



Darlington Championship Show 2014



Oliver within striking distance

WHEN THE fabulous and famous Wire Fox Terrier Ch Travella Striking Steel won Best in Show at Darlington, it ensured he equalled the UK record for Best in Show wins at General Championship Shows. Now he only needs one more Best in Show to take the overall record so he is definitely in Striking Distance!

Sharing the limelight in the winner's enclosure was another big winner – the Australian Shepherd Ch Allmark Fifth Avenue JW, handled beautifully as usual by Angie Allan and fresh from a great run, Crufts group winner, another 12 groups, multiple Best in Show wins and the Group at World Show in Finland last month. This was quickly followed by the Best Puppy in Show which was won by the Morris's Shar Pei Ashowai Taste of Diamonds. This youngster is from a repeat mating which produced their Group winning Shar Pei Ch Ashowai Ready to Rock JW. Looks like this one is set to follow the same path. Reserve Best Puppy in Show was the Golden Retriever Hughes Landking Play with Me. This Portuguese Import was handled by Mary Neil today. Best Veteran in Show was the Shetland Sheepdog Ch Rannerdale Bugsy Malone a well known winner from these kennels and Reserve Best Veteran in Show was the Border Terrier Baxter's American and Canadian International Champion Sulan Fancy That.

Dominating the show was the tragedy of the fire at Manchester Dogs Home where so many dogs lost their lives in this arson attack. As Our Dogs is based in Manchester we decided to organise an appeal at the show to collect something to add to the donations coming in from all over the country. This Appeal was kick started with a fabulous donation from Manchester Dog Show Society who presented a cheque for £2,000 to us at the Stand and was handed over by Paul Harding on behalf of the Society. Darlington Committee also donated £250 to the fund and the rest came from you, the exhibitors and trade stand holders who so generously gave whatever you could to our collection. One little girl called Maisie came round to the big bowl we had at the stand and emptied the contents of her purse into the bowl for us. Thank you Maisie!

Others had baked and sold cakes and donated the money. Just want to say a thank you here to my husband who came over on Sunday and went round collecting because my little fat legs were about two inches shorter! A fabulous response from fabulous dog people. You raised £1746.27 which was presented on Tuesday morning directly to the

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Manchester Dogs' Home. This is the first day they are being allowed back onto the premises and Our Dogs will be joined there by Manchester Dog Show Society. You will be able to read more next week and as updates on this come in they will be printed in our paper.

Cast

The Dog Show world can often be likened to Show Business with the rings as the stages, exhibitors as the cast. Much of the work is done behind the scenes and the producer is the committee with the directors being Chief Steward with the ring supervisors etc Stage design comes down to the owners of the Venue – Ripon Racecourse management together with the show manager.

Let me take you behind the scenes with Secretary David Guy. The organisation of a show starts years ahead with the choice of judges and nearer the time the importance of the venue comes into play. The Society moved here last year and after the event they had discussed a few changes they had in mind with Ripon. Turns out the Ripon had almost the same suggestions! More drainage has been installed making more of the ring areas dry and able to be used. There were extra water points added throughout the showground and these were made safe by being covered with turf. The trade stand layout was brought closer into the rings for convenience and this allowed more car parking space. There were more trade stands this time even one from Holland. A good choice of food and drinks available from Donuts to burgers via fish and chips! Even a bar for those not driving. Extra toilets were added.

Darlington Committee have found the Racecourse management



● Ch Travella Striking Steel celebrating at the winners enclosure of Ripon Racecourse after being declared BIS by Jill Peak his eighteenth such award.

very easy to work with and do feel this is very encouraging for the future. Having their support does make a huge difference to the Show. Next year they may look to move the BIS Marquee but this is dependent on logistics. – level ground, drainage, and accessibility. You may have noticed the flowers, well these were donated by the gardeners at the Racecourse for the show. Darlington have a whole raft of stakes classes designed to have something for everyone and there are even two stakes classes each day with free entry. These are for Reserve CC winners or Reserve Best of Sex winners. Prize money across the show totals £3000 and again this is all donated and comes at no cost to the society. Generous sponsorship ensures prize money without any cost to exhibitors. Even Committee members donate to the Stakes Class winners.

