Special Award Classes Critique Summer Open Show 2nd June 2024

SPECIAL AWARD CLASSES PLUS JUNIOR HANDLING

Judge: Matthew Clark (Llapsttam)

JUNIOR

- 1. KRINGLEHOLME CONTINENTAL. 14-month-old, well broken Blenheim male. Slightly larger than I would like but over all well balanced. He has a lovely flat skull, nice ear set high, evenly marked white markings on his face and with round dark eyes giving him the loveliest of expressions. Level topline stood and on the move, with parallel movement to and from. Quite proud of his tail but many attributes securing him first place.
- 2. KRINGLEHOLME CORVETTE. Litter sister to #1, blen bitch with lovely chestnut markings. Slightly excited on the day making it a bit difficult to judge movement. Lovely expression with dark round eyes and good pigment.

POST GRAD

- 1. BONITOS COMPANEROS FIRST CLASS (IMP DEU). Three year old blen bitch with the most endearing expression using those dark round eyes. She ticks all the boxes when it comes to substance. An ideal toy spaniel. She has great reach of neck, well laid-back shoulders and was one of the best movers of the day, plenty of drive and using her tail to finish off the perfect silhouette. I wrote down 'best temperament' in my notes.
- 2. LEGOLAS ALDAHA GOLD AT LYNCRAEG. 20 month old Blen dog, I'd say still maturing. He has a great reach of neck, excellent topline both stood and on the move. The most exquisite head again with the adoring dark eyes that give you the melting expression that you want from this breed. I wrote in my notes 'could take this boy home', he certainly is my type. His coat is in good condition with rich chestnut markings, and he is turned out lovely. Look forward to seeing more from him.

OPEN

1. BRAEMARRA TAYLOR AT LINETIVE VW. Boy can this boy move, he won the class purely on his temperament and movement being both active and graceful. Eight-year-old blen. Again another blen in great condition

with rich chestnut markings. Perfect scissor bite. A tad larger than I would usually like but he is so well balanced and beautifully made showing off his lovely outline. Plenty of drive from behind, legs parallel when coming to and away from me. I couldn't take my eyes off him, one of the best movers of the day, if not the best.

2. CAN CH CEMPAS NORTHWEST PASSAGE TO KINVAAR. Ruby dog with the most exquisite rich red coat. He is immaculately groomed. The way the coat lays, showing off his perfect silhouette. Good level topline both stood and on the move, uses his tail to his advantage and never stops showing for his handler. Featherings in all the correct places. Beautiful dark round eyes with a soft expression. Excellent pigment.

JUNIOR HANDLING.

Both girls had the opportunity to get some hands on experience whilst they await for their new puppies. I hope they enjoyed themselves.

- 1. **Mia Craney** Handled with thought and care whilst the dog was on the table. I awarded the handler first place as she handled with confidence when walking up and down, and at the correct pace. Not an easy task when the handler and dog are not known to each other.
- 2. **Cara McCaw** A competent handler whilst the dog was on the table. Understood the correct placement for the dog. Just missed out on first as she could have been a bit more confident in walking up and down. That being said, the dog understood the assignment and walked by her side gracefully. Again having only just met, no easy feat.

Good luck to both handlers for the future.