

Welsh Terrier Association Open Show
8th October 2017

My thanks to the Officers and Committee of the Welsh Terrier Association for the kind invitation to judge their Open Show held in conjunction with South Wales Championship Show. Not a large entry but it was a pleasure to spend time with your wonderful breed and I am most appreciative of the opportunity to gain more hands-on experience.

PD (3,1)

1. Bradley's Aman The Prince of Wales. Two 10 mth old litter brothers challenged here. The winner I thought a super type, good for size and so well balanced. Strong, slightly arched neck of good length, short level back, ribbed well back, good depth to brisket, muscular loin and excellent tail for both set and carriage. Quality head and expression with good skull to muzzle proportions, flat skull, minimal stop, excellent eye and ear and correct dentition. Excellent colour and hard, wiry jacket and presented in first class order. Standing nice and straight in front on excellent feet, moving out with purpose with nice profile action and good coming towards but rather wide when going away. Reserve Best Dog and Best Puppy in Show.

2. Griffiths' Aman Brenin. This boy wasn't quite as well turned out as the winner but was similar in many respects and pleasing to go over. He is nicely balanced with moderate length of neck, short level back, ribcage extends well back, good depth to chest, strong loin and tail well set on. Attractive headpiece, powerfully made with dark expressive eyes, ears set on well, powerful jaws and correct scissor bite. Well muscled all through with good turn of stifle but not standing as well as the winner in front. Pretty good coat texture. Not quite the profile action of winner but better going away and nice and straight in front.

BD (1,0)

1. Griffiths' Aman Brenin

LD (1,0)

1. Roberts' Brecknock Bleddyn ShCM. This 2 yr old scored for size, balance and overall type. Slightly arched neck of moderate length, nice short level back, with rib extending well back, good depth to brisket, firm loin and tail set well on and of correct carriage. Masculine headpiece with flat skull of moderate width, expressive eyes of correct size and set and dark enough, powerful muzzle, ears set on well and folding above the topline of the skull and correct scissor bite with nice large teeth. Well made both front and rear with excellent muscling and moving parallel on the down and back. Super colour and well presented with hard, wiry jacket. Well handled to take Best Dog and Best in Show.

OD (2,0)

1. Roberts' Brecknock Bleddyn ShCM

2. Draper's Russtam Simply A Prince. 7 yr old shown in excellent condition. Out of a larger mould but good to go over and with the most wonderful temperament. He is well balanced with moderate length of neck, firm level topline, well ribbed back, strong loin and tail set on well and of correct carriage. Balanced head with moderate width to his flat skull, powerful muzzle, good eye for size and set but could be a tad darker to advantage, correct ears and scissor bite. He stands nice and straight in front on good feet and has well muscled hindquarters. Moving nice and straight in front and with good profile action but closer behind than I would prefer. Hard, wiry jacket. Best Veteran in Show.

PB (1,0)

1. Gatto-Ronchieri's Tiltser High Society at Solentine. Feminine girl just shy of 12 mths. She presented a well-balanced, compact outline with neck of moderate length, short level back, ribbed well back, nice depth to chest and tail set on well. Nicely proportioned head with correct flat skull of moderate width between her correctly set ears, powerful muzzle and scissor bite. She stands nice and straight in front and has the desired cat-like feet but could use a tad more angulation both front and rear. This shows on the move and she has a tendency to move 'downhill' but is nice and parallel coming and going. Hard, wiry jacket. Best Puppy Bitch.

JB (1,0)

1. Thomas' Somerwel Head Full of Dreams. 13 mth who was very well handled. She has much to like but I felt she was just off balance being a touch longer on leg. She has a nice length of neck with is slightly arched, pretty good topline, good length to ribcage but could use a tad more spring of rib, short strong loin and tail set on well and of good carriage. Nicely proportioned head, powerfully made with feminine expression, excellent eye and ear and correct scissor bite with nice large teeth. Straight forelegs with ample bone, cat-like feet but a little more rear angulation than desired. Fair action all through. Good texture to coat.

NB (1,0)

1. Gatto-Ronchieri's Tiltser High Society at Solentine

PGB (2,0)

1. Jones' Cwnogion Alaw Medi. This 2 yr old girl won this class with some room to spare. She is feminine all through and appealed for type and is nicely balanced. Quality head and expression with good proportions, flat skull of moderate width, dark eye of good size and set, good ears when she uses them and powerful jaws. Nicely angulated both ends, standing straight in front and on good feet. Nice hard, wiry jacket and very well presented. Moving true on the down and back but didn't quite move out in profile as she might. Excellent temperament.

2. Watkin-Jones' Little Blossom of the Sky. 2 yr old of completely different type to the winner and higher on the leg. She has a nice length of neck, firm level topline, ribbed well back, strong loin but tail set and carriage not her fortune. Feminine headpiece with pleasing proportions but ears not folding above the topline of the skull which detracts somewhat. Standing rather wide in front but moving well enough in profile. Nice cat-like feet.

LB (2,1)

1. Varey's Mariinsky Dont Stop Me Now. This 3 yr old girl has much to like. She scored for size and is so well-balanced with slightly arched neck of moderate length, short level back, good length to ribcage, muscular loin and super tail for both set and carriage. Nicely proportioned head with flat skull of moderate width, very nice eye, powerful jaws, correct dentition but ear set not quite as desired which spoils expression somewhat. She has nice straight forelegs of ample bone and muscular hindquarters with correct turn of stifle and hocks well let down. Moving parallel on the down and back but would benefit from a tad more reach in front on the go around. Close fitting wiry jacket of excellent colour and very well presented. Reserve Best Bitch.

OB (1,0)

1. Riley's Yonichi Pistol Raider. Just shy of 2 yrs this bitch presented a well-balanced, compact outline. Her topline is not perfect but the overall package appealed and she was good to go over, a very nice type and didn't disappoint on the move. Slightly arched neck of medium length, short back with ribcage extending well back, good depth to brisket, strong loin and tail set on well of correct carriage. Feminine head of pleasing proportions, flat skull of moderate width between her well set ears, good eye for shape and set, powerful jaws and correct scissor bite. Good angles both front and rear and moving parallel and with attitude. Hard, wiry jacket and very well handled. Best Bitch and Reserve Best in Show.

Judge: Tim Ball