With entry costs rising Darlington likes to keep a check on costs and I discovered that judges who are officiating on one day only are no longer being put up in hotels but are given an allowance towards their accommodation. This works well for both parties because judges are free to choose where they want to stay and the Show saves money. Like many Societies David says they are blessed with a grand committee of dog people who understand what is needed and along with a super team of helpers just get on with it. Indeed many partners also involved as helpers. Laurel McBeth is in charge of the Stewarding Team and is their long term Chief Steward building up a stable team over that period as well as encouraging new and younger stewards. This time there were few changes of judge and Brenda Banbury took over from Ann Horan in ETT with Martin Freeman doing the Havanese. A very last minute change due to a fall meant that Irene Rushfirth could not make it so these were judged by Maria Harding.

This year the Caravan park was even more popular and some committee bring their caravans up to a fortnight prior to the show to do the set up. This means that they are also available on site should they be required but the Wardens Ray and John Parry are great at running the site. On the Wednesday before the show there was a quiz held for the caravanners and the money raised – over £100 – went to the Cinnamon Trust.

New Champions

Taking a bow are the new Champions of the weekend – I always like to get a mention in for them so if you make your dog up please let me know. You can leave a note at the stand if you can't find me round the rings. Diane Taylor and Andrew Thomson made up their Rhodesian Ridgeback, Kevin

weekend Anne Macdonald judged all the puppy groups and Best Puppy in Show.

Unflappable

Veterans were judged by John Thirlwell over the weekend and his first Veteran group winner was the Norwegian Elkhound Middleton's Ch Ithim Agus Suim Sh CM, Lewis' Beagle Ch Fallowfield Darlene, Tompkins Saluki Sivendra Abishai and Thompson and Taylor's Ridgeback Kelshanti Penda Zula made up the last four here.

Ronnie Irving judged the Terrier Group today and his winner was Victor Malzoni's Wire Fox Terrier Ch Travella Striking Steel with usual unflappable handler Richard Allen, from this group win he went on to take his 18th Best in Show win and equalled the Record. Sue Breeze's Skye Terrier Ch Salena The Special One has 24 CC and is also a multi group winner including Crufts last year and RBIS at Bath. Barker and Averis Irish Terrier came third in the group. Ch Lakeridge Cahal is also a group winner, was Best Puppy in Show at the WKC and been placed regularly in the group. Carmel Clarke O'Neill's Kerry Blue Ch Lemracdream The Navigator is also a group winner here in the UK and also Ireland with several other group places and three times Best in Show at Club shows so a strong final four in the Terrier Group.

Terrier Puppy group winner was another Fox Terrier – this time the Smooth Fox Terrier Zetamax Frostbite bred and owned by the Brookes. Second place was Johnston's Kakeland Oregill Hot Gossip with third to the Kerry Blue Hetherington's Irisblu Aiveen for Newent and fourth was Duncan's Staffordshire Bull Terrier Nettlesworth No Nonsense.

Terrier Veteran winner was Baxter's Am Can Int Ch Sulan Fancy That – Border Terrier followed by Stoddart's Australian Terrier UK & Am Ch Temora's The Simple Life, Williamson and Stirling's Irish Terrier Ch Montelle M'Lady Jw ShCM and fourth place to Tobijanski's Janski Celtic Ceska – a Cesky Terrier.

Utility Group judge was Paul Harding and his choice to top this group was Donna and Kevin Whincup's Dalmatian Ch Tamilnada Panther Lilly JW Sh CM, winner of 5 CC and previously shortlisted in the group at Manchester. A delighted Donna insisted on giving the judge a kiss! Joan Scarll and Susan Sykes Ch Timazinti Liberty Lhasa Apso was runner up and again this is a previous group winner with two group wins already. The Toy Poodle Ch & Ir Ch Tirkane The Big Issue was third. This was Top Dog All Breed in Ireland and top Toy Poodle in the UK 2013 Ann Ingram handled today and co owns with – wait for this Kay Ryan, M Mortzik, Lisa Nelson and Leanne Bryant. Final group place went to the Bulldog, Steve Bragger's UK Hun Eur Int Ch Prideofbully Winstone. Bred by him and mum Maureen Hill this boy now has 9CC.

