wildisle Brie Andromeda.

3rd Gagne and Ivanovskis. Starkeeper Nuala O'Ard RHI.

Brace 3 [2 abs]

1st Bregy, Chastain and Chastain. GCHS Wildisle Brie Andromeda

Bregy, Chastain and Chastain. CH Wildisle Brie Havens to Betsy

A very well matched brace who didn't only look alike but also moved out soundly in unison together.

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Brachan Irish Wolfhounds.