

Channel Islands Dog of the Year 2019

It was a great pleasure to return to Jersey for a fourth time to judge for the Kennel Club. As in previous years, there was no shortage of good quality dogs and the organisation and hospitality was second to none. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit. Thanks to Officers and Committee of the Kennel Club of Jersey and my sincere thanks to the exhibitors for your sportsmanship and good humour. Sadly, due to Storm Dennis we lost a number of Guernsey competitors – good luck to you all for 2020!

Semi Finalists – Puppies

Pastoral Group

Allo Allen's Shetland sheepdog, Milesend Movie Star for Ribans. Has an air of quality as she presents a good outline with her abundant coat, good carriage and attractive head with neat well carried ears and well-placed eyes. Good spring of rib, good length of tail. Free moving with some drive from the rear. **Reserve C.I. Puppy of the Year.**

Le Poidevin's Shetland Sheepdog, Philhope Full Diva. Not quite the finish of coat as yet of Movie Star but what she has is a good texture. Attractive, refined head with a keen, alert expression. Well balanced and feminine. A good moving youngster.

Utility Group

51 Walker's Lhasa Apso, Kalizmar Inkahoote with Petwalk. Very typey and most pleasing for both size and balance. Pleasing head with dark, oval eyes and good dentition. Decent forehand with well laid shoulders, good length of rib and strong loin. Sound and free moving.

54 Cooper's Shih Tzu, Piccolo Tibet Jumanji. A beautifully presented, good quality exhibit. Some breadth of skull, large, round eye, nicely finished muzzle. Good bone with decent legs and feet. Sturdy, well ribbed body. Shows and moves to best advantage.

Gundog Group

56 De Gruchy's Retriever (Golden), Mardagold White Lady. Present a lovely picture standing and is sound and quite true on the move. Good pigment, dark eyes and a lovely kind, gentle expression. Good bone; tight, well-padded feet. Nicely balanced and very typical.

57 Cox's E.S.S., Petranella Jersey Lily Avec Tiroen. Strongly made with good length of leg and a typical, happy temperament. Pleasing head with kind, feminine expression and good-sized nostrils. Well ribbed, good couplings. Once settled, moved very well.

Hound Group

61 Lawson's Whippet, Oakland City Des Plaines Des Bruyeres at Kipipiriking. Classy with a good head and expression. Nicely arched, elegant neck, good depth of brisket. Typical outline without exaggeration. Moved out well with a sound, easy stride.

63 Ward's Dachshund (Min. Long Haired), Arbennik Miss Mystique at Simbarra. Handled by a young lady who really made the most of her this is a pretty typical bitch. Good head carriage with good length of neck. Good keel. Strong topline with good ground clearance. An easy, true mover.

Terrier Group

Pinto & Whitehead's Berrybreeze Quintella at McKalay. Head of good length, well set ears, dark keen eye giving an alert intelligent expression. Strong neck, good forehand with decent bone. Compactly made with a good topline and her tail is bang on with plenty behind it. She put on a

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really good show today and was presented in first class condition. She topped the puppies and later on swept all before her to take the title of C.I. Dog of the Year.

Toy Group

- 68 Schofield's Pomeranian, Rudoli Jet-Setter. Lovely balance and type with decent length of leg which is sometimes missing in the breed. Neat ears, good dentition. Well ribbed with high set and well carried tail. Keen and alert and shows to best advantage. Good coat texture.
- 71 McFarlane's Japanese Chin, Jeskandai Kai No Yokan. A very typical Chin, quite oriental in outlook with a nicely cushioned muzzle and good eyes. Short backed with good tailset and carriage. Fine, silky coat. Delightful character.

Semi Finalists – Adults

Pastoral Group

- 75 Yabley's Belgian Shepherd (Groendael) Jetaime Higher Love. A handsome boy of really good type and balance. Calm, steady temperament, good head carriage and good depth of chest and moderate spring of rib. Light, flowing action.
- 45 Allo Allen's Shetland sheepdog, Milesend Movie Star for Ribans

Utility Group

- 78 Walker's Multi Ch & Jsy Ch Petwalk Irresistible. A glamorous, feminine bitch shown in lovely coat and condition. Pleasing head properties, very good forehead with good quality bone and decent feet. Nicely arched neck. Gay and jaunty on the move.