Utility puppy was topped by Andrew and Heather Morris' Shar Pei Ashowai Taste of Diamonds. This is from a repeat mating of their well known group winner and went on to win Best Puppy in Show. Sarah Hattrell's Lhasa Apso Khinjan Striped Tiger was second, third was Brown's Shih Tzu Camelle Chocolate Mousse at Rossvale (Imp) and fourth Craig and Jones' Japanese Shiba Inu Almolka Dennis the Menace

Utility Veteran winner was Roskell and Dunhill Hall's Japanese Shiba Inu Ch Ir Ch Vormund I'm Gaultier JW Sh CM and Sarah Hattrell was back into this group

with her Lhasa Apso Ch Jalus High Class at Khinjan JW ShCM to take second. Williams Kooikerhondje Maximillian Alfie of Gladheim was third and fourth was Mance's Schipperke Ch Schipdale Orlando.

Import

First Group on Saturday was the Working Group again with Paul Harding in charge. Peter Myers Bullmastiff Ch Old Manila's Whisky Mac for Optimus took this group which made it his seventh from 24 CC. He has won a BIS and RBIS with this Norwegian Import. Morrell's Newfoundland Ch Morrelham Highland Park won the group at Leeds recently and this was a fourth CC win today. Third place to Sue Mycroft's Dobermann Supeta's Spells Trouble JW ShCM winning a second CC and as Sue explained, this one is hers, all hers! Fourth place in the group went to Laurence Morgan Evans Great Dane Vanmore Eye Catching which became a Champion today to add to the over twenty already made up by this kennels.

Working Puppy was the Newfoundland – Groves & Deal's Bridgestone Grip it N'Rip It with another Bullmastiff – Bown and Beal's Sundabish Philleas Fogg, third was an Alaskan Malamute Horseman-Phoenix's Nordicwinds American Idol and Feeney's Dobermann Stormhold Enigma from Diego NAF. completed the lineup

Working Veteran winner was also a Newfoundland Lloyds Cewriddwr Llyn Gwynant. Second was the Davies Astonpride Trojan of Sarajax a Bullmastiff, third place was Bramwell and Brooks Rottweiler Ch Paloduro Lady Madonna Sh CM with fourth to the Dobermann Cross's Ch Nearthic Madame Pomfrey JW Sh CM.

Pastoral Group and Ronnie Irving was back in charge choosing as his winner Allan and Harlow's Ch Allmark Fifth Avenue JW so well handled by Angie Allan. Group total is fourteen now and she is a multiple Group and BIS winner. Today was extra special because as well as going on to take RBIS, they also bred the DCC winner who was made up today and the RBCC. Lucy Mottram's Polish Lowland Sheepdog Mybeards Hero was runner up. This one was taking its first CC today but overall Lucy had a great day taking all four breed awards and Best Veteran. Kenyon and Ward's Pyrenean Mountain Dog Ch Charibere Simply Special at Chezanna JW Sh CM was made up at its last show and there was a ringside party today for him. He had provided Chocolate cake and wine for the humans and Liver cake for his canine friends. He is already a group winner and has several other group places. Kirkwood and Caruthers Vandream Imperial Cruz Samoyed was shown by Breeder Andrea. This boy has one CC, several reserves and was Best in Show at Windsor this year. Winner of Best Puppy in Show here last year as well as also judged then by Ronnie Irving.

Pastoral Puppy winner was Holmes Pyrenean Mountain Dog Lisjovia Slick as a Whistle. Huck's Lancashire Heeler was second. This was Huck's Lyeside Miss Bonnie and I wonder if this is the youngest ever CC winner in the breed. She won this and BOB today at the tender age of six months and two days. Third place to Turner and Alexander's Border Collie Sporting Fields Charlotte's Web at Lochell (Imp) and completing the puppy lineup was O'Dwyer's Samoyed Kalinski Dushka Maia

Pastoral Veteran provided us with the eventual BVIS winner in the Staffords Sheltie Ch Rannerdale

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● Jill Peak judged Best in show and her reserve was the Australian Shepherd Ch Allmark Fifth Avenue handled by Angie Allan one of Tiffany's owners. Presenting the trophy on behalf of Darlington Dog Show Society is Stuart Plane Alison Morton represents the sponsors Royal Canin.