

Whippet Club NSW Inc

Good Friday, 22nd April, 2011

Judge: Mr Bo Bengtson - Bohem Whippets, USA

It's eleven years since I last judged this specialty, and I remember not being as impressed by the dogs then as I had been on earlier visits in the '70s, '80s and '90s. The good news is that the entry in 2011 was not only twice as large as that in 2000, but the quality was also a lot higher all the way through. Your best Whippets are unquestionably of world quality, and allowing for differences in the breed standards they can compete with the best anywhere. The big Baby Puppy Bitch class was a pure delight, and some of the higher bitch classes were also extremely competitive: on several occasions I wished there had been at least twice as many awards as were available.

Type varied a great deal, which made it difficult to be consistent. It's not the judge's job to put up dogs that look as much like each other as possible: instead you have to balance virtues and faults in each individual, and the result may be that the best dogs in each class vary in some respects.

Conditioning was generally good, with almost no overweight or skinny dogs, and generally good muscle tone throughout. Movement especially from the side was excellent: some of the top dogs were among the best movers I've seen anywhere, exhibiting a low, smooth and easy gait that was powerful as well. You have fewer problems coming and going than we do in the U.S., and your dogs were also almost invariably superbly handled. That really impressed me, since there were apparently no professional handlers — I frankly don't think most of our owner-handlers in the U.S. are as good as that.

Just about the only criticism I have is the lack of attention to nails in far too many cases. I mentioned that in 2000 as well, but obviously nobody listened. Nails need to be cut at least every other week, ideally once a week, and then smoothed with a nail file or grinder. It doesn't take long, the dogs quickly get used to it, and it's far less traumatic for the dog to either walk on long nails or having them cut right before a show. Showing a well-groomed Whippet really must include attention to the nails.

I very much appreciated the wonderful entry of 174, appreciated the sportsmanship and kindness shown to me, and wish you good luck with your Whippets in the future.

Class 1 - Baby Puppy Dog (15)

Overall uneven class in type, size and proportions.

1st Place: Valdassa Dream Lover (Ch. Baronrath Mahogany Rust x Dreamstar Lady Love) Black and white. Excellent type, size and proportions. Beautiful topline. Good bone. Excellent coat, front and angulation. Moves and shows superbly. If he grows on he could be a very useful stud dog.

2nd Place: Meilandina Remember Me (Forgetmenot Hall of Fame [imp. Canada] x Skyeway Come On Over) Brindle and white. Excellent substance. Well balanced. Good underline and angulation. Moves extremely well. Good bone and feet. Well presented.

3rd Place: Isilwane Callen (Ch. Isilwane I Am Who I Am x Ch. Ridgesetter Maid in USA [IID]) Brindle and white. Very attractive. Shows and moves well. Good angulation, bone, substance and underline. Topline could be a little smoother. Needs more underjaw. Very promising,

Class 2 - Minor Puppy Dog (3)

1st Place: Calahorra Seaside (Calahorra Bread N Butter x Calahorra Home From The Sea) Red fawn and white. Masculine, elegant, long lines. Good neck. Sufficient angulation. Beautiful expression. A little high in the rear. Moves well but needs to mature.

2nd Place: Calahorra Seahorse (as above) Brindle and white. Well presented. Good substance. Needs a little more angulation front and rear. Moves OK.

Class 3 - Puppy Dog (1)

1st Place: Chakrata My Tchaikovsky (Wylldchase Whitehouse Equality x Ch. Skyeway Ballykissangel) Brindle and white. Tall, very elegant. Long lines. Refined head. Could have stronger muzzle. Long neck. Good topline. Excellent hindquarters. A little straight in front but moves well.

Class 4 - Junior Dog (10)

1st Place: Calahorra The Sun Also Rises (Ch. Calahorra Dickens x Calahorra Future Perfect [IID]) Fawn and white. Lovely type and outline, generous proportions. Beautiful head and expression. Long neck. Good topline, adequate angulation and bone. Could have a little more tuck-up. Moves and shows extremely well.

2nd Place: Illicium What A Show Off (Aus. Eng. Ch. Nevedith Kfa Kraka [imp. UK] x Ch. Illicium Chimay Grande) Fawn. Lovely type and balance, long lines. Good head, sufficient neck, excellent topline. Good angulation behind but a little straight in front. Good bone and feet, could have a little more depth. Moves really well from the side but not quite parallel.

3rd Place: Ch. Zafini Two Time Lover (Ch. Isilwane Jolly Roger x Alltalk Love Potion) Brindle and white. Excellent type and outline, long sweeping lines. Good head, sufficient neck and beautiful topline. Good angulation front and rear, low hocks. Good chest. Moves a little close in the rear and just OK from the side.

