

It was an honor and my pleasure to judge The Irish Wolfhound Club of Northern Ireland Specialty Show. What a beautiful venue and the lunch was just wonderful. The presentation and all the delicious foods and deserts were a real treat. The weather was perfect and I enjoyed judging the hounds. I felt they were all good specimens of our breed. My stewards were excellent and made my job so much easier. I sincerely thank them. The Committee and exhibitors were all so friendly and welcoming, it made me feel right at home.

Overall, it was the perfect venue for a perfect show.

#### Puppy Dog

1. Tarlog Ballyjamesduff. Beautiful puppy. Great proportions, good length of leg. Correct layback of shoulder and upper arm. Balanced angulation. Good bite. A bit wild today.
2. Gartlove Glenlogan. Grey brindle dog. Good proportions. Good bite. Very muscular. Nice mover. A little short in back.
3. Latino Roan Inish. Grey dog. Less proportion than the two above. Bite not good. A little short in back. Favouring right rear leg today.

#### Junior Dog.

1. & CC. Caredig Barbarian. Very nice brindle male. Very good proportions. Correct forechest. Good layback of shoulder and upper arm. Good bite. Correct topline. Good muscle throughout and moving very well today. This dog I predict will do well as he matures. He already is a stallion.
2. Gulliaigh Lir. Brindle dog. Good proportions. Nice head. Good bite. Strong topline. Free and easy mover. Beautiful type.
3. Druimnacur Cooper. Black dog. Good proportions. Plenty of muscle. Strong topline. Good bite.

#### Yearling Dog

1. Stonestorm Web of Dreams. Grey brindle dog. Good proportion. Nice spring of rib. A little straight in front. Level bite. Moved close in rear.

#### Pots-Graduate Dog.

1. Kill Bill Roan Inish. Red wheaten dog. Little short in height. Good muscle tone. Good shoulder. Nice angulation. Little dip in topline. Moved well.
2. Fersathean of Skerryhill. Grey dog. Excellent proportions. Good length of leg. Nice strong topline. Good shoulders. Level bite. Moves quite well and uses his hocks on the move.

#### Limit Dog

L Pitlochry's Quaros for Lindall (Imp NL). Brindle dog. Good shape. Correct upper arm and shoulder angulation. Good strong topline. Good head. Dark pigmentation. His feet are a little flat. Excellent mover.

#### Open Dog.

1. & Reserve CC. Int & Ir Ch Cuknocklong Henry Higgins. Dark grey dog. Correct proportions. Lovely expressions. Strong topline. Beautiful type. Balanced angulation. Nice shape. Moves beautifully.
2. Broughadowey Semias. Nice black dog. Good proportions. He is a bit on the small side, I would like a bit more of him all over. Overall nice shape. Balanced angulation. Carries his tail a bit too high.

#### Bitches:

Puppy Bitch.

1. Gartlove Ghleann Bronagh. Nice type. Beautiful shape. Good topline. Lovely head and correct ear. Moves beautifully.
2. Brachan Dolig Wen Caredig. Pretty puppy. Good proportions. Nice shape. Lovely head. Favouring right rear today.

#### Junior Bitch.

1. Ballygrans Hafwen Haley at Aussolas. Wheaten bitch. Very good proportions. Nice head and correct ear. Strong neck. Strong topline. Very good shape. Moves beautifully.
2. Tobair Fern. Wheaten bitch. Good proportions. Plenty of leg. Nice head, good reach of neck, good shape. Balanced angulation. Moves very well.
3. Gulliagh Macha. Grey bitch. Nice proportions. A little straight in front. Good shoulders. Balanced angulation. Very pretty expression.

#### Yearling Bitch.

1. Geal Cailin for Lindall. Dark grey brindle bitch. Very well balanced. Nice shape. Strong topline. Excellent mover.
2. Stonestorm Dream Chaser. Grey brindle bitch. Good long proportions. Balanced angulations. Strong neck. Strong topline. Nice shape. Moves well.

#### Novice Bitch.

1. Wolfhouse Avantgarde. Red brindle bitch. Nice houndy proportions. Well balanced throughout. Good bite. Good head. Nice shape. Moves well.

#### Post Graduate bitch.

1. Dukesarum Gypsy. Grey bitch with beautiful head and expression. Good length of neck fitting into strong well laid back shoulders and solid topline. Moves really well.
2. Gulliagh Alfjr. Nice grey brindle bitch. Nice shape, correct angulation. Strong topline. Well muscled loin. Lovely rose ears. Moves freely.
3. Kerry of Skerryhill. Grey bitch. Very houndy. Correct length of leg. Good angulation. Correct length of back. Good shape. Level bite. Moves well.
4. Broughadowey Sadhbh. Nice black bitch. Lovely shape. Good front and rear. Strong topline. Moves well.

#### Limit Bitch

1. Tarlog Tiger Lilly from Marlaw. Lovely bitch. Beautiful shape. Correct neck fitting into good shoulders. Good topline. Lovely angulation front and back. Moves freely.
2. Hazianne's Black Pearl of Ballyvonair. Black bitch. Beautiful coat. Nice head and expression. Strong neck fitting into well laid back shoulders. Lovely angulation. Twists her right rear on the move.
3. Dukesarum Aoife. Dark grey bitch. Beautiful head. Good front. Strong topline. Stands well over herself. Balanced angulation. Moves well.
4. Gulliagh Aelia. Grey bitch. Beautiful head and expression. Nice shape. Strong topline. Good angulation. A little unhappy today.

#### Open Bitch.

1. & CC. Dukesarum Tegan. This grey brindle bitch stole my heart. Lovely head and expression, kind eye. Good layback of shoulder and upper arm. Nice shape with balanced angulation. Moves very well with reach and drive. She has as our Standard describes "Commanding Appearance". This is the one I would love to take home
2. & Res. CC. Ch Caredig Cariad. Dark grey bitch. Very nice angles. Lots of substance. Typical head. Good topline. Moves well.
3. Ir Ch Bloody Mary Tullamore Good Stuff. Red brindle bitch. Very good front. Correct length of neck fitting into well laid back shoulders. Nice rise over loin. Moved well.

4. Marlaw Alainn. Pretty grey bitch. Nice shape. Pretty head with nice eye. Correct rose ears. Good topline. Moves well.

#### Best Head

1, Gulliagh Aella This bitch had the most beautiful head - I just had to mention that here as correct heads are so important in our breed.

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