

Spring Championship Show Junior Handling Critique

Judge: Peter Walker

Thank you to the Kennel Club of Jersey for inviting me to judge the handling classes at the Spring Championship Show. It was a great honour to be asked and I was extremely pleased with the excellent level of handling shown by these young handlers.

Junior Handler 6-11 years.

Everlynn Stewart-Smith aged 8

A well turned out handler. She remained calm throughout the class and put on a good polished performance. On the table she exhibited her dog well and was attentive to her dog at all times. On the floor she moved with accuracy and at one with her dog performing good pattern work creating a smooth fluid performance.

Won this class with overall excellent performance. In the final against the older junior handler, she sadly lost her concentration at the very end with her dog which detracted from her earlier performance.

Annie Brookes aged 10

A well turned out handler whose concentration on her dog was excellent, she continued to chat and encourage her dog at all times. Her table work was good. On the floor she shadowed well. I liked that she had patience with her dog and encouragement and compassionate at all times. Her patterning was good and her shadowing was good at all times. I think she has a good understanding of what is needed and wish her well in her chosen hobby.

Junior Handler 12-16

Nora Brooke's aged 12

A well turned out handler, who put on a polished performance throughout. She gave good instruction to her dog throughout and had a good rapport with her dog, she moved her dog with straight lines with fluid but sharp turns. A very good and polished performance by this young handler who has a very bright future in handling and exhibiting dogs with I am sure much success. I was pleased to award her overall best junior handler.