

National Dog Show

6th May 2022

GLEN OF IMAAL TERRIER

How should a judge critique these days? It's difficult to know. A short glossy what the exhibitors want to read, as one school of thought says faults shouldn't be mentioned, or what the judge actually thinks first? As money has been paid for my opinion it's going to be the second option. In front of me was any variety Glen of Imaal and it caused some mental head scratching as there were so many differences but all were basically Glens. I consider this a good thing as, whatever fault was present in any particular Glen, there was another one present that could hopefully correct it if bred with. There was no preponderance of any problem (gone are the short ribs and horrendous mouths) but some things, like the longer back, shouldn't be allowed to become the norm.

As always with Glens temperament was 110% and musculature in place. I know some feel that the very "au natural" look is the correct one for the breed but when considerable money is being paid out in entry fees and travelling costs etc. more preparation of the coat might be an idea; texture is required to be assessed and first impressions do count. If exhibitors want to present their dogs with the tail held up so be it. May I suggest though standing in front of a side mirror first and find the correct angle and position for the tail to be held because if it's wrong, and quite a few were, it totally changes the very distinctive topline of the breed and does rear angulation no favours.

Class SBD NO ENTRIES

Class MPD (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: WITHERS, Pajantick Darknite. Brindle with good bone. Sound mouth with strong teeth A little long in back moved as many puppies do with flashes of promise in between trying to work out how to go 1,2,3,4 with his legs. Saw enough to award him Best Puppy.

Class PD NO ENTRIES

Class JD NO ENTRIES

Class YD NO ENTRIES

Class PGD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: SALETTI, Heremone Bear. Strong headed wheaten, good jaw, nice muscle behind and moved out with drive, back a little long. Distinct tide line in his coat did him no visionary favours but hands gave the better story. RDCC

2nd: BAILEY, Zippor Brendan. Good outline, shape, bone and head . Coat coming in. Shows a lot of promise but let down by his handler, judges do expect to be able to see a dog move.

Class LD (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: HARDY, Amhard Quick Fire. A big wheaten dog that, at only just three, has more maturing to do to develop the power to fit his frame. Nothing on handling him gives any indication this won't happen. Possibly a little long in back but musculature along the spine should deal with that. Good head, jaw, bone, moved out positively with parallel front and rear action. Best coat of the day. Pleased to award him the CC

Class OD (1 Entries) Abs: 1

Class VD (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: SAMUEL, Jeonty Yippe Kiaye. Reasonable shape and size Carrying a little too much weigh, well muscled behind. Lacking coat. Best Veteran

Class SBB (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: SALETTI, Jojase Aisling Pixie. Feminine head with good jaw. Adequate bone, coat coming, stands a little straight in stifle, Nice in rib, good outline.

Class MPB (2 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: HARDY, Amhard Rapid Beat. Very raw brindle bitch, incredibly loose on the move, obviously has a will of her own.

Class PB (5 Entries) Abs: 0

Glen puppies are so variable from one month to the next anything written now in May could have totally changed by June.

1st: HARDY, Amhard Raspberry Fizz. Far more mature wheaten, in both development & attitude than brindle sister in the previous class. Good bone, nice angulation behind, moved well with good drive. Topline not her fortune at the moment but sure it'll change.

2nd: HANNINGTON, Mo Stor Ailin Of Tatler Jack's Clann at Boudivella Smaller, finer bitch but with adequate substance. With good rib and head. Coat coming in. Good angulation, moved well when settled. Nice to see a cream in the ring again.

3rd: GRIFFITHS, Amhard Ruby Icon. Brindle with good head, nice rib for age. Decent in front but a little straight behind.

Class JB NO ENTRIES

Class YB NO ENTRIES

Class PGB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: SAGE, Wickholm Bohemian Rhapsody. To anybody not in Glens to read in a critique that a bitch is plain would seem insulting. Nowhere in the breed standard does it say that bitches should be pretty and some of the best females in the breed have proudly acknowledged their "plain" status. At the moment this bitch could be joining their ranks. Yes, she's plain and her looks will be improved when she grows a better coat but other than that; correct shape and size, good outline with spot on rise to loin which she keeps on the move as her handler knows his dog and moves her on a looser lead. Correct front and muscle behind moved well with reach and drive. BCC & BOB

2nd: SAMUEL, Jeonty Spirit of Naboo. Moving well wheaten, once settled, due to exceptional musculature. Longer in back.

Class LB NO ENTRIES

Class OB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: FORBES, Ch Jeonty Dreams a Dream with Karensbrae JW. This is a show dog through and through, unusual in Glens. Coat at its end which hid her shape but it is there. Good head, set on a correct neck, good rib and nice run to loin. Moved well but a little close behind. RBCC

2nd: KIRKWOOD, Jeonty Letty Be Magic. Brindle sister of the above but of different type. She is probably the better breed specimen but it's total package that is judged and, in Open Bitch, deciding to have a tendency to move like a crab just does no favours. Lovely bitch from all angles.

Class VB NO ENTRIES

HAROLD GAY (JUDGE)

