

THE NORTHERN BOXER CLUB 66th CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW
JUDGES CRITIQUES FOR DOGS
SHOW 12th APRIL 2015

Firstly, I would like to thank the Northern Boxer Club for your invitation to judge at this Show. It is always an honour and a pleasure to be invited to judge Boxers, especially having owned and bred them for over 35 years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the club and their hard working committee on such a well conducted show, the excellent stewards provided for our assistance, and the great sportsmanship shown by the exhibitors. I also thank my co-judge Mrs Margaret Joyce who judged the bitches, it was lovely to discuss the placings and come to unanimous decisions on each class making the day even more enjoyable.

My general impressions...I am of the opinion there have certainly been improvement in length of your boxers on the whole they are now returning to the "square appearance" called for in the standard. Mouths require watching with some teeth covered by the bottom lip which has to be pulled down to see the teeth. My main concern was movement, boxers must have reach and drive, **not rotary action**, nor elbows extending out on the move. Overall enjoyed judging your beautiful boxers.

Hopefully these critiques will be accepted in the manner they are given – an honest and constructive assessment of each exhibit, remembering of course each judge has their own perspectives and interpretation of the Breed Standard, therefore critiques vary accordingly.

Minor Puppy Dog - 11 (1 Abs)

1st. Huckerby & Dowell's - Norwilbeck Bellchime Slap N Tickle

8 month old fawn brindle dog, balanced with sufficient elegance and good breed type for his age, sufficient bone, well-proportioned muzzle to skull ratio with expression, dark nose, ears well placed, lovely crest of neck flowed into well placed shoulders, level top line finished with correctly placed tail, muscled rear angulation, tight feet. Moved well for his age and a promising puppy.

2nd. Murfin & Renshaw Turner's - Farvalley Dark Knight

7 months old dark brindle male, not quite the angulation of the first dog but still had a well-proportioned head piece, good expression masculine but not overdone for his age, good crest of neck flowed into well placed shoulders, well sprung rib cage, would prefer slightly higher tail set, feet a little flat but could be his age, still a very promising pup.

Puppy Dog - 8 (1 Abs)

1st. Drinkwater's - Winuwuk Kiss Tag with Sulez

Fawn Brindle male nearly 1 year old, very promising puppy with substance and elegance, square outline, well boned good musculature with expressive dark eyes, head well proportioned for his age but allowing for maturity, strong arched neck which flowed into well angulated front, solid top line well angulated rear, great temperament for a puppy, moved with ground covering stride could have taken him home.

2nd. Kelly's - Casemates Dumbledore

12 month old fawn male, another well balanced square dog, not quite the elegance of the first and slightly more mature for his age, but good head proportions, expressive eyes, arched neck, level topline, well angulated front and rear, tight feet and also moved covering the ground well.

Junior Dog - 7

1st. McArdle's - Wildax Looking Good at McArmadale

18 months old fawn brindle male, elegant well balanced square with enough substance for his age, masculine head not course, dark eyes, arched neck flowed into strong topline good tail carriage, tight cat feet, moved with reach and drive.

2nd. Mullis's - Idleforde Prime Suspect

13 month old dark brindle male, strong boned, balanced head proportions, not quite as square as the first one, strong arched neck, level topline, well angled front and rear, tight cat feet, moved well.

Yearling Dog - 9

1st. Mitchell's - Diceulon The Desperado with Winuwuk

2 years old fawn male, well-muscled strong boned, nicely balanced head with expression, ears well placed and strong crest of neck blended into shoulders and slightly sloping topline, well angled front and rear, good tuck up, moved well coming and going.

2nd. McArdle's - Redmol Read All about It At McArmadae

2 year old dark brindle male, with substance and elegance, strong boned, expressive eyes combined with a lovely masculine head, arched neck flowed into strong topline, slightly longer than the first dog but good angulation front and rear, tight cat feet, moved very well.

Novice Dog - 8

1st. Ellsworth's - Misstricks Stand and Deliver

18 month old dark brindle male, balanced with substance and elegance, smooth outline with no exaggerations, nice clean well-proportioned head, expressive eyes, arched neck, balanced angulation front and rear, well boned, tight cat feet, moved well with the handler depicting reach and drive.

