

## West Mercia Beagle Club Championship Show November 2014

Judge : Frank Kane

### Dogs

It was a pleasure to judge at this well run show. Margaret Dawes and her team had everything running well and a sporting and friendly atmosphere prevailed - so important if a breed is to flourish in the showring. I judged dogs, and whilst there was no problem in finding quality dogs to top the classes, there was not always the depth of quality. There were too many light eyes, which prevents the softness of expression, that is the hallmark of the breed. Lack of upperarm and, even more disturbing, lack of upper and lower thigh, producing dogs that were light in the quarters and lacking in rear stride. There are some good youngsters coming on. It was a pleasure to co-judge the final awards with breed specialist Mrs Helen Caple, and we were in agreement on all the awards. BIS was the dog, Ch NewIn Kestrel, Res BIS and BOS, Ch Dufossee Hayley, BP the bitch, Bayard Forgetmenot, Best Vet the dog, Ch Serenaker Devil in Disguise and Best Sp Beginner, Arpege Vindicator. Many thanks to my stewards. DOGS MP 1 Pondsandwood Baxter from Fallowfield. 6 months tri, lovely conformation and balance and a beautiful head with a soft expression. Can tighten on the move yet but full of quality and a comfortable winner here. Should have a very good future. 2 Fallowfield Victor for Serenaker. 6 months, short coupled and well balanced dog. A little softer in condition than the winner. Sound with good reach on the move. Head needs time to break up. 3 Barrvale Zorro. P 1 Eardley Stu Pendous. Very good carriage, caught the eye. 9 months and a short coupled dog. Very smart in outline. Needs a little more angulation in front. Good rear action and firm in front. Firmness of action and topline won him Best PD. 2 Lyndex Gone Postal. 11 months, good bodied dog with excellent topline, shown in firm condition. I preferred the head and eye of the winner. Carried himself well, sound and smart mover. 3 Timaso Ambassador. J 1 Davricard Harrison. 14 months, compact dog who is a touch short on the leg for balance, but scores in angulation and movement. Quality head and good eye. Well ribbed, could be a little cleaner through neckline but I liked a lot about him. Houndy and shown in excellent condition. 2 Gardley Drew Peacock. 15 months, has more leg and neck than the winner, but not the angulation or length of stride. Good head type. yes could be darker. Held a good topline on the move. 3 Arpege Indicator. Y 1 Janfrey Randal Upon Rundle. 15 months and an exciting prospect. Great moving dog and this comes from excellent front shoulder and upperarm, giving scopey reach in front and driving well from rear. He could be a little shorter in couplings but really houndy and with a quality head and soft expression. With full maturity he should go far. Pressed hard in the challenge. 2 Arpege Vindicator. 15 months, third in Junior class. Smart and well balanced dog who needs to fill out in body and rib. Good reach on the move. Good head and eye, excellent topline. I liked him a lot, later won Best Sp Beginners in Show. 3 Lanesend Segenhoe. N 1 Barrvale Zorro. Promising quality puppy of 7 months. Openly marked tri of good type. Quality head which needs a little more time to finish. Sound action with good reach. Can firm up in topline. 2 Dialynne Solace at Gemark. 7 months tri, very smart on the move. Good head and lovely eye. Not the angulation of the winner at either end. 3 Donay Freeman at Troopersway. G 1 Dreamoak Illustrious. 2 years

blanket tri who on this class on his stride and ground cover. Overdone in the head for my taste, but carries himself well and holds a firm topline. 2 Lanesend Segenhoe. 14 months tri, a compact dog, short coupled and holds a good topline on the move. I would prefer a little more substance for a male, and needs more reach and drive on the move. 3 Canowindra Ursus. PG 1 Dialynne Cinnamon for Rosroden. 2 years lemon dog, had the most quality in this class. Very well balanced and holds a good topline. Would benefit from more positive handling. Scored in stride and balance to win. Balanced with excellent legs and feet. 2 Jalhar Man of the Moment. 2 years tri, a little short on the leg for balance and not the feet or pasterns of the winner. Sound moving with a good topline. Preferred the balance and scope in front of the winner. 3 Ospreagle Hot Diggity Dog. L 1 Lanesend Carroo. 3 years tan and white. Balanced with excellent outline held on the move. Excellent topline, tailset and rear movement. A little narrow in front, good head type. 2 Dialynne Forever Holmes at Lemnecroft. 23 months tri, sound dog with a quality head and a good outline. Carrying a little too much weight, which detracted from his balance. 3 Rhiconish Alfi. O Excellent class. 1 Ch Newlin Kestrel. 22 months, beautifully balanced and in great condition. Unexaggerated and houndly. Free active mover. Really uses himself on the move and carries himself well. Wonderful quarters giving powerful drive. 2 No name given. 3 years. Loved the outline and balance of this dog and he is ultra accurate and scopey on the move. Jus a little light in body on the day and that made the difference. Scored on lovely quality in head and eye, but the condition and charisma of the winner won the day. Res CC. 3 Tatoonie Zhar at Troopersway. Vet 1 Ch Serenaker Devil in Disguise. Correctly sized 8 year old in wonderful form and excellent topline. Quality all through, fit, firm and full of quality. Made the final cut in the challenge and later went Best Vet in show. 2 Ch Bayard Grafter. Almost 10 years and retaining all of the qualities which led me to giving him a CC and BOB several years ago. He is a full size, sopey stallion dog with a wonderful head and the best expression of the day. Wonderful movement. Not as firm in topline as the winner, who is more correct in size. 3 Dynamic Dougal. Sp Beginners 1 Arpege Vindicator. 2 Dialynne Forever Watson at Lemnecroft. 23 months, openly marked tan/white dog. A little heavy in body. Sound on the move. Soft expression, pigmentation could be stronger.