Class 5 - Intermediate Dog (11)

1st Place: Ch. Mossbawnhill I Am Legend (imp. Ireland, by Ir. Ch. Mossbawnhill Exclusive x Mossbawnhill Turn Up The Sun) Light brindle and white. Tall, stylish, extremely well presented. Good expression and ears. Long neck. Excellent bone, feet and angulation. Tail rather high set. Could develop more depth. Moves with great style and drive.

2nd Place: Byerley Diesel (Ch. Byerley Longines x Ch. Dachlah Rare Ruby) Fawn brindle. Very impressive, masculine and built on long lines. Good head. Sufficient neck. Excellent topline, body and bone. Moves very well but a little heavily. A tad narrow in front and rear. Very impressive.

3rd Place: Ch. Isilwane I Am Who I Am (Bellendene Jack Sparrow x Ch. Isilwane Flag Bearer ET) Light brindle and white. Very glamorous, could be more masculine. Beautiful head, expression and ears. Long neck. Good front, bone and topline. Well angulated, needs more depth and tuck-up. Moves and shows very well.

Class 10 - Australian Bred Dog (7)

1st Place: Ch. Peperone New Sensation (Ch. Nabihah Numero Oono x Ch. Peperone Marquis) Fawn and white. Lovely type, balance and quality. Nice head, just a little too much forehead. Good neck, beautifully set on. Excellent topline. Beautiful angulation front and rear. Ideal bone and feet. Good underline. Moves easily and soundly with great drive. Top quality all the way through.

2nd Place: Peperone Love Ur Style (Ch. Nabihah Numero Uno x Ch. Peperone Love of Gold) Fawn. Very masculine yet sufficiently elegant. Good head and neck, excellent topline. Good hindquarters and bone. Moves very well but seems a little soft. Well handled.

3rd Place: Ridgesetter Spot On (Ridgesetter Made in USA [IID] x Ridgesetter Bonnie Piper) Gray fawn and white. Tall, elegant and stylish. Long neck. Beautiful topline and good depth. Sufficient angulation and moves quite well.

Class 11 - Open Dog (10)

1st Place: Ch. Marchpast The Emblem (imp. UK, by Eng. Ch. Fullerton Dream Mover x Eng. Ch. Nevedith Xfa Xtacy at Marchpast) Red brindle and white. Classic type and outline. Very high quality. Good head, expression and ears. Long neck. Beautiful topline on the move, falls away a little standing. Excellent angulation, bone and feet. Moves with drive and style. Very sound but turns front feet a little inwards. Very well presented.

2nd Place: Aust. Eng. Ch. Nevedith Kfa Kraka (imp. UK, by Eng. Ch. Fullerton Dream Mover x Eng. Ch. Nuts in May of Nevedith) Gray fawn and white. Beautiful type and balance, very well proportioned. Lovely head. Long neck. Excellent forechest and bone. Falls away a bit towards the rear but good hindquarters and feet. Moves and shows beautifully. Not 100% parallel behind. Top quality.

3rd Place: Ch. Isilwane Rapsallion (Ch Isilwane Jolly Roger x Ch Ridgesetter Maid in USA [IID]) Gray fawn and white particolour. Beautiful smooth outline. Masculine yet elegant. Good head ears and neck. Good topline, forechest, legs and feet. Good angulation. Could have better tuck-up but moves very well. Well handled.

Class 13 - Veteran Dog (4)

1st Place: G. Ch Taejaan One Step Closer (Gr Ch Taejaan Read My Lips x Ch Taejaan Miss Malibu) Blue brindle. Very well balanced and well preserved, in excellent condition. Good expression and ears. Excellent body. Sufficient angulation, would just like a little longer lines. Moves very well.

2nd Place: Ch Mikshar Dreamworks (Int Aus & Multi Ch Statuesque Extortion [IID] x Ch Mikshar Irish Lace) Red brindle and white. Older veteran. Excellent type and proportions. Beautiful expression. Still a good topline. Good bone and angulation. Moves with good drive and style for his age.

3rd Place: Gr. Ch. Tezer Feel Free To Stare (Aus. Am. Ch. Countrywinds Whoze Ever [imp. USA] x Tezer Send In The Clowns) Brindle and white particolour. Very attractive. Beautiful head, expression and ears. Long neck. Good front and bone. Falls away towards the hindquarters and a little narrow behind. Well handled.

Class 18 - Neuter Dog (2)

1st Place: Ch. Ridgesetter Made In USA (IID) (Am. Dual Ch. Summit Autumn Gabardine Martin CD SC x Gr. Ch. Am. Ch. Ridgesetter Fly The Flag ET SC) Fawn and white. Lovely type and balance. Very stylish. Good head. Long neck. A little straight in front but good hindquarters. Moves very well. Shows beautifully.