2nd Morison's - Jobaran Marathon Man to Xandene

14 month old fawn brindle, not quite the balance or substance of the first dog but not course, another with nice clean well-proportioned head, expressive eyes, well placed ears, prefer a little more arch on the neck, muscular top line, well angled front and rear, did not move as smoothly as the first.

Debutante Dog - 3

1st. Cairns & Patterson's - Jimbren Dance In The Dark at Galicar

Nearly 2 years old dark brindle male, smooth square outline with no exaggerations, arched neck flowed into well angled shoulders and onto muscular short back, docked tail well placed, like to see a bit more musculation in the rear hind quarters, tight cat feet, moved well coming and going.

2nd. Vearncombe & Hale's - Knightcott Bump N'Grind With Ruption JW

Nearly 2 years old red male, balanced and substance but not quite as square as the first dog, expressive masculine head, short neck, strong topline and tail set, also like a little more musculation in the rear hind quarters and slightly short hocks, tight cat feet, moved well.

Graduate Dog - 9 (3 Abs)

1st. Bell's - Surfstone No Nonsense

2 year old dark brindle male, strong masculine dog, square elegant outline, well proportion head with expression and well placed ears, strong neck flowed into well placed shoulders, good topline and tailset, sufficient rear angulation, tight cat feet. Gaited with reach and drive.

2nd. Tonkin, Pellow & Pellow's - Rosanyos San Mateo JW

2.1/2 years old fawn male, another strong square masculine dog, not quite as elegant as the first, clean head of correct proportions with expressive dark eyes, arched neck flowed into slightly straighter front but strong top line and good well-muscled rear angles, very tight cat feet, moved well.

Post Graduate Dog - 17 (2 Abs)

1st. Tarbett's - Olleyville One In A Million

4 year old brindle male, square dog with substance and elegance, strong masculine head, deep stop, expressive dark eyes, well placed ears, strong neck, straight front, good depth of chest, strong top line, correct tail set, carried himself well on the move.

2nd Morison's - Xandene's It's In The Bag

Fawn male with white markings nearly 3 years old, strong square dog but prefer slightly more elegance, strong masculine head, well placed ears, thick set neck, straight front, deep chest, well set on tail and tight feet, moved well.

Limit Dog - 15 (2 Abs)

1st. Stewart's - landian Certain Kinda Charm By Boxyjen

4 year old fawn male, square balanced elegant dog, with good muzzle to skull ratio, dark eyes, and arched neck settled into well angulated shoulders pronounce withers and smooth topline, carried his tail well, sufficient rear angulation, well bone and tight feet. Moved well out and back.

2nd. Barry's - Lorrosa Junky Juke Box

5 year old brindle male, another square elegant dog but not quite the rear angulation as the first, well-proportioned head, well set ears and eyes giving a keen expression, good top line and tail set, prefer more musculation in the rear.

Open Dog - 13 (1 Abs)

1st. Morison's - Ch Xandene Black Oasis

4 year old dark brindle male, balanced square outline with substance but elegant, strong bone, correctly proportioned clean head with good mouth, dark expressive eyes, well placed ears strong arched neck flowed into well angulated front, solid broad topline correct tail set, well angulated rear giving him the power of correct movement of reach and drive whilst retaining his topline. Presented in good hard condition. Happy to award him the C.C.

2nd. Mairs - Ch Carmond Jerry Weber at Glenauld JW

6 year old fawn male, another quality male shown in good condition, balanced with strong bone, correct ratio of muzzle to skull but not quite as clean as the first, well arched neck settled into well angulated front with strong top line correct set on of tail, strong rear angulation, tight cat feet, another that moved with reach and drive. Reserve C. C.

Veteran Dog - 8

1st. Feaver & Cormack's - Very Attracted To Newlaithe

7 year old brindle male, well balanced brindle male shown in excellent condition for his age, with well-proportioned muzzle to skull, dark eyes, good arch of neck and top line. Well angulated front and rear tight feet, moved around the ring well and expertly handled.

2nd. Mari's - Ch Star Attraction at Glenauld

7 year old brindle male, another lovely veteran, strong masculine square dog, nicely balanced throughout, good ratio of muzzle to skull keen expression, well angled front and rear tight feet and another who moved well around the ring.

Challenge Dog: Ch Xandene Black Oasis

Reserve Dog: Ch Carmond Jerry Weber at Glenauld JW

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