

My thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge and to my two super efficient stewards Pete and Sylvia. What a super sporting bunch of exhibitors you all were and I thoroughly enjoyed going over your lovely Dobes. All were in hard show condition and temperaments without fail were excellent. One small observation – it is really difficult for a judge to look in a dogs mouth and assess a head when bait is being shovelled in there or the dog is so desperate to get at it, they keep whipping round to find it. Used as a reward for standing to be gone over, bait has its place. Although the ring was big enough, it was very uneven in places and some dogs (and handlers !) didn't cope very well with it. Thank you for my lovely gift for judging.

Minor Puppy Dog (1)

1 Young's Krieger's Hunky Dory at Malibray (NAF) quality brown male. Stood alone. Well made through out with a gleaming brown jacket of the correct texture. His head is coming along nicely with correct ear placement and good length of muzzle. He has a lovely reach of neck and a well developed forechest. Straight front and good tight feet. His topline is strong and he has a high tailset, both well held on the move. He coped well with the uneven ring and moved steadily and with purpose. BPD. RBPS

Puppy Dog (0)

Junior Dog (2)

1 Hutchinson & Mycroft's Supeta's Big Hunk of Love for Debison. This boy excelled in head and expression – the darkest of eyes of the correct shape, well balanced head with good length and depth of muzzle and a strong underjaw. His ears are well set and tidy. Clean, dry neck of good length and a well developed forechest. His topline is hard, short over the loin. Super tailset. His rib cage is well sprung and the elbows are tight. Lovely straight front and well shaped feet. He fairly powered round the ring and movement was true coming and going. In hard condition with great muscle tone, he is a quality male. RBD

2 Bryan's Johmar Harlequin. Another smart male who is a lovely shape. His head is well made, elegant with well set ears and correctly shaped dark eyes. Good length of neck and straight front, tightest of feet. Firm topline and short coupled. Not as positive on the move as the winner.

Yearling Dog (3-2)

1 Robertson's Cockneyoka Dire Straights. Pleases in head, excellent shape and good depth to muzzle and has a dark, expressive eye. Correct dentition. Well proportioned body with good length of neck, straight front leading to tight feet and firm topline. Tail well held on the move. Moved with great purpose and handled the ground well.

2 Dickson's Cockneyoka Status Quo at Dafarn. Brown litter brother to the winner. Stronger in the head than his brother with well placed ears of a good size. He has a good length of neck, a straight front and the tightest of feet. Bit longer over the loin than the winner and didn't cover the ground as well.

Novice Dog (2)

1 Young's Krieger's Hunky Dory at Malibray (NAF)

2 Dickson's Cockneyoka Status Quo at Dafarn

Graduate Dog (1)

1 Dickson's Cockneyoka Status Quo at Dafarn

Post Grad Dog (1 – 1)

Limit Dog (3 – 1)

1 Grace's Nerak Wot a Dream. Two quality males. The winner was a well made brown with a very balanced head. Correct shaped dark eye, well filled out below and good length of muzzle. Well set ears of a good size and elegant reach of neck. Good depth of chest, enough forechest with elbows tucked tight. Medium bone and lovely tight feet. Short backed and square with correct topline. Well angulated fore and rear, hocks well let down. Moved true away and back with strong drive from behind.

2 Wedgbury's Manzart War Emblem. Another nice male – fraction longer than the winner but nicely made throughout. His head is masculine with a lovely dark eye and correctly set ears of a good size. Super topline and tailset and enough bone. Would like slightly tighter feet. Another who coped well with the uneven ring and moved with purpose.

Open Dog (1)

1 Robnson's Korifey Ivan. Suberbly put together black and tan – loved his head, he had the darkest of eye, correct shape and a keen and alert expresson. Head is masculine and strong but not overdone in any way. Correct dentition, good muzzle to skull ratio. Super reach of neck, elegant and strong, well placed shoulder and a straight front. Well sprung rib and good depth of chest. His topline is correct and he held it well on the move. In gleaming condition with a hard coat and great muscle tone, he moved with precision and drive to BD & RBIS

Veteran Dog (2)

1 Matthew's Lebakker Tymur Taraz at Heathwaen ShCM. I judged this gentleman in his younger days and he proved today how much he still enjoys his days out. He still has good muscle tone and used this to good purpose. His head is lovely, well made wedge with the darkest of eyes. Correctly set ears, clean and strong neck and his topline is still firm. Moved with the steady dignity that his 11 years dictated and I was happy to award him BVIS.

2 Gregson's Amazon Blackpark Louis Vitton. Handsome dog, well made throughout. He is a bit shorter in the muzzle than the winner and stronger in the head. Lovely dark eye of the correct shape. He still has a good topline and tailset but was carrying a bit more weight than he needed and paced round the ring.

