

CRUFTS 15

Just another show? Oh so much more, being given the opportunity to judge your special breed at Crufts is surely the pinnacle of one's judging career. I had such an enjoyable & memorable day, & I thank my ring stewards Mike & Christine for their invaluable help & efficiency. I had a super entry, with a wealth of quality exhibits. OD being the strongest class, but there was ample quality throughout in Dogs & Bitches, with "hair splitting" decisions to be made. A number of bitches were between coats, but of course hopefully only a temporary issue!

VD (7) 1 Moffat & Robin's Ch Maibee Teddy, 7♦ year old delightful tri but looking half that age today. One I have not judged before. Ideal size, beautiful head with low set ears, darkest eyes & plenty of cushioning. Arched neck short level back carrying ample bone & substance. Flowing silky coat with well broken markings & strong bright tans. Positive driving movement, a happy & confident little chap. Happy to award him RCC; 2 Jackson's Ch Amantra Cheers, well known tri now in his tenth year. Slightly heavier in build than 1. Full masculine head good pigmentation & well filled under the eyes. Soft expression deep brisket & good turn of stifle giving strong sound movement around the ring; 3 Askins, Kendall & Vallila's Ch/Int/Fis We/Nord Ch Hedra's Chocolate D Lite, similar remarks as for 2. A handsome 7♦ year old tri, well balanced with good spring of rib & true straight front. Lovely dark eyes in good coat & condition. MPD (0).

PD (4) 1 Singleton's Cavikanns Trickywoo at Skeldalehouse Celixo, attractive blen of 11 months. Nice overall size good head with broad muzzle. Good bone & depth of chest. Correct textured silky coat. A little erratic on the move at times, but a sound puppy when settled; 2 Gomez's Rozabaron Wayne's World, a lovely tri again 11 months old, nicely constructed with a broad head & deep chest. Level back & correct level tailset. Moved well; 3 Pearce's Carletto Le Troubadour, 10 month old blen, well bodied for age, slightly larger in frame but promising. Good rib cage & straight front. Went well for his owner.

JD (6,1a) 1 Moffat & Robin's Maibee Horatio, 17 month tri, exquisite small type of Charlie. Beautiful head proportions with large dark eyes. Good turn up, well placed nose & low set ears. Melting expression, balanced well proportioned body. Moved well impeccable presentation; 2 Jackson's Amantra Summer Promise, heavier marked 14 month tri, again lovely size with short back & good stifles. Enough bone & substance in plenty of coat. Such a happy outgoing temperament; 3 Askins & Kendall's Jameson Azzaro Fapella Gray, 14 month tri, shapely & well made. Another with good bone & strong angulation slightly larger than 2.

YD (9,1) 1 Gillhespy's Yakee Royal Treasure, 22 month blen, super size & shape with compact construction throughout & level back. Good depth of chest broad head & well cushioned muzzle. Good pigmentation in eyes & nose, with strong well broken body marking. A stylish mover; 2 Schilizzi & Healy Gates' Chacombe Retained Assest, 18 month tri a touch larger than 1 but an eye-catching boy & well proportioned throughout with deep brisket & straight front, well let down hocks. Carried a level topline at all times, with a proud domed head & darkest of pigmentation, beautifully presented; 3 Champion's Stonepit Buster Keeton at Lankcombe, a tri boy

almost 2 years old. Smaller made, with good head, dark eyes & soft expression. Compact & cobby body. Carries his tail just a little high
PGD (9) 1 Pascoe's Cavella Cookie of Cymtirion, very nice compact well broken tri. Good body shape with depth of chest good bend of stifle level back & tailset. Broad head well filled under the eyes, good pigment & well defined stop & sufficient cushioning. Moved with drive; 2 Matches' Baldragon Striding Edge to Fochai, 3 year old blen rich colouring. Broad depth of chest, masculine head well cushioned under eyes & gentle expression. Straight front compact feet moving well; 3 Jackson's Amantra Treasury, another very nice 2 year old blen. Short well covered body, with a good front, good dome & dark pigmentation. A well boned & proportioned dog with a great temperament & sound movement.

