

The Southern Irish Terrier Society - Limit show – 05/12/2021

Many thanks to the officers and committee of The Southern Irish Terrier Society for inviting me to judge at your show and the warm and friendly atmosphere from club members and exhibitors. It was a pleasure to get my hands on some lovely Irish Terrier's, all with such super temperaments, coats varied slightly and we had a couple of "naughty" classes which were all taken in good part. Thank you to all exhibitors for your sportsmanship and a quality entry.

Veteran Dog/Bitch (6)

An absolutely super class to start the day and a difficult class to sort out as they all could have changed places. Some excellent clean white teeth, it's great to see the exhibitors keeping their charges in such excellent condition.

1. Ruffles : Holbam Celtic Whisper at Ruffmar - Not looking like a veteran at all. Good for size and outline, liked her head shape and expression, alert and using her ears well, very good mouth, correct shoulders and firm topline into well set tail, straight front, decent rear angulation. Moved really well both ways. Best Veteran in show
2. Nevill : Rosmonelle Isabella – A more mature lady of ten who belies her age. In super coat and condition, good for size and balance, feminine head, lovely eye shape and colour, good neck and shoulders, tail set a touch low, very good rear angulation which gave her drive around the ring.
3. Ruffles & Williamson : ****This was Shortman's Edmunds Chap – not Ruffles & Williamson****
4. Simons : Sidewater Ballarina Girl
5. Veillet-Lavallee : Montelle Design in Gold
6. Shortman : Larkans Yasmine

Puppy Dog (2)

1. Bamsey : Holbam Shamrock Kevin - A promising young puppy full of himself and still quite raw at the minute, he has a lovely head and eye, well set ears which he used well, straight front, his pasterns need to tighten some more, good topline and tail set. Was a little uncoordinated between front and rear, needs to tighten in front, his rear was much better. Best PD Res BPIS
2. Deakin : Batfordhall Don Carlo - He was a bit unruly for his handler up today which made it hard to assess. Has a super temperament, nice long head and ear set, looked quite well when he stood still, plenty of coat.

Junior Dog (1)

1. Bamsey : Holbam Shamrock Kevin - Repeat

Novice Dog (2-1)

1. England : Just Larkin Around - 21 month old well presented and covered in a good harsh jacket. Good length of head, good eye and expression, excellent mouth and dentition, straight front, good length of neck into well laid shoulders, level topline and tail well set on, enough depth of chest, he moved well around the ring with good rear drive. Everything came together in the challenge and was awarded Best Dog Best opposite sex.

Post Graduate Dog (2-1)

1. Barnes-Hill : Jaffa Cake - A mature strong boy, up to size, long head, nice dark eye, good expression with although his ears are a touch high set, strong in muzzle and excellent teeth, enough length of neck, level topline, well set tail, good depth of chest and well ribbed. Moving slightly close coming toward with good rear drive.

Limit Dog (2)

1. Simonds : Saredon Red Berry - Masculine, smart dog with strong bone, he has an excellent temperament, presented in lovely condition, good overall outline, disappointed that he was not using his ears which spoiled his expression, good strong jaw and excellent teeth, good neck and shoulders and depth of chest, lovely tail set, very good rear angulation, moved well.
2. Atkin : Gengis Khan - He wasn't putting in his best performance today, of nice shape and size, slightly finer build than 1. Dropping his ears too. Just needs to get his act together.

Open Dog (3-1)

1. McConnell : Tootrock Arcturus - Well up to size and well off for bone and substance, he is all in proportion and has a lovely outline, long, strong head, would prefer his ears a touch higher set, has a super jaw and bite, good topline and tail set, straight front and good back end, was a touch full of himself and threw his front around coming towards, just needs to settle into his stride. Res Best Dog
2. Nevill : Norakim An Storr at Rosemonelle - A really nice dog, correct for size, lovely profile and in good coat and condition. Has a good length of head, flat skull, was flying his ears a touch, was difficult to assess as he was leaning and wouldn't stand up straight. Moved well in all directions.

Puppy Bitch (2)

- 1 Davidson : Saredon Miss Davidson - Lovely 11 months puppy who was much more mature in this class, with coat developing well, she scores well in head and ears, has a real look at me expression, front as straight as a die, good shoulders and topline which just needs to tighten up as she matures and hardens up, moved really well for a puppy with good reach and drive. Best Puppy in show.

2 McConnell : Holbam Shamrock Connie - Another promising puppy, a bit raw at the moment but everything in the right place, unfortunate to meet 1. Lovely outline and balance for her age, ears need to tighten up. Moves well a lovely puppy.

Junior Bitch (2)

1. McConnell : Feegarron Star - Good for size, lovely outline and well balanced, Liked her head and excellent eye shape and colour, good length of neck into well laid shoulders, straight front, racy lines, would prefer a touch more rear turn of stifle. Movement was a little unsure at first but soon got into her stride to clinch this class.
2. Print & Thomas : Bilarny Edna Cotton Socks - A lot to like about this young girl, she was a little uneasy too, perhaps the teenage years ? lovely head, very alert and using her ears well, good for size and liked her super coat. Just needs a bit more practice.

Novice Bitch (1)

1. McConnell : Bilarny Edna Cotton Socks - Repeat

Post Graduate Bitch (4-2)

1. Karau : Balirolyat Molly's a Diva – Good for size, Lovely feminine bitch, needs to use her ears a touch more to finish the picture, good length of neck, well placed shoulders, liked her length of body, firm topline and good tail set, stood well and moved soundly.
2. Ruffles & Williamson : Holbam Celtic Erin - A lovely make and shape, good for size, has a touch more bone than 1, in super coat, couldn't assess movement as she was pacing.

Limit Bitch (3-1)

1 Wortley : Jarabica Grace O'Malley - Lovely racy outline, presented in excellent condition, super coat both in colour and texture, good for size, balanced head of good length, good dark eye, straight front and nice depth of chest, straight and firm topline with good tail set, enough rear angulation to drive her around the ring.

- 2 Karau : Balirolyat Molly's a Diva - Repeat

Open Bitch (2)

1. Bamsey : Divadeus Orange - A well balanced bitch reaching maturity, really putting in a good performance, super coat and colour, liked her length of head and expression, good in front, strong topline of good length and super tail set, good depth of rib and well ribbed, a racy outline and good turn of stifle. Moved really well in all directions. Pleased to award her Best in show
2. Redman : Holbam Celtic Little Minx - Good for type and size, nice head and expression, good length of neck, well placed shoulders, straight front, would prefer a touch tighter front feet, firm and level topline, good rear angulation. Moved well.

Best Coat and Colour (3)

1. Wortley : Jarabica Grace O'Malley
2. Davidson : Saredon Miss Davidson
3. Simonds : Saredon Red Berry

Judge : Mick Oxley (Digelsa)