

Show report, KENNEL CLUB OF JERSEY championship show, August 5, 2017-08-15

I would like to thank the Committee and Officers of the Kennel Club of Jersey so much for inviting me to judge the Toy, Utility and Hound Groups along with Best in Show. My co-judge, Mr Peter Bailey had the rest of the Groups to do. I feel I must mention the excellent managerial team, who kept the show running smoothly, headed by the Chairman, Miss Fiona Whitehead. My ring steward was Miss Marie Claire Hannigan who was most helpful.

Best Toy was Dale & Michel's Pekehuis Sorcerer at Ksarina. A dog scoring on his wonderful head qualities, very good front and sound movement, he also excelled in coat, not excessive. 2nd in the group was the young Pomeranian, Thelbern the Red Monarch. I loved his head and expression and also his cobbiness. He moved so actively and freely. Third I made the Chinese Crested bitch Prajna Calling the tune at Lyntonridge, such a stylish showgirl. Fourth was the Pug, Regencylodge Roxelle at Rienmour, scoring on her substance and her action. Best Puppy in group was the promising Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Honeybet HappyTalk, very aptly named bitch, who moved out so freely and happily.

Best in the Hound group was the Saluki, Mottershaw & Marshall's Ulmarra Bollinger, a mature fawn dog of quality. Beautiful, dignified head and expression, well finished in body and condition, moving so well and truly and handled in such a sympathetic way. Second to him, and it was a very close decision, was the Whippet bitch, Jersey Ch Pipijay spirit in the sky for Petwalk. Of lovely size and old-fashioned type, she has all that is so attractive in this breed. Third in the Group I placed the very impressive Afghan Hound, Schumakayas Perfect Match for Elangeni. Prepared immaculately this black brindle moved very truly. Fourth place went to the PBGV, a handsome dog prepared in a very natural manner. Best puppy was an adorable Min Longhaired dachshund dog, Cheniesvilla Prince Harry. He is of lovely size, and has a beautiful head, he was very jolly and free moving.

From the Utility Group came my eventual Reserve BIS winner; the Tibetan Terrier, Kybo Mister Milan at Kaladash, owned by Mr and Mrs Simmons. His slightly wavy black coat literally shone with condition, he was excelling in breed characteristics, he moved effortlessly. For me he stood out in the group. Second to him was the most handsome Shih Tzu, Forepaws Aint seen Nothing, who scored on his head qualities, and who really moved out so freely. Third the Lhasa Apso Petwalk Diamonds are forever, presented beautifully and fourth the brindle French Bulldog Shoebridge Rahoul, a dog who scored on breed qualities and a very good size.

Best in Show I awarded to A Dodds' Wire Fox Terrier, Skerli Union Jack, who my co-judge Peter Bailey had sent forward. Such a smart, active and sound dog, presented in wonderful crisp wiry coat. Wonderful head with keen expression, wonderful body proportions and the movement was absolutely true. An absolutely top class dog. Reserve to him was the classic Tibetan Terrier, who ran him close, with the dignified Saluki in third place. Fourth in the Best in show line-up was the very dignified Pekinese, with fifth placing to the young Rottweiler, who later went on to win Best Puppy in show. Sixth in the line-up was the exuberant Irish Setter, Tiroen Too Darn Hot, with Shetland Sheepdog, Bannerdale Lord Tobias with Ribans in seventh.

Best Puppy in show I gave to the young Rottweiler, Hakkihaue Leonard, owned by Mrs Handleigh. He has a most handsome head and expression, and is well finished in body. His movement was occasionally very youthful and almost out of control, but he settled well to show off his many virtues. Reserve to him was the charming Cavalier bitch.

Dagmar Kenis Pordham (judge)