LD(11) 1 Moffat & Robin's Maibee Mr Kipling, 4 year old lighter marked tri. Ideal size, & gorgeous head low set ears, large melting eyes soft wide muzzle & gentle expression. An elegant shapely dog with good angulation & free flowing movement. Strong bone throughout. winner from this consistently good kennel; 2 Pennington's Tudourhurst Corsair, super 3 year old b/t. Lovely full head, & width of muzzle. mouth line. Good reach of neck & well laid back shoulders. Level topline sound movement. Profuse silky coat with longest of ear fringes & strong bright tans. A glamorous dog; 3 Coupland's Tucherish High Treason, 3 year old tri with fantastic dome correct nose placement, darkest of pigmentation & good cushioning under eyes. Strong free movement, a smart little Charlie.

OD (13,2) 1 Johnson Hubbard Am/Lux/ Fin Ch Clussexx Champagne Breakfast, wow! What a stunning tri dog. Fully mature at 5 with full masculine head. Broad deep muzzle but not over done. Large dark eyes & a soft melting expression. Well laid back shoulders & straightest of fronts. Neat firm feet & level topline held at all times. Super bone & substance, full silky coat with well broken markings. Shown in absolutely pristine condition. At one with his handler he moved effortlessly around the ring. Was my pleasure to award him CC & BOB; 2 Moffat & Robin's Ch Maibee Theo, such a beautiful tri boy now 6 years old & a wonderful ambassador for the breed. Excels in all the important breed points which he has passed on to so many of his progeny. Lovely head, large wide set eyes, soft gentle expression. Balanced & well proportioned with a classic elegance & style. I have judged him twice before & he remains one of my all time favourites. Pipped to the post for RCC by his sire today; 3 Ryan's Ch/Ir/Int Ch Charnell Brando at Cavalli, super 4 year old richly marked blen. Eyecatching dog cobby compact construction short back a lovely size. Broad skull and muzzle, wide set eyes good overall conformation well rounded rib cage & well turned stifles. Just a fraction wide in front but I am being ultra critical. Faultless presentation. A lovely trio of winners from my strongest class of the day. **GCD 1 Randle's Othmese Arnaud to Lisran, tri dog from Veteran well marked with good head & dark pigment. Moved well with happy disposition.**

VB (4) 1 Coupland's Ch Tucherish Wkd Antoinette, 8 year old gorgeous tri well broken markings, feminine head with good rise of skull, excellent pigmentation & sweet expression. Good reach of neck. Short level back, & good angulation. In full coat which was soft & silky. I see she is the dam of my RCC winner; 2 Person's Swe Ch Charlie Bay Lady Aurora, what a charming little blen bitch. Almost 12 years old with lovely head long low set ears, & large round very black eyes. Gentle expression, compact body & very long coat & fringes. In beautiful condition she moved effortlessly around the ring. At one with her handler a credit to her owner;

3 Robinson's Ch Nastane Miss Dior avec Baldragon, 8 year old tri & such a worthy champion. Cobby body with good head well cushioned muzzle correct nose placement & soft mouth line. Good shoulders & straight front. Shown in great condition clean cut markings. Good driving action from rear. Her handler getting the very best from her.

MPB (0).

PB (4,1) 1 Jackson's Amantra Regalia, 10 month old tri girl. Very pleasing head with good nose placement & width to muzzle. Large expressive eyes & super pigment. Silky coat & bright tans. She has a well shaped body with short level back & correct tail carriage. Moving happily & soundly. BP; 2 Moffat & Robin's Maibee A May Baby, another lovely puppy same age as 1. Lighter marked very feminine with good rise of skull beautiful dark eyes & full muzzle. Very good angulation & straight front. Silky coat with long fringes. An elegant little bitch. Very close decision between 1 & 2; 3 Gomez's Rozabaron Viva La Violet, almost a year old slightly larger tri but beautifully constructed bitch. Well turned stifles deep chest level back. Well shaped head with lovely eyes & expression. Sound mover. JB (8,1) 1 Harvey's Rivermoor Lady Martha, richly marked blen girl just out of puppy. Very feminine, head developing well with low set ears. Large dark eyes good bone & reach of neck & well laid shoulders. A real quality bitch with a great temperament she should have a bright future; 2 Matches' Khandro La Vie En Rose from Fochai, 17 month old tri lovely shape & balance with all the breed attributes. Well domed head with full cheeks & neat mouth line. Large dark eyes & defined stop. Cobby body & holding a good topline standing & moving; 3 Pennington's Tudourhurst Breaking Dawn, small 13 month tri quite a handful for her owner! Pretty well domed head, with great pigment & cheeky expression. Short in body with good spring of rib, correct tailset. Straight front, good if somewhat exuberant on the move!

