

IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB LIMITED SHOW 2008

The show was held at a lovely venue with a very country garden atmosphere, and although a little chilly we were able to judge outside. I would like to thank the club for giving me the opportunity of judging this show, the exhibitors for their entries and my two stewards for their invaluable help. The entry was pleasing for quality, the dogs were all well presented, and mouths did not see a problem although feet and pasterns in some could have been a little better. I was looking for a free moving hound of strength, balance and curves that had firm muscular condition.

Minor Puppy Dog (1 entry)

1 Guntrip's BRACHAN GLEN KELSO As could be expected, a raw and immature youngster but presented quite a curvy picture overall. Showing good size and substance, good head and neck into reasonable lay of shoulder, well ribbed back with good depth and breadth into shapely rear quarters. Moved out reasonably well for his young age.

Puppy Dog (no entries)

Junior Dog (3 entries)

1 Hillier's RAVENSBEECH CINCINATTI A tad more maturing to do here yet, but has lovely lines and curves. Nicely headed dog with a strength and length of neck into well laid shoulders. Good return of upper arm, well ribbed back with depth of chest, good body length and tuck up into curvy and muscled rear quarters. Just needs to relax into his stifle on the stack to complete the picture. Freedom of movement with lovely long, how strides.

2 Biggs & Sheppard's GRIFEMY GHOST WHISPERER Quite similar remarks apply here although would prefer a touch more return to upper arm and body length. Good furnishings and another curvy hound with strength and length of neck, nice arch over loin with good depth of body and tuck up. He moved out well but just preferred the gait of 1.

3 Guntrip's AINSEA THE LANCER Felt he was possibly at that in between stage now. He was somewhat erratic on the move and felt he needed to mature and drop into his frame with the topline and tuck up yet to settle.

Special Yearling Dog (1 entry, 1 absent)

Novice Dog (2 entries, 1 absent)

1 Wilkinson's HUNACRES KLARK GABLE Still a young dog and again needs time to mature on. Good head into a long neck with strength, well laid shoulders and return of upper arm, body well ribbed back with depth and breadth, topline yet to strengthen a tad more but a nice arch over loin, sufficient tuck up and slope of croup when standing correctly. Curvy rear quarters with long second thigh and in good muscular condition for age. A touch untidy in front movement but a long easy side profile gait.

Post Graduate Dog (7 entries, 6 absent)

1 Wilson's HYDEBECK LISTER LEEMAN AT DRAGONMOOR Nice head, expression and reasonable face furnishings on this dog. Strong muscled neck into reasonable laid shoulder and return of upper arm, good for length of ribbing and depth of body. Touch short in croup, reasonably angulated rear quarters and length of second thigh but prefer slightly better pasterns. Move OK with nice side gait.

Limit Dog (4 entries, 3 absent)

1 Wild's FINCORRIE KADOO Good headed dog with nice expression and face furnishings, he presents a better picture moving than on the stack. Good length of neck with strength into well laid

shoulders and return of upper arm. Body of depth with good ribbing and breadth but would prefer to see a better tuck up on this male to complete the underline picture. Reasonable fall of croup into shapely rear quarters, a touch untidy coming and going but side profile showing nice reach and drive.

Open Dog (2 entries, 1 absent)

1 Gilbert's ANSTYARNA MR SCHLOEMP Head and expression OK but a little untidy in ears. Strong neck but felt the set into shoulders could have been a little better, shoulders laid back but slightly straight in upper arm. Body nicely ribbed with depth in chest and breadth in back, sufficient curve of underline, OK in topline and croup into broad and quite long stifles with short hocks. Moved out OK.

Minor Puppy Bitch (1 entry, 1 absent)

Puppy Bitch (3 entries, 1 absent)

1 Heather's RAVENSBEECH SYLLA Raw young lady with nice head and expression but slightly untidy ears. A lovely length to her neck flowing into well laid shoulders and return of upper arm. Well ribbed back with depth of chest and good tuck up and underline. Her topline just needs to settle but she has a good angle of croup into shapely and well muscled rear quarters. Although movement slightly unsettled she has a lovely long stride on the side gait.

2 Harpwood's KILFENORA SPIRIT OF THE SEA AT FINLOREN Another lovely youngster with a good head, ears and expression neck of length and strength into a well laid shoulder and sufficient return of upper arm. Well ribbed back with depth of chest and curvy underline, feel she has to settle into her rear quarters a little more yet to complete the overall picture. Well muscled and moved out well.

Junior Bitch (7 entries, 1 absent)

1 Malley's AINSEA GYPSY Lovely overall picture, liked her head and expression, possibly a little more face furnishings yet, neck of length and strength into a well laid shoulder and return of upper arm. Good straight front, lovely depth and breadth of body and well ribbed back. Shapely underline with tuck up, nice topline and croup into good bend of stifle with long second thigh. Liked this youngster on the move but wish she had carried her head higher on the day.

