

**The Irish Wolfhound Club Limited Show  
Stafford County Showground  
5th August 2017**

My thanks to the Irish Wolfhound Club for this invitation. Sincere thanks to the exhibitors for their stoicism in the very inclement weather and their dogs for coping in the wet, rather slippery grass. The rain affected the movement of quite a few dogs who moved with more reticence than usual. It also washed away some of my critiques so please forgive me if some are a little shorter than I would like.

**Minor Puppy Dog 0**

**Puppy Dog 6 (3 abs)**

**1st Plachcinski's Austonley's Cantona Ooh Ahh** 11 month well grown pup with a nice head and expression. He has a good shoulder and return of upper arm with good breadth across the fore chest. Nice spring of rib and length of body, good topline and underline. Would like a bit more bend of stifle but hopefully this will come. He moved well with a long stride covering the ground well. Pleased to award him RBD.

**2nd Redfern's Goldswift Fluke At Rainster** Another well grown lad of 10 months with a good head and expression. Not quite the shoulder and return of my winner but has a lot of growing to do. Good length and proportions and nice outline. Sound mover not quite the stride length of my first.

**3rd Dunwell's Goldswift Spartan's Secret**

**Junior Dog 3 (0)**

**1st Plachcinski's Austoleys Cantona Ohh Ahh**

**2nd Grimwood's Bonafortes Meldrew** 14 month wheaten dog with a nice head, eye and ear. He is very shapely with a fair shoulder and return, good depth of chest with a nice tuck running into nicely angulated hind quarters. "Arthur" as I soon discovered was not always the most easy to show but he coped well on the damp grass and moved quite well. Not the length of stride of my first.

**3rd Ashton's Madalinca Spring Cu Brenn**

**Yearling Dog 5 (2 abs)**

**1st Anderson & White's Whitglen Leader** A lovely imposing young male of good size and substance but also quality. Nice head, a strong neck running into a well laid shoulder and good return of upper arm. He has good depth of chest for age and carry back of ribs, nice underline and topline. Strong well angulated hind quarters and a super tail. He moved extremely well both in profile and up and back with an easy ground covering stride. He still needs more time to mature but today I was pleased to award him BD and BIS.

**2nd Pask's Napoleone Della Bassa Pavese** A very well grown and impressive dog with a lovely outline. He has a nice head, good neck and deep chest with nice hind quarters. Standing he looked super but not moving as well today as my winner.

**3rd Colbert's Keep It Together Physical Attraction**

### **Novice Dog 3 (0 abs)**

#### **1st Grimwood's Bonafortes Meldrew**

**2nd Ashton's Madalinca Spring Cu Benn** A well grown and shapely young dog with a nice head, good shoulder placement and return of upper arm. Good depth of body and fair hind quarters. Not as positive on the move today.

#### **3rd Colbert's Nana Nana Von Den Erzminen**

### **Post Graduate Dog 0**

### **Limit Dog 0**

### **Open Dog 2 (2 abs)**

### **Veteran Dog 0**

### **Veteran Bitch 1 (0)**

**1st Stayte's Doolalley Magic Lace At Carwenwy** This lady is nearly eight and a half years old and looked in super condition. Lovely feminine head and rose ears. Not the biggest of bitches she has lovely straight front legs, good breadth of chest, nice topline and nice hind angulation. She showed well, moved soundly and well with an air of "I've done it before just leave it to me." Pleased to award her RBB.

### **Minor Puppy Bitch 1 (1 abs)**

### **Puppy Bitch 4 (1 abs)**

**1st Sheppard's Goldswift Enchanted Legacy** Nearly eleven months and of nice proportions. She has a nice head, good body and moved well. Unfortunately very unsettled in the ring but once judging was finished suddenly showed her confident, happy side.

**2nd Bruce's Goldswift Leap Of Faith** All these pups are litter mates and very similar. I preferred the head and expression of this one and she too moved well. Close decision.

#### **3rd Braddyll's Goldswift Serendipity**

### **Junior Bitch 4 (1 abs)**

**1st Wilkes' Lindall Paris For Strickenoak** Just out of puppy by a few days this is a nice bitch. She has a nice head, good length of body, good shoulder and depth of chest. She is well off for bone and has a good outline. Moved quite well.

**2nd Gregory's Madalinca Spring Joy of Killoughery** This girl is more mature at nearly seventeen months with good depth of chest, a nice head and good ears. She is a little shorter in body but moved well.

#### **3rd Flood's Phestral Oonach at Baronfore**

### **Yearling Bitch 1 (0 abs)**

**1st Anderson and White's Whitglen Talla** Sister to the best dog this twenty month dark bitch is well made all though and moved well. Not the presence of her brother. Would like slightly better ears.

**Novice Bitch 1 (0 abs)**

**1st Sheppard's Goldswift Enchanted Legacy**

**Post Graduate Bitch 2 (0 abs)**

**1st Vaudin's MacCaura Lacey Of Torteval** This is quite a shapely hound with lovely rose ears. She has a nice outline with a fair front and good depth of chest she moved quite well coming and going and in profile.

**2nd Bradley's Glengail Gwendolyn** A slightly ranger bitch with more bone. She has a nice head and ears with good length of leg. She moved very well in profile but not as good coming and going today, one who did not like the conditions.

**Limit Bitch 4 (2 abs)**

**1st Gregory's Killoughery Bliss** A mature bitch of four and a half with lovely depth of chest and well off for bone. She has a good shoulder and return of upper arm, fair length and well angulated hind quarters. She moved quite well not put off by the wet grass.

**2nd Cramphorn's Yelxba Victoria ShCM** Another mature bitch with a lovely outline, good length and depth of body. She has a good front and rear angulation and moved well but was a bit reticent. Close decision today.

**Open Bitch 4 (1 abs)**

**1st Pask's Amarach Caitin At Baronglen** A lovely tall bitch with good length of leg and a nice outline. In profile she is quite imposing with size, substance and balance. She has a nice head, good fore chest with a nice shoulder and good return of upper arm. She has well angulated hind quarters and moved well in profile and coming and going. Pleased to award her BB and RBIS.

**2nd Campbell-Woodford's Rivenhounds Bonfire At Kilmacduagh** Well grown four year old bitch with good depth of chest and a good topline. She has a nice front and nice croup running into good hindquarters with nice stifle angulation. She moved well in profile.

**3rd Bonafortes Back In Black For Mascotts**

*Sue Finnett (Judge)*