YB (6) 1 Siddle's Penemma Misty For Me, super 18 month well marked blen. Such a lovely example of our breed. Ideal size with moderate bone, good front & depth of chest. Arched neck & good shoulders level topline well turned stifles & strong hind quarters with elbows tight to body. Appealing head with soft wide well cushioned muzzle. No falling away under the eyes which were large & dark. Gentle expression her movement faultless & so assured for one so young. A captivating little bitch & it gave me great pleasure to award her the CC; 2 Byer's Simanne Sweet Aneka, 18 month tri well broken markings & bright tans. Beautiful dark eyes & good width of muzzle with neat turn up. Not as mature as 1 but good body & bone. Level topline when settled she moved well. Lots to like about her; 3 Champion's Stonepit William Gist at Lankcombe, 22 month lightly marked tri smaller make but compact with shapely well covered body & short level back. Straight front & firm rear soft expression with sufficient width of muzzle. Large round eyes positive movement. A quality bitch.

PGB (10) 1 Coupland's Tucherish Julie Christie, 2♦ year old most lovely tri with gorgeous domed head & darkest of eyes. Melting expression & very full muzzle. Shapely outline & cobby body with good angulation & level back correct tailset. Well let down hocks excellent movement from this classy young bitch. RCC; 2 Wallhead's Baldragon Becuz Im Worth It to Merida, 3 year old tri has matured into a very nice bitch full of quality. Deep chest & good spring of ribs. Balanced from all angles. Good dome defined stop well

cushioned muzzle. Strong positive movement liked her very much; 3 Goodwin's Phydeaux Royal Rose for Diggle, 3 year old blen another quality bitch very good conformation. Short level back deep chest & compact body. Attractive facial features with dark eyes & good cushioned muzzle between coats at the moment.

LB (9,1) 1 Gillhespy's Lorphhil Black Beauty, 5 year old b/t. Lovely mature bitch beautifully made with cobby body straight front & well angulated hind quarters. Well domed head with low set well fringed ears. Large eyes giving appealing expression. Lips meeting exactly. Raven black coat with rich tans in all the right places. Her coat in gleaming condition. She made a pleasing picture as she moved soundly & positively around the ring; 2 Schilizzi & Gates Baldragon Envy Me of Chacombe, 3 year old tri top quality classy bitch with good dome broad muzzle well feathered ears. Lying flat cheeks. Darkest pigment level back well turned stifles neat feet. Lovely textured coat in super condition. Moved positively & confidently; 3 Greenwell's Cavella Cup Cake for Patz Petz, 3 year old b/t cobby & compact make. Lovely head & round eyes good cushioning & correct turn up. Sound little bitch who moved steadily & happily around the ring.

OB (11,1) 1 Robinson's Ch Baldragon She Demands, gorgeous 3 year old tri, lovely size with compact shapely body. Short in loin & good spring of rib & required deep chest. Very good head & rise of skull melting expression from large dark eyes. Good coat & beautifully presented. Moved really well with good driving action; 2 Pennington's Tudorhurst Pearl, 2 year old richly marked blen. Great little bitch who's still blossoming, not fully mature as yet but well developed body with good bone & substance. Good front & rib cage strong hind angulation. Well domed head with well spaced eyes & dark nose pigment. Very pretty bitch such a lovely temperament. Flowing movement just needs a little more coat to complete the picture; 3 Gillhespy's Downsbank Designed for Lorphil, 3 year old blen rich chestnut markings. Lovely size & balance. Pretty head good width of muzzle & cushioning under eyes that were large & black. Short level back shown in super condition with silky textured coat. Positive movement. A lovely trio of bitches from a very strong class.

GCB 1 Gurtner's Ch Ellinor Vpn Der Gebhardshoh, 4 year old blen top quality full of breed type. Short in back well boned with lovely straight front & strong hind quarters giving her good movement, good rise of skull & gentle expressive dark eyes. Broad muzzle & under jaw. An attractive bitch.

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