I would like to say a huge thank you to the Show Committee for inviting me to judge at this Open Show and for my excellent stewards Jane and Jenny for their help. It was a new venue for the Open Show and the committee and helpers worked very hard to make it a success. I had several comments afterwards on how nice the atmosphere was around the ring and I would like to thank everyone who entered under me.

I was looking for a medium sized bitch with good bone and not too heavy. I did find some exhibits were larger and finer than I was looking for and there were several with a level bite. Over baiting was also something that spoiled some of the exhibits as they were difficult to go over and gave their handlers a hard time but I was very happy with my final line up. Congratulations to all the winners on the day.

**Special Veteran Bitch (3,3)**

**Veteran Bitch (6,1)**

1st Lane & Lane- Ridyard – Sh Ch Kulawand in No One’s Shadow JW

Seven and a half years old this bitch caught my eye as soon as she entered the ring. She was giving her handler a hard time but that did not detract from her good movement and conformation. She is a medium sized bitch with a beautiful moulded head, kind eye and soft expression. Balanced front and rear angulation with a level topline held on the move. Good quality bone and tight feet, moved with reach and drive covering the ground with ease. I was pleased to award her Best Bitch and Best Veteran Bitch and she went on to Best Opposite Sex and Best Veteran in Show.
2nd Bellamy – Rainsgift Fleur-De-Lis for Woodfinch

Nearly 10 years old. This bitch has a lovely head with dark eye and scissor bite. Soundly constructed she moved well with a level topline and tight feet.

3rd Murray – Rusticus Tea Rose at Gayplume

Well put together bitch with good angulation front and rear. Lovely head and expression with a dark eye. Moved well but not as free flowing as 1 and 2

4th Romeo-Dieste – Brochilbarley November Mist over Hopevalley

5th Colson - Windyhollows Winnipeg

Minor Puppy Bitch (8)

A lovely class of puppies some at their first show.

1st Stevenson – Steelriver Sun Kissed

A very pretty puppy with a lovely head and kind expression. A dark eye and correct scissor bite. Very well constructed with good depth of chest and correct angulation front and rear. Moved really well holding her topline. Should have a good future.

2nd Fisher & Tebbutt – Avening Sweet Lady

This was only the second show for the puppy and handler. Another very pretty puppy with a lovely head and eye. Not as confident as 1 but that will come with time. Moved well on tight feet.

3rd McConnell – Laurvic Ciao Bella

Larger puppy that 1 and 2 but everything was in proportion. Correct assembly and good bone. Movement good but distracted when standing.

4th Lynott – Avening Sky Full of Stars

5th Bratby – Casblaid Wager
Puppy Bitch (9,2)

Another fabulous class of puppies all at different stages of development.

1st Lane&Lane – Ridyard – Kulawand Kodebreaker

11 month old well bodied puppy. Lovely head of correct proportions and a dark eye. Good reach of neck and lay of shoulder giving a level topline held on the move. Moved well and with confidence. Very promising puppy. BPD and BPIS

2nd Stevenson- Steelriver Sun Kissed

As above in Minor Puppy not as mature as 1 in this class

3rd Walker – Lizzlog Chicago Showgirl

Well balanced 11 month old puppy with a feminine head and pleasing expression. Level topline and correct front with excellent feet. Moved well but not as together as 1 and 2 today.

4th Walker&Roberts – Gloi Dubh Gigha

5th Collins – Annbecks Brenna at Bobbinmill

Junior Bitch (8.1)

Unfortunately there was a distraction around the ring which unsettled a couple of the exhibits.

1st Bellamy – Woodfinch Hydra JW

This young bitch is the correct size for her age with a lovely head and soft expression. Ears well set on and correct scissor bite. Good depth of chest and well angulated quarters, tight feet. Moved well keeping a level topline.

2nd Ball – Gwenadillo Pure Genius at Champunzie

Balanced bitch of correct size. Well moulded head and soft expression. Correct angulations and tailset but not as together as 1 when moving because of a distraction around the ring.
3rd Walker & Roberts – Mistledawn Spring Breeze by Gloi JW

Another well balanced bitch with a lovely head and kind expression. Good angulations front and rear and tight feet. Was also distracted by what was going on outside the ring.

4th Stevenson – Flat Garden’s Milady XXV111 Steelriver (Imp Nor)

5th Bowen – Clandrift Midnight Galaxy

Yearling Bitch (6)

1st Branscombe – Torrinmill Gaelic Audora

Lovely well balanced bitch with correct head and soft expression. Good depth of chest and well defined brisket. Moved well with a level topline and tight feet. Beautiful coat and outline.

