

2023 Channel Islands Dog Of The Year

Judge Jeff Luscott

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Thank you to the Society and Committee for the invitation to judge the Channel Islands Islands Dog Of The Year Show in place of Mark Coccozza, sadly recently deceased. It was an honour to visit the island and judge again for this special competition.

Starting with the Gundog Puppy Group, the two I sent forward were Mr N & Mrs R Cox's English Springer Spaniel, Tiroen To Have And To Hold, 15 months, turned out in great condition, lovely head and shape, stylish, great presence and very good on the move. The other to qualify here was Ms S Kezourec's Cocker Spaniel, Wilmerella Fantasy At Belcroute, solid 10 month old, balanced in outline and moving well over the ground with an easy action.

Next Group to come in were the Hounds, the two going through were Mr P Walker's Whippet, Silkridge Jean Genie For Petwalk and also Ms S Woodhouse's Beagle, Fallowfield Rhett With Birybarn. Both good youngsters with strength in their breed type. Lovely balance and outline on the Whippet and moved well over the ground. The Beagle was of the right outline, head and body, good bone and moving well.

Only one from the Terrier Puppy Group, Mr P & Mrs A Kucza's, Irish Terrier, Amberville No One Like You, of lovely type, shape and balance, with a good head, body and coat, strong rear and moves well with power and muscle tone.

The puppies from the Toy Group were next. Mrs P Michel's Pekingese, Pekehuis Dream Time went through, quality with excellent type, a good outline, bone and front, nice balance and moves with a stylish handler. Also Mr P Walker's Chinese Crested, Solinos The Entertainer For Petwalk, well coated with

an appealing head, balanced and a good mover over the ground, more to come as matures.

Next Puppy Group was the Pastoral, I sent through Mrs C Boxall's Samoyed, Tesoro Italiano Boschi Vecchi of size, bone and structure with a good overall balance and coat, smart mover and has good stride. Mrs C Allen's Shetland Sheepdog, Ribans Our Impressive Queen also went through with typical stamp in head and shape, moves well, coat not quite in mint condition but ok.

Next was the Utility Puppy Group. Going through was Mr J Wilson's Japanese Shiba Inu, Izaiga Anton Black, in excellent condition, well set in body and head, solid muscle and good action on the move from his strong hind quarters. Joining him was Mr S & Mrs L Simmons Boston Terrier, Lovewell Gem Of The Sea, with a typical head and ear set, has strong muscle and goes well over the ground, more to come in the rear action.

Then followed the Semi-finals of the Group Winners
Qualifying through from the Gundog Group was Mr N & Mrs R Cox's lovely English Springer Spaniel, Tiroen To Have And To Hold, the quality youngster from the Gundog Puppy Group, followed by Miss C White's Cocker Spaniel, Jsy Ch Granrose Blue Topaz, with a lovely style, balance and shape, strong quarters, pleasing head type, moves with expectation and balanced to go close.

The Hound Group qualifiers were Mr S & Mrs P Mottershaw & Mrs F Officer's Saluki, Jsy Ch, Ir Ch Ulmarra Naa, with good head, balance and shape, nice quarters and outline, good action and shape on the move. Close up was Ms S Woodhouse's Beagle, Serenaker Bergarac Avec Birybarn, with a good neck and shoulder, good over the ground in action, moved with purpose and balance, moved well with the handler to go close here.

Next in were the Working Group qualifiers with Ms O Lynnyk's Russian Black Terrier, Holodnaya Zhara Vivat! Poltava, with superb power, muscle and quarters, stunning outline, head and shape, strong in neck and back has the coat and style. The other qualifier was Mrs J Le Claire's excellent Great Dane, Fontanarossa Equator, bitch, 2 years old and a typical head, body and rear quarters, a strong girl and she can move.

The Terrier Group was in next and going through was Mr P & Mrs A Kucza's Irish Terrier, Amberville No One Like You, the outstanding puppy qualifier. The other was Mrs C Marett's Cesky Terrier, Jsy Ch Idefix Day Break At Gayteckels Pd'H, 10 year old with good head and neck, strong muscle tone throughout body and a good overall terrier who still moves with purpose.

The Toy Group qualifiers were an outstanding Chi, Miss C Mackay's, Smooth Coat Chihuahua, Beaulamey Show Me The Money For Tarabish, has the type, balance and outline, good mover, appealing in head expression, great attitude and handled to show a great performance. The other qualifier was Mr S & Mrs L Simmons Pug, Rhodenash Peach Blossom At Kaladash, he's of nice strong body, not quite the muscletone yet but has balance standing and on the move, good tail action.

The two going through from the Pastoral Group were Mrs C Allen's Shetland Sheepdog, Jsy Ch Milesend Movie Star For Ribans, quality Sheltie with the head type, ear and eye, good on the move and nice quarters at the rear, has good body and action on the move. Close up was Mrs B Yabsley's Belgian Shepherd Dog Tervueren, Domburg New Demand, with correct head type, good through body, coat and performance to go close here.

Only one qualifier from Utility Group present, an outstanding Tibetan Terrier, Mrs C Le Moignan's, Waterley Honey Rider at Fideletchan, top quality, with the head, neck, balance and square outline, good front and body, strong quarters and excellent on the move, winning here and close for Dog of the Year.

2023 Channel Islands Brace Of The Year

Winner - Miss C White's Cocker Spaniels, Granrose Blue Sapphire and Jsy Ch Granrose Blue Topaz, lovely Cocker pair in harmony taking the Brace Award.

Reserve - Mr N & Mrs R Cox's English Springer Spaniels, Petranella Fleur De Lily Avec Tiroen and Tiroen To Have And To Hold, a quality Springer pair with good outline and type, going with style.

2023 Channel Islands Veteran Of The Year

Winner - Mr J Schofield's Pomeranian, Spanapoms Russian Gold At Rudoli, won by a Pom of lovely type, balance, head and good ear set lowly, moves with style and in great coat.

Reserve - Miss D Houghton's American Cocker Spaniel, Fielgar Flyin The Flag, well presented American Cocker Spaniel, loved the overall stamp, 8 ½ years with good shape and balance, strong quarters and can move to cover the ring.

2023 Channel Islands Puppy Of The Year

Winner - Mr N & Mrs R Cox's English Springer Spaniel, Tiroen To Have And To Hold, lovely Springer Spaniel, quality girl, great presence on the day to win in style.

Reserve - Mr P & Mrs A Kucza's Irish Terrier, Amberville No One Like You, excellent Irish Terrier, pushing hard all the way in the final, has promising career ahead.

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Winner - Miss C Mackay's, Smooth Coat Chihuahua, Beaulamey Show Me The Money For Tarabish, the exciting Chi, what a performance on a high, great on the move with the handler working hard to put him at the front, well done.

Reserve - Ms O Lynnyk's Russian Black Terrier, Holodnaya Zhara Vivat! Poltava, showing the power in her movement in this square shaped, well coated dog.

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