

SHOW REPORT

THE NORTHERN BOXER CLUB'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

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It was an immense privilege to be allowed to go over this entry of impressive males at The Northern Boxer Club's 60th Anniversary Show. The overall depth of quality and the consistently lovely heads were particularly pleasing. Long gone are the days when many of us living here at the tail-end of darkest Africa felt that the UK Boxer heads in general were perhaps not quite what the Standard required! The qualities I were looking for were well-proportioned, typey heads, correct bites, elegance combined with substance, good reach and arch of neck, strong, straight backs, correct tailset, balanced angulation fore and aft, good shoulder assemblies with long forearms and elbows well under the body and efficient, true movement. I was delighted to find just that in virtually all of the dogs placed first and second in their class and in many others besides. Almost all of the males shown had strong, round bone, tight feet, lovely, expressive dark eyes, well padded, broad muzzles and excellent rise of skull. As with Boxers everywhere, some otherwise pleasing, very typey dogs were a touch short in upper arm, often with more angulation behind than in front and with movement therefore less than ideal. In addition toplines were occasionally not perfect, showing a slight tendency to sway. Wry bites were also not uncommon.

My grateful thanks to my two experienced and very competent stewards. The class winners were:

CLASS 1: MINOR PUPPY DOG

(Entries 21, absentees 4)

1st : Groves & Hare's Chelholme Bugalug at Jimbren

Adorable 6 month old red/white white puppy. With his lovely typical headpiece, clean arched neck, square outline and well-balanced angulation, he showed himself off as though to the manner born. Moved very well for his age.

2nd : Peck's Enesha Curly Wurly

Very promising brindle/white boy, 7½ months old. Good clean head, long, beautifully crested neck blending smoothly into high withers and a short strong back. Excellent shoulders and front, with his good length of foreleg adding to the overall picture of elegance. Muscular well-angulated quarters. Showed very good movement for such a young dog.

3rd : Lockwood-Brown & Curtin's Britesparke Sword Smith

CLASS 2: PUPPY DOG

(Entries 16, absentees 2)

1st : Bell's Stanryk Day Dreamer at Surfstone

Exceptional 11½ month old mahogany brindle, with a stunning outline – elegantly arched neck, excellent topline and tailset, combined with a well-marked forechest, superb shoulder, deep brisket and good tuck-up. He has a gorgeous head, excellent bite and appealing expression. His perfectly balanced angulation fore and aft, strong quarters and short rear pasterns produced smooth, effortless, ground-covering movement.

Best Dog Puppy

2nd : Woolliss' Rameleon On Reflection

Another really pleasing mahogany brindle/white youngster, 11 months of age, with a typey head, good reach of neck, very well-balanced conformation, perfect topline and a well-filled forechest. He still needs to firm up a little in front pasterns and feet. Moved freely with good reach and drive.

3rd : Hambleton's Marbelton I Had A Dream

CLASS 3: JUNIOR DOG

(Entries: 10, absentees: 1)

1st : Poole-Bartlett's Burnden Opportunist

Imposing 15 month old red/white male. Very masculine, with excellent substance and presented in hard muscular condition, he stood out right away with his well-proportioned clean head and proud carriage. Competently handled to show off his square outline, good shoulders, very strong short back, powerful quarters and correct movement, he was every inch a winner.

2nd : Tonkin, Tonkin & Parkman's Tonantron Honky Tonk Blues

Deer red, very elegant young dog, 17 months old. He impressed with his typey head, long absolutely clean gracefully arched neck, high withers and good shoulder assembly. He moved true coming and going and covered the ground well when viewed from the side, but still needs to firm up a little over the loins.

3rd : Ames' Thenamy Big Bang

CLASS 4: YEARLING DOG

(Entries: 9, absentees: 1)

1st : Mackay & Pynegar's Star Attraction at Glenauld

Striking, masculine dark brindle male, 22 months old, compact and well-balanced with a very typey head. He carries his arched neck well, has an impeccable topline, perfect tailset and a good shelf behind the tail. Well laid-back shoulder blades, good spring of rib, short taut loins and strong correctly angulated quarters complete the picture. Moved with energy, showing correct action fore and aft.

2nd : Kemp's Infrestrada Man About Town

19 month old red brindle boy with a well-chiselled skull, broad padded muzzle, very pleasing outline, good balance between front and rear assemblies and absolutely no exaggeration anywhere. Covered the ground well with his long effortless stride.

3rd : Boardman & Davison's Bonobo First Issue

CLASS 5: NOVICE DOG

(Entries 9, absentees: 1)

1st : Jordan's Faerdrorn Faegan at Sunvalley

Quality youngster of 14 months, with a short, gleaming tight-fitting coat, lightly brindled on deep red background. Well-proportioned head, lovely clean arched neck, balanced conformation and square outline. Faultless movement.

2nd : Huggins' Beautiful Day for Daervlish

Compact 14 month old brindle/white male with typey head, smooth flowing topline and correctly set-on tail. Arched neck which could however be a touch cleaner. Good front, evident forechest, short loins and strong hindquarters. Topline not yet quite steady on the move.

