## The Kennel Club of Jersey

## Saturday 19th July 2025

Firstly, I wanted to thank the committee for asking me to judge the junior handling at their show. The show was run smoothly, and it seemed that everyone had a lovely day. A few points I would like to mention for the handlers are to always watch your judges movements and take your time. There is no need to rush pattern work, nerves can take over at times but slowing down can make everything a lot more polished and put together.

#### 6-11 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Everlynn Stewart-Smith aged 8, Everlynn was confident and always spoke to her dog, teeth could have been shown cleaner, but this will come with practice. Lines were straight and corners were smooth. Everlynn always kept an eye on my whereabouts, and I wish her all the luck for her handling career. Best Overall Handler.

**2**<sup>nd</sup> Annie Brookes aged 10. Annie is a more reserved handler with plenty of potential. Lines were slightly off but practice makes perfect. Annie was always watching my whereabouts, showing of teeth again could have been cleaner but sometimes our dogs don t make it easy for us. Keep practicing and good luck for the future.

# 12-16 Years

**1**<sup>st</sup> Samantha Browning aged 14. Another polite handler who took her time with her dog, showing of the teeth could have been cleaner but just keep practicing. Pattern work was clean and did everything asked for. Making sure she was aware of my movements. Another handler with great potential.

**2**<sup>nd</sup> Nora Brookes aged 12. Nora worked well with her dog when moving around the ring. Pattern work was could have been cleaner and again more practice is needed for when showing the dogs teeth. She was polite and is full of potential.

### **Adult Handling**

# 17-24 Years

1<sup>st</sup> Yakira Michel. Yakira has confident but not over the top. She had a fabulous repour with her dog. She moved at the correct speed around the ring and showed the teeth well. Pattern work was executed correctly with ease and was extremely polite.

1<sup>st</sup> Claire White. Claire didn t put a foot wrong throughout her pattern work, straight clean lines with tight corners. Teeth were shown well, and Claire was aware of my movements around the ring making sure she never went in between the dog and the judge, Claire was calm and polite and moved her dog at the correct speed, and they clearly have a special bond which was lovely to watch.

2<sup>nd</sup> Paige. I found myself splitting hairs between these two handlers. Paige is a confident handler who put on a great performance. Her lines weren t as straight as 1 but corners were tight. Could have moved her dog at a slightly slower pace. She had a fabulous bond with her dog and are clearly a great team, I am sure these two handlers will be battling it out for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the future.

# **Judge**

### **Nicole Owles**