Gundog Group

- 82 Betts' Northquest Taylor Betts. Blue roan, feminine but with good bone and nicely padded "cat" feet. Good body and ribbing. Nicely rounded croup. Well presented, good quality coat. Very good profile action.
- 83 Moulin's Majikcharms Star Gazer. Very "cockery" blue dog. Grand head of good proportions, lovely tight eye rims and kind expression. Decent neck and shoulders. Good spring of rib. Gay and merry on the move with some drive evident.

Hound Group

- 88 Lawson's Whippet, Raneeli Blue Breeze. Smart and well balanced. Good length of head, pleasing expressive eyes. Good length of neck. Some breadth over the back and good depth of chest and brisket. Most impressive on the move.
- 90 Mottershaw & Officer's Saluki, Ir.Ch Ulmarra Naa Jun Ch. Strong and masculine yet graceful and elegant. Good length of head, deep chest and some breadth across the back and loins. Strong evident hip bones. Short from hock to heel. Flowing easy action. A calm, steady showman.

Working Group

- 94 Hutchinson & Lester's Leonberger, Lionscourt Fortissimo Dejerri. Strong and pleasing to handle as he is well put together, pleasing head with a kind, friendly expression. Well laid shoulders, broad chest and some breadth over the loins. A very good moving dog shown in good coat and musculature.
- 96 Le Claire's Great Dane, Dainoak Absolutely Lovely. This blue combined strength and elegance. Good head carriage, nicely arched neck, good bone. Well-proportioned with good depth of chest. Strong hindquarters. Good coat. Sound out and back with some drive from the rear.

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Terrier Group

- 99 Marett's Cesky Terrier, Idefix Day Break at Gayteckels PD'H. Beautifully balanced, strong and workmanlike yet not coarse. Good skull, strong dentition and large nose pad. Ample bone, good ribbing and strong loin. Strong well-muscled hindquarters. A good mover.
Pinto & Whitehead's Berrybreeze Quintella at McKalay

Toy Group

- 102 Bisson's Chihuahua (S/C), Beaulamey Holly Golightly. Very gassy with the most attractive head and expression. Pleasing for both size and balance. Good body with some depth of brisket and excellent topline and tailset. Well set, flat furry tail. Smart and typical on the move with a free, brisk action.
- 105 Curwood's Japanese Chin, Auralea Koko. Very appealing for both type and quality. Well cushioned muzzle, lovely eyes and expression. Cobby in build with a good topline and decent body. Fine bone with typical feet. Excellent coat texture and he is well marked and shows to good advantage.

Brace of the Year

- 1st Kuzca's Irish Terriers, PL Int JSY Ch Brazan Amber Pageant & PL Int Cg Amberville Fortune Cookie. Two high quality bitches – I see they are a mother and daughter. They richly deserved their placings today as both of them were beautifully presented and showed and moved to best advantage. Both quite racy in outline and perfectly schooled.
- 2nd Marett's Cesky Terriers, Gayteckels Sister Act & Idefix Day Break at Gayteckels PD'H. A grand brace – the island must be one of the places with greatest density of good quality Cesky Terriers. These two both moved beautifully and showed in unison.

Veteran of the Year

- 1st Officer & Mottershaw's Afghan Hound JSY Ch Schumakayas A Perfect Match for Elangeni PD'H (Imp Deu). A handsome masculine dog, strong and dignified. Good length of head with dark eyes and strong jaw. Good neck and shoulders. Good depth of chest. Good tail set and typical carriage. Stylish and typical on the move. Presented in first class order.
- 2nd Cullen's Border Collie, JSY Ch Tonkory Xaminer. Beautifully balanced and typical in all respects. Good breadth of skull, well set ears and keen eye. Slightly arched neck. Good body and rib. Tail of good length. Very typical carriage on the move with an easy, fluid action.

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Judge: Tom Mather