Minor Puppy Bitch (2 -1)

1 Robertson's Cockneyoka Ventura. Just six months old and very much the raw baby but so much promise. Her head is coming along well, feminine but with good length and depth of muzzle. She has enough bone and the tightest of feet, straight front and tight in at the elbows. She has a super topline and tailset, strong over the loin. She was confident and steady on the move.

Puppy Bitch (6 – 1)

1 Wedgbury's Manzart Xtra Special. The best class of the day with some lovely puppies to go over. The winner stood out for her elegance and poise – confident with the loveliest of heads – correct wedge shape, the darkest of eyes and good skull to muzzle ratio. She is feminine throughout with an elegant reach of neck, superbly laid shoulder, straight front and the tightest of feet. Her topline slopes ever so gently. On the move, she is balanced and precise and so true coming and going with good drive from the rear. Finished off with the correct hard jacket in gleaming condition. BPB, BPIS.

2 Pollard's Manzart Yuliana at Whizzbean. Litter sister to the winner and many of the previous comments apply to this girl - there is little between them. I actually preferred this girl's head – she has slightly more width to the skull but she was a tad longer in loin than her sister so when it came to nit picking between them, she lost out on this. She is a quality puppy and I loved both of them

3 Jones' Vivat De Vinko Vendetta for Korifey (Imp Rus)

Yearling Bitch (1)

1 Hutchinson & Mycroft's Supeta's Diamonds Rforever with Debison. My notes say – pure class – and she was ! Compact, feminine and balanced. Her head was well made throughout, good length of muzzle, tight lips and the darkest of eyes. She has a clean dry neck with an excellent spring of rib and tight in at the elbow. Her topline slopes gently and she is short and well muscled over the loin. There is no doubt in my mind that she would do the job she was bred for – her movement was fluid and balanced and she moved with precision and drive. Delighted to award her BB & BIS

Novice Bitch (4)

1 Manzart Xtra Special

2 Vivat De Vinko Vendetta for Korifey (Imp Rus) Bit taller than I prefer but a lovely feminine girl with lots to like. Slightly longer in the head than the winner and not the depth of muzzle but has a dark, expressive eye and well set ears. Her neck is dry and of good length, her topline is good. Tight in at the elbows but everything needs to drop down a bit yet. Very positive on the move.

3 Morgan's Satinea Fevronia at Telenndu.

Graduate Bitch (1)

1 Dickson's Otago My Destiny at Dafarn. B/T who is well made throughout but at this stage a little raw. She has a correctly shaped, dark eye with good head planes and high set ears. Her neck is of a good length and her topline slopes gently. She is a bit longer in the loin but has adequate depth of chest. Medium bone and super tight feet. Her movement was steady but she wasn't really coping well on the uneven ground.

Post Graduate Bitch (3 – 1)

1 Mycroft's Supeta's Diamond in the Sky. A quality female who is balanced and compact with a super head – alert expression with the darkest of sparkling eyes and that correct blunt wedge. Super forechest, well sprung ribcage. She has medium round

bone and correct shaped feet. She is short and square with a topline that slopes gently over a firm loin. In superb condition with a gleaming hard coat and solid muscle behind. Well angulated front and back, she moved with drive. I felt she really needed a bigger ring to get going into her stride.

2 Barber's Alculmlow So You Win Again. Brown, in solid hard condition with correct coat texture of good colour. Her head is well made throughout, would like slightly more length of muzzle. Enough reach of neck, clean and dry. Slightly wider in front than the winner but tight in at the elbow with required depth of chest. Short coupled over the loin, she made a nice shape on the move and held her topline and tailset.

Limit Bitch (4 – 1)

1 Bishop's Korifey Oksana. Elegant and balanced b/t with the loveliest of heads. Strong with good skull/muzzle ratios, tight lips and correctly shaped dark eye. Her front is straight and her feet are tight and well shaped. Topline is strong with a great tail set and she moves with great purpose and drive and is true coming and going - was seriously considered for BB and would have been called in for RBIS had I been allowed. RBB

2 King's Nerak Rewrite the Stars. Sound moving girl that had a straight front, good forechest and the prettiest of heads – correct wedge shape, clean tight lips and neat ears. Compact body with good depth of chest and tight elbows. Correct bone and well made feet. Moved with drive.

3 Matthews Nerak Dreamchaser for Heathwaen.

Open Bitch (6 – 1)

1 Barber's Ch Amazon Chanel for Alculmlow. Lovely bitch who was one of the few today who exhibited rotary action and drive behind. Feminine head, well made with clean lines throughout, elegant neck, good shoulder placement and well sprung rib. Short and compact and strong over the loin with a super tailset. She was just carrying a touch extra weight which cost her further honours.

Veteran Bitch (2 – 1)

1 Pittendrigh's Amazon This Girl is on Fire with Tomar. b/t with a lovely straight front and tight feet. She has a super head with well set ears and correct head planes. Compact body shape and she held her topline well on the move and was striding out well, thoroughly enjoying herself.

Aileen Coull (Judge)