

HANDLING CLASSES : Judge - Mrs Lorraine Stewart-Smith

Junior Handler 6-11 Years:

This young lad is a new handler and today he was handling a particularly challenging little Papillon. He remained calm and showed good knowledge of the teeth on the table. Once on the floor you could see that perhaps the nerves took over and the dog was put in the wrong hand and so the patterns went the wrong way. The actual pattern was precise and well carried out. When presented with the rosette at the end the young man told me straight away exactly where he had gone wrong and what he would be doing in the future which I thought was highly commendable. Keep practicing there is a strong talent that with time and patients I promise will prevail.

1st & Overall Best Junior Handler: Logan Cupit

Adult Handler 25+ Years:

As an oldie myself I highly enjoyed judging this class with some very strong competition between them all.

1st: Paige Le Moignan This was a highly contested group of experienced ladies, but what pipped it for me, was this lady was using a very young and inexperienced puppy. This being a handling class, she took the time to understand the dog's needs with grace and elegance and most of all compassion and patience, she produced clean sharp patterns. Never rushed, she made sure the young dog was standing correctly before moving and was a joy to watch.

2nd: Claire White

Beautifully in tune with her dog, this ladies patterns were clean and crisp with the correct distance from the judge when standing. I was splitting hairs, but when it came to final line up they were out of line of the leading dog, that was all.

3rd: Sarah Woodman

4th: Jean Girard