2nd Place: Ridgesetter Chris Columbus (Ch Peperone New Sensation x Gr Ch Ridgesetter Etain) Fawn and white. Very stylish, but wouldn't settle. Beautiful head. Good topline. Rather straight in front but moves OK. Rather tall.

Challenge Dog: *Champion Peperone New Sensation*

Reserve Challenge Dog: *Champion Marchpast The Emblem (Imp UK)*

Class 1A - Baby Puppy Bitch (13)

Wonderful class of very promising young puppies, would have liked to place many more than I could.

1st Place: Meilandina La De Da (Forgetmenot Hall Of Fame [Imp Canada] x Meilandina Call Me Madam) Red Brindle and white. Exceptionally promising. Ideal type and proportions. Wonderful body, bone and angulation. Excellent movement for age. With ordinary luck a star in the future.

2nd Place: Beauroi This Diamond Sparkles (Statuesque Expostfacto x Beauroi And All That Jazz) Orange brindle and white. Nearly 6 months. Gorgeous type and quality. Extremely promising. Could have a little more stop. Beautiful eyes and ears, long neck. Wonderful topline and angulation. Good bone but needs to develop in body. Gorgeous outline and stylish mover. Hope she doesn't grow much more.

3rd Place: Meilandina Lady Gaga (Forgetmenot Hall Of Fame [imp. Canada] x Meilandina Call Me Madam) Red brindle and white. Extremely promising. Well proportioned and excellent angulation. Moves and shows really well. Just not quite the outline of the above.

Class 2A - Minor Puppy Bitch (7)

1st Place: Calahorra Salome (Forgetmenot Hall Of Fame [imp. Canada] x Calahorra Skedaddle) Black brindle with white trim. Very stylish. Excellent carriage, bone and body. Could have a little more length of loin. Sufficient angulation. Moves very well. Beautiful neck.

2nd Place: Ibiza Fergie Licious (Aus. NZ Ch. Willingwisp Twist N Shout For Arjuna [imp. UK] x Ibiza O Dream Weaver) Dark brindle with white trim. Very stylish. Excellent proportions. Good neck and topline. Sufficient angulation. Needs to develop in body but moves well.

3rd Place: Taejaan Look In For Love (Ch. Taejaan As Good As Gold x Taejaan Blonz Havmor Fun) Fawn brindle and white. Very feminine and well balanced. Unexaggerated. Could have a little more angulation. A little straight in pastern but moves with style and drive. Well handled.

Class 3A - Puppy Bitch (6)

1st Place: Collooney The Look of Love (imp Ireland) (Falconcrag Goldsmith at Collooney x Collooney Irish Coffee) Fawn and white. Very feminine with excellent proportions. Needs to settle in movement. Good bone, feet and angulation. Very promising.

2nd Place: Taejaan Love Me Wicked (Ch. Taejaan As Good As Gold x Taejaan Blonz Havmor Fun) Red brindle and white. Very stylish rather tall bitch with nice head and expression. Very well handled. Good topline. Sufficient angulation. Needs to develop in body but moves and shows well.

3rd Place: Byerley Duchamp (Aus. NZ Ch. Willingwisp Twist N Shout for Arjuna [imp. UK] x Ch. Byerley Sillitto) Blue brindle. Excellent proportions. Needs to settle down. Beautiful topline and body. Good angulation and can move well when she tries.

Class 4A - Junior Bitch (14)

1st Place: Illicium Im A Show Stopper (Aus. Eng. Ch. Nevedith Kfa Kraka [imp. UK] x Ch. Illicium Chimay Grande) Fawn with white trim. Extremely feminine and elegant. Well balanced without extremes. Lovely head, expression and ears. Good neck. Beautiful topline. Sufficient angulation. Excellent bone. Could have a little more depth. Moves and shows very well. Curl at the end of her tail, which didn't distract as it's well carried.

2nd Place: Nabihah Peppas Tigra (Ch. Nabihah Numero Oono x Ronndal Goldilocks [imp. NZ]) Fawn. Well balanced and substantial. Head could be more elegant but is well shaped. Excellent topline. Good bone and angulation. Very good underline. Moves well.

3rd Place: Windyle Apple Cinnamon (Aus. Eng. Ch. Nevedith Kfa Kraka [imp. UK] x Aus. Eng. Ch. Spinneyhill Cinnamon at Hammonds [imp. UK]) Light brindle. Very stylish with good carriage. Alert expression with good ears. Sufficient neck. Excellent topline. Good angulation front and rear. Moves quite well. Tail a little high set. Well handled.

Class 5A - Intermediate Bitch (19)

1st Place: Ch. Beauroi Summer Reign (Ch. Isilwane Jolly Roger x Ch. Calahorra Eyeson Thprize) Orange brindle and white. Lovely type, very well balanced. Beautiful head, ears and neck. Excellent topline and hindquarters. Good bone and underline. Front could be set a bit more under body. Moves beautifully. Excellent quality.

