

TYNE WEAR AND TEES Boxer Club Championship Show 29/4/23

DOGS

Judge Dawn Thomas

I would like to thank the committee, and all who travelled to show under me. It has been a long time since I last judged so it was interesting to see things with fresh eyes. One thing that was notable unfortunately was an awful lot of exhibits lacked muscle tone. The Boxer should be hard with distinct muscle definition, this in turn seriously affects movement, both front and back. Handling in some classes wasn't great, and a dog that was much better when you went over him sometimes looked dreadful while stood in the line; showing is an expensive hobby, don't knobble your own dog by not putting the work in at home. Having said that, my first class of the day - Veteran - was outstanding and possibly one of the hardest classes of the day, these veterans being in fabulous condition with hard muscle and it showed in their movement.

VD (6) 1 Ab

1 – Louis' Rameleon Nights in Harlem, 8 ½ years brindle with clean head, well balanced muzzle, good wide mouth, dark well-shaped eye giving typical Boxer expression. Nicely crested neck, well laid back shoulder with evident forechest, good depth of brisket, fabulous bone and tight feet, good width of second thigh and well let-down hocks. In hard condition which showed in his movement, well handled. Best Veteran In Show

2 – Bell's Surfstone No Nonsense ShCM, 10 years with lots of the same qualities as winner, fabulous head, well balanced but not the width of dentition and dark eye. Despite his age this dog had very evident muscle - a real credit to his owner and the work put into him. Moved around the ring with ease and drive.

3- Henderson's Taranut Stereotype

MPD (3) 1 Ab

1 – Mair's Sulez Scorcher at Glenauld, dark brindle, square compact dog with balanced head, dark eye, excellent lip to lip placement, good bone, tight cat feet, strong topline which he held on the move, nothing over angulated. Moved with drive.

2 – Brough & Cairns' Galicar Innahurray at Limubox, another very nice puppy with fabulous head and expression clean cheeks good lip placement, just preferred the width of front on 1. Two very good puppies that will change places on many occasions as they mature.

PD (4)

1 – Jones' Kevanor In The Summertime BPD, smart dog with clean head, dark eye, wide muzzle, ample neck flowing into well laid shoulder with evident forechest, well sprung ribs, short coupled, correct angulation front and back, and excellent height at the withers. Just needs to come together with his handler, moved well.

2 – McDonald's Yeteb Totally Charming, pleasing head with good rise of skull, dark eye, needs time to break and to give a little more upturn, not as ready as 1, round bone, good feet, well angulated front and back. Moved well.

3 – Law & Pynegar's Shellark Spence is Dynamite with Berwynfa

JD (3)

1 – McCarthy & Gething's Boxania Romanoff to Jeddhi, smart brindle who has a balanced head with good rise of skull, clean cheeks, correctly proportioned muzzle and dark well-shaped eye. Overall a square dog with quality bone, tight cat feet, well sprung rib and short coupled with no exaggeration behind. Moved with purpose and drive, in tip top condition and shown to perfection.

2 – Robinson's Ulverbox Magic and Mayhem, smaller type, not as much bone as 1, head free from wrinkle but would like more padding under eyes, higher in hocks but moved OK, needs to come together with handler.

3- Louis - Boxania Over The Moon

YD (2)

1 – Mair's Macbarra Kickin Up a Storm at Glenauld, young stallion brindle whose wonderful melting expression is the first thing that strikes you as you look at him head on. The head is so well balanced with a dark, well-shaped eye, good mouth, great rise of skull and well-padded muzzle. In profile he is a square dog with good height at the withers, well sprung ribs, strong topline which he held on the move, without any exaggeration of front or rear angulation and well let down hocks. He moved with drive and looked a picture both in profile and coming on. Still maturing but in rock hard condition. DCC & Reserve BIS and I am sure he has a lot more to come. An exciting young male.