2 Hawkins's CAREDIG FREYA Another lovely bitch but slightly preferred the leg length of 1st a little more. Good in head and expression, neck of good length and strength into well laid shoulders and return of upper arm. Body of good depth and breadth, well ribbed back, sufficient underline, nice fall to croup into curvy rear quarters with good muscled tone. Felt topline needs to tighten a tad more yet. Moved out well.

3 Heather's RAVENSBEECH SYLLA

Special Yearling Bitch (6 entries, 1 absent)

1 Sheppard's CAIRSTORM FABLE OF GOLDSWIFT Good head and expression with nice length of neck flowing into her well laid shoulders and sufficient return of upper arm. Body of depth with breadth, good for ribbing and topline and tuck up, although felt her underline cut up a bit early. Curvy rear quarters with long second thigh and low set hocks. Good easy stride on the move.

2 Trethowan's BRAEWISAN AIBREAUN Place in Junior, this youngster has a nice head, expression and ears, good long neck showing strength flowing into a well laid shoulder with sufficient return of upper arm. Good length and depth of body, well ribbed back with curvy rear quarters. Would have preferred slightly tighter feet and just needs to fill into her frame a little more.

3 Gregory's KILLOUGHERY TEAGAN Would prefer slightly better head planes, ear OK and length of neck into nicely laid shoulder with sufficient return of upper arm. Body has depth and

length with good ribbing and underline but would prefer a slightly tighter topline and needs to drop into her stifle a little more yet.

Novice Bitch (7 entries, 2 absent)

- 1 Harmer's BALLANROO ORCADIA Good young bitch who has yet to fully mature and settle into her frame. Liked her head and expression although this would be helped by a very slightly darker eye, good length of neck flowing into well laid shoulders, sufficient return of upper arm, straight front and curvy underline with tuck up. Long ribbing, but topline needs to tighten yet. Shapely rear quarters with breadth across, just a little more muscle tone needed. Nice side gait.
- 2 Heather's RAVENSBEECH SYLLA
- 3 Trethowan's BRAEWISAN AIRBREAU

Post Graduate Bitch (3 entries, 3 absent)

Limit Bitch (2 entries)

- 1 McHugh's MADIAMOY EMERALD AIR Powerful bitch of substance with a good head and expression and strength in neck into well laid shoulders, reasonable return to upper arm. Very slightly broad across chest with elbows a little proud, body of good depth and length to ribbing, sufficiently curvy underline with tuck up, shapely rear quarters with breadth and low hocks. Her topline could be a little tighter, moved out reasonably well to cover the ground.
- 2 Gregory's KILLOUGHERY AINE Reasonable head and expression with good length of neck into well laid shoulders and sufficient return of upper arm. Straight front with good length and depth to body, nicely ribbed back, sufficient underline and tuck up but a little steep in croup, Shapely rear quarters with long second thigh, moved out with good side gait.

Open Bitch (7 entries, 2 absent)

- 1 Sheppard's GRIFEMY ENCHANTED EMERALD FOR GOLDSWIFT JW Good in head and expression, neat ears, neck of good length with strength flowing into well laid shoulders with sufficient return of upper arm. Straight front with good width and depth of chest, well ribbed back, good breadth across back with curvy underline and tuck up. Shapely rear quarters with nice length of second thigh and low hocks. Would have preferred a very slightly better rise over the loin. Moved out well and with good side gait.
- 2 Wilkinson's HUNACRES KAROLINE Powerful bitch who was very slightly shorter in leg than 1 and on the move just seemed to drop a hind leg occasionally. Nice head and expression, good length neck with strength into well laid shoulders and sufficient return of upper arm. Great depth of body, well ribbed back with curvy underline and sufficient tuck up. Shapely rear quarters, nice hocks and good for muscle tone.
- 3 Gilbert's ANSTYARNA BIZZIE BEE Carrying a little bit of weight, nice head and expression, reasonable length and strength of neck into nicely laid shoulders. Has depth and length of body, nicely ribbed back into sufficiently shapely rear quarters. Curvy underline but could be a tad better in feel and pasterns.

Veteran Dog/Bitch (1 entry)

- 1 Stayte's MALLANIGH LILY AT CARWENWY Although nearly 8 years young this bitch was as well muscled as some of the youngsters and could still cover the ground on the move. Good head and expression, length and strength of neck into a nicely laid shoulder, sufficient return of upper arm with good depth of body and well ribbed back. Still has curvy rear quarters and low hocks and underline with sufficient tuck up. A credit to her owner for her general condition.

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