2nd Place: Peperone Love Serenade (Ch. Nabihah Numero Oono x Ch. Peperone Love of Gold) Fawn. Smooth and substantial, yet feminine. Could have more underjaw. Beautiful neck, topline and body. Excellent hindquarters and bone. Moves with great drive.

3rd Place: Ch. Alltalk Angel of the Morning (Ch. Sandydown Falcon at Courthill [imp. UK] x Alltalk Miss Madeline) Red brindle and white. Very feminine. Elegant with good head, long neck and good topline. Sufficient angulation behind but a little straight in front. Beautiful mover with great style.

Class 10A - Australian Bred Bitch (24)

1st Place: Ch. Windyle Secret Garden (Ch. Ryeford Folklore x Ch. Skyeway Secret Charm) Blue brindle and white. Very well balanced and extremely feminine. Lovely head and neck, beautiful topline. Excellent hindquarters, bone and feet. Moves soundly and with style.

2nd Place: Ch. Coridale On The Catwalk (Aus. Am. Ch. Countrywinds Whoze Ever [imp. USA] x Ch. Coridale Ms Deville) Light brindle and white. High quality. Extremely stylish with beautiful head, expression and ears. Long neck. Good topline. Sufficient angulation, moves with great style and drive.

3rd Place: Taejaan Blonz Havmor Fun (Ch. Marchpast The Emblem [imp. UK] x Adagio Northern Gold In Tajeaan [imp. Sweden]) Fawn with white trim. Beautiful type and balance. Good head and long neck. Excellent proportions. Topline could be stronger but excellent body, bone and angulation. Moves soundly and with style.

Class 11A - Open Bitch (19)

1st Place: Gr. Ch. Ridgesetter Etain (Ir. Eng. Aus. Ch. Collooney Silver Jigolo [imp. UK] x Ch. Bonnymead Alice Bluegown) Blue brindle. Extremely stylish and difficult to fault seriously. Smooth as glass. Long, beautiful lines, good angulation. Moves and shows superbly, beautifully handled.

2nd Place: Ch. Byerley Alannah Hill (Aus. Am. Ch. Byerley Savile Row x Hillsdown Dancing Queen [imp. UK]) Black brindle. Gorgeous long, beautiful lines. Could be a little more confident and didn't show herself to her best advantage. Beautiful head, good ears and neck. Wonderful topline and body. Slightly exaggerated forechest. Moves like a dream from the side and well enough coming and going. Very high quality. Wish she had tried harder.

3rd Place: Gr. Ch. Taejaan Bird On A Wire (Gr. Ch. Taejaan Read All About It x Gr. Ch. Taejaan Butterfly Effect) Red brindle and white. Very stylish, high quality and very well presented. Beautiful head and neck. Wonderful body and bone. Falls away slightly towards the rear. Good angulation and moves superbly with great style.

Class 13A - Veteran Bitch (6)

1st Place: Ch. Calahorra Eyeson Thprize (Calahorra Neva Say Nevr [IID] x Calahorra Irish Eyes) Orange brindle and white. Lovely type, extremely well preserved. Long beautiful lines. Gorgeous head and neck with good ears. Good topline, hindquarters and bone. Moves very well for her age. Very attractive.

2nd Place: Ch. Isilwane Flag Bearer ET (Woodbrooks Wizard of Oz [imp. Finland] x Gr. Ch. Am. Ch. Ridgesetter Fly The Flag ET, SC) Brindle and white. Very feminine, beautiful expression. Good balance and angulation. Excellent substance. Moves and shows very well.

3rd Place: Ch. Byerley Kenzo (Ch. Khabaray Hugo Boss [imp. UK] x Ch. Byerley Demeter) Brindle and white. Extremely well preserved for age. Beautiful head and expression, long gorgeous neck. Good front, bone and body. Falls away a little towards the rear but moves very well.

Class 18A - Neuter Bitch (2)

1st Place: Calahorra Cherry Pie (Chintruil Arabian Nights x Calahorra Wine N Dine) Black. Very elegant and well balanced. Good proportions, very feminine. Moves very well. Good body and angulation. Well presented.

2nd Place: Isilwane Lickety Split (Ch. Isilwane Jolly Roger x Ch. Ridgesetter Maid in USA [IID])
Brindle and white. Feminine and attractive. Good substance, head and ears. Nice neck. A little straight in angulation. Good bone and feet. Moves OK.

Challenge Bitch: *Grand Champion Ridgesetter Etain*

& BEST IN SHOW

Reserve Challenge Bitch: *Champion Byerley Alannah Hill*

& RUNNER-UP BEST IN SHOW

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