2 – Wood's Arkeney Conqueror, was unlucky to come against 1, good head, dark eye with wide mouth, square muzzle which is well boned but lacks a little padding, I preferred the angulation of winner, moved well when settled.

ND (4) 1A

1 – Bell's Surfstone Get Carta, well bodied brindle with a pleasing head, dark knowing eye, giving that cheeky Boxer expression. Basically a square well put together dog without any exaggeration front or back, evident forechest in profile, well sprung rib, short coupled, good width of second thigh and well let down hocks. Once again from this kennel in hard condition and handled to best advantage.

2 – McVay's Seacrest Dr Devious at Lochsunart, clean head free from wrinkle, dark eye but would prefer more padding under the eye to finish the picture. Lighter in bone than winner, longer through second thigh and rear pastern, moved OK but needs to come together with handler.

3 – Neilson & Mair's Borstone Secretariat

GD (4) 1A

1 – Fox's Britesparke Norman Moon, squarely built light brindle with balanced head free from wrinkle, good mouth and dark well shaped eye. Well put together, good length of neck flows into well laid back shoulder with evident forechest, just enough bone and tight feet, moved well at one with handler.

2 – Wood's Arkeney Barrister, not as compact as winner but many of the same head qualities, lovely clean head with balanced muzzle, which was bone rather than excessive padding and a wide mouth. Preferred front on 1, moved well once settled, needs to come together with handler.

3 – Harvey's Harvlin Nordic Mystery

PG (3)

1 – Lowery's Danlow Chance to Dream, a much nicer dog to go over than view from ringside, this brindle has a pleasing head without being overdone, dark eye, good mouth, good layback of shoulder, slightly longer through loin than ideal, good width of second thigh but would prefer a slightly lower hock. Really needs to get the handling together to make the best of him. Moved OK when settled.

2 – Taylor's Newlaithe Absolute Bug, lovely head with dark expressive eye and great upsweep of chin, clean and balanced, preferred front assembly on first, strong topline, handled well, moved OK. Preferred front movement on winner.

3 – Lafferty's Jackinabox Harlequin

LD (10)

1 – Wood's Arkeney Adventurer, the surprise of the show for me as this light brindle is a dog that did not catch the eye but when you go over him he is a very sound and correct Boxer. Lovely head, clean with well-balanced muzzle which is bone not just thick padding, excellent mouth and dark eye. Good length of neck flowing into a well laid back shoulder, evident forechest and one of the few that filled your hand with a good depth of chest. Well sprung ribs, short coupled, no exaggeration in hind assembly and well developed second thigh. Moved well both coming and going around the ring. Handler really needs to get together with the dog to show him to his advantage.

2 – Cook & Postance's Manic Thinking Out Loud, typical head with well-shaped dark eye, good mouth and lip placement. A very appealing dog with compact square outline, free of exaggeration and in super condition, just preferred the depth of chest on 1, handled to bring out the best of him.

3 – Bell's Surfstone Master Spy

OP (6) 2A

1 – Brough & Cairns' Ch Galicar Investigating with Limubox JW, a light brindle Boxer that would not have been out of place back in the '80s and reminded me of Pop My Cork. Beautiful head, expressive eye with clean cheeks and no excessive wrinkle, excellent rise of skull, good mouth, long neck flowing into well laid back shoulders, evident forechest with depth of chest to fill your hand. Strong topline with bang on tail set, hindquarters are strong without excessive angulation, well let down hocks, great bone and tight cat feet. In excellent condition with hard and visible muscle tone, moved with purpose around the ring with great ring presence that demands you look at him. RDCC

2 – Keenan & Griffin's Duxsara Double Diamond, compact dark brindle with typical well-balanced head free of exaggeration, good mouth and melting expression. Correct length of neck, well developed forechest, well sprung ribs and altogether a very satisfying dog to go over. Handler not getting the best out of him today, but no doubt an exciting future lies ahead of him.

3 – Mair's Ch Glenauld Stormzy

DAWN THOMAS (Judge)