2nd Joyce – Stranfaer Solitaire JW

Smaller bitch than 1 but a lot to like. Correct head with dark eye and well set on ears. Good reach of neck and balanced front and rear construction. Moved well with reach and drive.

3rd Walker & Roberts – Mistledawn Spring Breeze by Gloi JW

As above in Jnr but not quite so together as 1 and 2 on the move.

4th Bowen – Clandrift Midnight Galaxy

5th Harrison Danabie & Egginton – Torrinmill Gaelic Sprit at Glendaruel

Novice Bitch (4)

1st Ball – Gwenadillo Pure Genius at Champunzie

As in Junior but this time settled and moved really well.

2nd Stevenson – Steelriver Sun Kissed

3rd Stevenson – Flat Garden’s Milady XXV111 Steelriver (Imp Nor)

A taller bitch than 1 and 2 but soundly constructed and moved well.
4th Best – Acester Wotever Next

Graduate Bitch (7)

1st Wells - Candiliz Pink Lady JW
A larger bitch but well in proportion and presented a lovely profile. Nicely moulded head and dark eye, neat ears and scissor bite. Good angulation front and rear and moved really well holding her topline. Well handled.

2nd Chambers – Hototo Abbi Fair to Remember
Another lovely bitch smaller than 1 and giving her handler a hard time. Soundly constructed with a good front and rear angulation. Correct couplings level topline and correct tailset. Lovely coat and condition just preferred the movement of 1.

3rd Walker &Roberts – Mistedawn Spring Breeze by Gloi JW

4th Romeo-Dieste – Yonsaff Vienna by Hopevalley JW

5th Hart – Gayplume Cotton Candy

Post Graduate Bitch (6)

1st Murray – Araminta Glass at Gayplume
A well proportioned bitch with a lovely moulded head, dark eye and correct scissor bite. Good reach of neck and angulation front and rear. Moved with drive on tight feet holding her topline.

2nd Goodman – Keepersway Gracie to Beanit JW
Lovely bitch with good movement and conformation. Well moulded head with soft expression and dark eyes. Good overall balance and moved well with reach and drive. Just not as confident as 1 today.

3rd Hedges- Blacktoft Quickstep of Satinbaze
Well constructed bitch with a feminine head and pleasing expression. Smaller in size to 1 and 2, moved well.

4th Fisher – Seaheart Astra Over Sawbrook
5th Savory – Gilgrange Puzzle Pieces

**Limit Bitch (10)**

1st Youens – Bitcon Black Caviar at Riverglide

What a lovely bitch. Head of correct proportions with a dark eye and soft expression. Correct scissor bite. Good reach of neck and lay back of shoulder. Good bone and correct spring of rib into strong loin. She moved out really well with reach and drive. Lovely coat. Very well handled and I was pleased to award her RBB

2nd Walker – Lizzlog Annie get your gun

A quality bitch of medium size. Well constructed with a lovely moulded head and soft expression. Dark eye and correct scissor bite. Moved with reach and drive on tight feet. I just preferred the overall balance and topline of 1 today.

3rd Murray – Gayplume Tickled Pink

Another quality bitch with good conformation and movement. Moved soundly.

4th Walker & Roberts – Gloi Dubh Enchantress JW

5th Berrisford – Wistaston Love Song for Lubellka

**Open Bitch (6,1)**

1st Skjelbred – Torpedos it’s a Magic Morning(ATC AQ00975SWE)

A bitch of correct size with a lovely feminine head and soft expression. Correct scissor bite. Good front with deep chest and tight feet. Well angulated front and rear and moved with reach and drive holding her topline. Constant wagging tail. Well handled.

2nd Harrison – Sh Ch Glendaruel Black Diamond of Solotown (A1)

A larger bitch than 1. Well constructed with a lovely one piece head and dark eye. Level scissor bite. Good length of neck and deep chest. Moved with drive and held her topline but I just preferred the overall construction of 1.
3rd Smitherman – Seaheart Isabella JW

The bitch wasn’t available for a critique.

4th Murray – Gayplume Ebon Flow ShCM

5th Colson – Eskwinds Driving Miss Daisy to Windyhollows

**Special Open Liver Bitch – (2)**

1st Colson – Windyhollows Winnipeg

A well constructed liver bitch with a lovely head and soft expression. At nearly 8 years old she presented with good bone and neat feet. Moved well holding her topline. **BLB and Best Liver in Show.**

2nd Best – Kamberin Cosmic Dancer

Much smaller and inexperienced bitch at only 19 months old but was enjoying herself. Lovely head with a cheeky expression.

**Special Shooting Dog Certificate Bitch (1)**

1st Fox – Blacktoft Burlesque JW

Feminine bitch of medium size with a lovely head and kind dark eye. Well angulated with good bone and tight feet. Moved well.