3rd : Tonkin, Tonkin & Parkman's Tonatron Honky Tonk Blues

CLASS 6: DEBUTANTE DOG

(Entries 8, absentees 4)

1st : Stockton's Emjaycee Country Yokel at Kiztok

Very confident brindle boy, just 2 years old, with stylish outline and attentive attitude. Typical head, expressive dark eyes, good wide bite, very elegant neck, good length of foreleg, tight feet, strong back, well-muscled quarters. Moved with energy, keeping his super outline.

2nd : Wynne-Eyton's Tyrcymru Wynn A Bet

Square, compact red brindle, 2 years old. Masculine head with dark eyes and wide under jaw. Good neck and layback of shoulder. Correct depth of brisket and short loins. Pelvis should have been a little longer and hindquarters could use more turn of stifle. Should cover more ground on the move.

3rd : McCurdy's McRobs Road to Mandalay

CLASS 7: GRADUATE DOG

(Entries 12, absentees 3)

1st : Kuech's Boese Pillow Talk

Perfectly balanced 2½ year old brindle/white dog, with exceptional outline, a very pleasing clean head, a splendid neck which blends smoothly into high withers and a short, strongly muscled back. Excellent shoulder angulation matched by an equally well-angulated, powerful rear and his outstanding movement helped him take first place in this very strong class.

2nd : Spanswick's Tudora Glad All Over

Also a showstopper at 2¾ years, this beautifully constructed elegant red/white dog was only just pipped at the post today. He has a typey head, a stunning neck and topline, clean very well-angulated shoulders, powerful hindquarters and a lovely outline which he kept on the move.

3rd : Beardsell & Van-Beck's Magical Trick from Newlaithe

CLASS 8: POST GRADUATE DOG

(Entries 23, absentees 5)

1st : Greenall's Manolta Sky Walker

Handsome red/white male, 3½ years old, with a gorgeous clean well-proportioned head, expressive dark eyes and a wide mouth. He also has an excellent topline, well-balanced angulation fore and aft, a good straight front, well-muscled quarters and moved around the ring with verve and determination, showing good reach and drive.

2nd : Johnson's Sulez Sirocco by Sonshoby

A true stallion, this powerful 2 year old dog combines elegance and substance, has a good head, strong neck and an excellent topline. A well-balanced dog, he has good shoulders, strong round bone, tight feet, a powerful rear and short rear pasterns for such a tall dog. Moved well, with trim elbows and steady hocks.

3rd : Beardsell & Van-Beck's Newlaithe On Target JW ShCM

CLASS 9: LIMIT DOG

(Entries 26, absentees 3)

1st : Ward-Davies, Brown & Hutchings' Lichdel Uncle Silas to Winuwuk

Striking, very stylish and elegant flashy dark brindle male, with a superb head and a lovely topline running very smoothly from his long arched neck to high withers and along a strong straight back to his high set tail. With his perfectly balanced angulation in front and rear, his presence and his faultless movement both coming and going and seen from the side, he simply couldn't be overlooked. Only just two years old, he should be very hard to beat when fully mature. **R C C**

2nd : Brook's Jinnybrux Genetic Genie

Medium-sized, well-constructed red/white boy, 2½ years old. He has an exquisite, well-balanced and beautifully proportioned head with soft expression, a good bite and well-marked chin. His neck is long and elegant, his shoulders clean and well-angulated and he has a really good topline and strong, muscular rear. He moved absolutely true going away and back and viewed from the side his movement was free, elastic and full of energy.

3rd : Huxley & Burgess' Afandou Tomorrows Promise for Blixen

CLASS 10: OPEN DOG

(Entries 10, absentees 1)

1st : Taylor's Ch Newlaithe Look At Me

A Boxer to remember – impressive from his typey clean head to his hard, muscular and beautifully angulated rear. Perfect outline, excellent balance, clean well-angulated shoulders, presented in tiptop condition, it was very hard to believe that this splendid red/white stallion of a Boxer was 6 years old. Expertly handled, he never put a foot wrong, moving around the ring as though he owned it, with firm steady topline and long elastic strides. He really made my heart skip a beat or two. **CC and Reserve BIS**

2nd : Pynegar & Saunders' Ch Berwynfa Game Boy JW

Beautiful red brindle boy with an outstanding head, full of type, with a melting expression and excellent bite. He combines elegance with good substance, has a very pleasing outline, balanced angulation in front and rear and very well-muscled broad quarters. Excellent movement, with firm elbows and steady hocks when sent away and back and covering the ground very smoothly when going around the ring, In his prime at 4 years of age.

3rd : Ward-Davies, Brown & Hutchings' Ch Winuwuk Lust at First Sight

CLASS 11: VETERAN DOG

(Entries 6, absentees 1)

1st : Sanderson's Kizzylee X-cellance

Deer red dog with only a touch of white, shown in splendid muscular condition at 9½ years of age. Typey head with a cleanly chiselled skull and strong square muzzle without a single grey hair. His neck is clean and arched, he has an excellent forechest and beautifully angulated shoulders, a firm slightly sloping topline and good strong quarters. Moved very well for his age.

2nd : Groves & Hare's Ch/lr Ch Sandcliffe Snog In The Fog JW

Impressive red brindle/white dog, beautifully presented in excellent condition. Typey head with no grey in the mask, although he is missing the odd tooth or two. At 7 years old he is still very elegant and clean and quite full of himself. Moved well, still showing good reach and drive.

3rd : Fray's Verisemar Milford Dream at Waiheke