

Lois Sinclair Judge's Critique

Irish Wolfhound Club of Northern Ireland Open Show

Held at Balmoral Showgrounds, Belfast, on 05/09/2015

2015

DOGS:

Class No. 4 Graduate Dog 2 Entered, 1 Present

1st No.1: Carney's Broughadowy Semias.

Dark grey youngster with pleasing proportions who moved well. He is obviously well versed in the formalities of the show ring as he showed confidence. Once he has reached maturity he could be a force to be reckoned with. **RESERVE BEST DOG.**

Class No. 5 Open Dog 5 Entered, 1 Present

1st No. 10: Gargan's Fersathean of Skerryhill.

Impressive two-year old. Good lay of shoulder and pleasing topline. Strong forelegs, good spring of rib and chest with ample room for heart and lungs. Would have preferred a bit more length of neck. **BEST DOG.**

BITCHES:

Class No. 8 Junior Bitch 2 Entered, 2 Present

1st No. 9: Flynn & Finneys' Gulliagh Macha

Beautiful young lady, thirteen months old, light grey. She carries her very typical head with pride. Curves in all the right places and when she gets going, a good mover. With a bit more exposure to the frenetic pace of showing she should settle down and wow the crowds.

2nd No. 15: Potter's Ballygran's Hafwen Haley at Aussolas.

Sweet cream bitch, very charming and outgoing. Lovely facial furnishings and very pleasing head. Slightly over-fond of her food, which adversely affected her topline and her movement, but I am sure this is an age thing and the chrysalis will morph into that elusive butterfly very soon.

Class No. 9 Novice Bitch 1 Entered, 1 Present

1st No. 5: Finneys' Boom Bang a Bang.

Sixteen-month old girl, somewhat overwhelmed by the day that was in it. She relaxed on the move and her potential was made obvious. Sound, typical.

Class No. 10 Graduate Bitch 2 Entered, 2 Present

1st No. 6: Finneys' Gulliagh Alfjr.

Light grey bitch with lovely head and pleasing proportions. She moved soundly and effortlessly although she seemed somewhat tired at the end of the long day. **RESERVE BIS**

2nd No. 19: Scott's Tarlog Tullagh Waterfall.

Very friendly dark grey four-year old somewhat lacking in enthusiasm. Moved a tad close behind.

Class No. 11 Open Bitch 6 Entered, 3 Present

1st No. 8: Finneys' Gulliagh Aella.

Three-year old light grey lady with a really beautiful head. Curves in all the right places. True mover. **BEST IN SHOW**

2nd No. 16: Potters' Tarlog Juno of the Valley.

A classy lady, six years old. Moved soundly with purpose and grace. Lacked the sparkle of the winner.

3rd No. 11: Gargan's Kerry of Skerryhill.

Two-year old girl of great size and proportions. Moved somewhat close behind.