

NORTHERN POMERANIAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW - 23 JULY 2021

Judge: Mrs Averil Cawthera-Purdy (Lireva)

Firstly, could I thank the committee of the Northern Pom Club for their invitation and for their determination to bring us this show as soon as they could, the first partnership Ch show the breed has ever held and shortly after coming out of the Covid 19 lockdowns, so a bit of a risk but they rose to both the challenge and the occasion and are to be both thanked and congratulated on their hard work and perseverance. Could I personally thank my excellent stewards, Dianne and Jenna assisted by Janet, who made sure I had everything I needed and kept the ring running so smoothly. Also, thanks for the lovely presents which will mark a day I so enjoyed and I have looked forward to as I was a founder member of the Northern back when Queenie Rowley, with help from Johnnie and Ada Downs were so determined that the North deserved once again to have its own Club.

Thank you to all exhibitors for entering their Poms under me, 99 dogs for me to enjoy assessing and the 3rd highest entry after the two Pom Club Ch Shows this year. I am truly humbled.

Temperaments were, with a couple of notable exceptions, excellent. Presentation was generally good, all clean, a few could benefit from better grooming. Trimming, however, was variable to say the least. Poms should be tidying not sculpted and guard hair needs to have length. On a number of exhibits coats were questionable, not just soft but lacking sufficient guard hair and length and on others so much coat had been trimmed off as to make me wonder why.

Type is very varied at the moment and some heads are too heavy and broad, please remember our standard calls for fineness in muzzle and whilst this doesn't mean snipy either, too broad a muzzle changes the sweet expression we should be aiming for. One thing that did surprise me was that a number of adult exhibits did not have fully closed fontenels. This still needs to be watched in breeding programmes. Generally, I think that movement has improved since I last judged, particularly fronts and also tail placements are good. I was well pleased with my main and class winners, all were strong and met the standard well.

BEST IN SHOW & DCC: BROWN, Mr C & BROWN, Mrs F Snowvilla Tropical Storm JW

RBIS & Res Dog CC: SOULSBY, Mrs C Aizens Dream of Being A Star at Trenarwyn (Imp Esp)

BOS & Bitch CC: 2000 PASTUSZKA, Mrs M Sueacres Just a Dream. JW Res Bitch CC: FLEETWOOD Mr T Miss & Mr Spanapoms A Taste of Honey Authorge

BPIS: PIKE & CARTER, Mrs & Mrs J Reta's Sex In Flames At Breezelyn TAF NAF Best Veteran: HOLMAN, Mrs C D Multi Ch Misteriya Del Esot Orion at Altina (IMP) Best Special Beginner: GOOCH, Mrs N A & GOOCH, Mr L Ta Bozi's Hippe are back in fashion at Cassibawn (IMP)

Class 1 MPD (4 Entries) Abs: 0

Two quality babies who both have the potential to compete with the best given maturity.

1st: PIKE & CARTER, Mrs & Mrs J Reta's Sex In Flames At Breezelvn TAF NAF. BPIS Lovely size and shape, very short coupled. Excellent head piece with small ear and correct eye shape and set. Well constructed and moving freely. Black, but changing coats at the moment, as is right for age, so his colour is slightly rusty currently but enough black guard coming through to suggest this is transitory. 2nd: D'ARCY, Mrs P & DUFFIELD, Mr N Paavali's Rocket Man. Another lovely head, masculine but still kind, good muzzle, not over done, small ear and good eye shape. Profuse baby coat beautifully presented and a lovely tail set and carriage. Standing over more ground than my winner but still short coupled. Good rear. Has some maturing to do but is correct for age and time is on his side. 3rd: 1975 HOLMAN, Mrs C OROSLANDO SILVESTR LEVIS AT ALTINA IMP NAF

Class 2 PD (6 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: D'ARCY, Mrs P & DUFFIELD, Mr N Paavali's Rocket Man. (2nd MPD) 2nd: OGILVIE, Ms A Pakov's Earl Grey Still gaining his confidence in the ring and not yet selling himself, but as a 'lockdown' puppy this is to be expected. Quality head and good double coat. Easy mover once settled. 3rd: HILLS, Mr & Misses C Sharhazlah Luvs a Dare Devil

Class 3 JD (5 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: KACARREVIC Mrs J & Mr N Vip Pom Stars Magic Moment. In full coat, which would benefit from a tidy up trim, softer texture than I prefer but plenty of guard hair through. Well constructed and moving soundly. Good head and dentition making a pleasing picture in profile.

2nd: PIKE & CARTER, Mrs & Mrs J Breezelyn Time To Shine. Good size and shape on this lad and a quality coat if not very much of it at the moment. Well constructed and a clean tidy mover. Some maturing still to do.

3rd: SULLIVAN, Miss A Kazariastar's Pride and Joy

Class 4 YD (5 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: HOLMAN Mrs C D Pascavale Bow Jangles Orange with a good coat. I liked his size and shape. Good eye but could be smaller in ear. Well constructed and moving

2nd: BOYES Mrs S Parapom Burning Love. Good Black. Liked his size and proportions, a little between coats, but well constructed and good on the move. 3rd: HILLS, Mr & Misses C Sharhazlah's Son of a Devil

Class 5 PGD (6 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: PIKE & CARTER, Mrs & Mrs J Breezelyn Ginvincible. Not in full coat but beautifully presented and handled to advantage. Well constructed and a good free mover. His head whilst correct, needs more coat to frame. Liked his body shape and he is short coupled. Good tail set, carried well.

2nd: HILLS, Mr & Misses C Sharhazlah's Suave Devil. In many ways more my type than winner but needs work on presentation to make the most of him. Good head and sweet expression, eye well shaped and adding to his appeal, although he is a tad large in ear. Well constructed and a good mover.

3rd: CHINN, Mrs J D & CHINN, Miss J Midawn Tough Cookie. So much quality in this exhibit he deserves a mention as I really liked him in all respects, again presentation could enhance.

Class 6 LD (11 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: BROWN, Mr C & BROWN, Mrs F Snowvilla Tropical Storm JW BIS DCC. Loved him for his true breed type and sound construction. Head is classic nothing overdone but all correctly proportioned. Nice rib and good front with short back and high tail set, carried well with plume flat on his back. So good under my hands. Moved well front and back and held his shape in profile. Not in full coat but enough to show both texture and quality, plenty of strong guard hair lacking some undercoat, but when the coat is right you can manage without that.

2nd: SLOUGH Mrs G Special Edition of Persimoone (imp) So much that I liked in this lad. Quality through and through and would meet the FCI standard beautifully. Just pushing our weight standard slightly but forgivable as I prefer a well bodied exhibit to a 'thin to stay in standard' approach. Love his type and so very well constructed.

3rd: Pomeyre Dash of Spice (Sorry no ownership details)

Class 7 OD (7 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: SOULSBY, Mrs C Aizens Dream of Being A Star at Trenarwyn(Imp Esp) RBIS RCC Totally honest Black, what you see is what you get with this lad. Scores on head type, with a sweet yet still masculine expression. Well constructed with a good rib, short coupled and moving well in both directions, not quite the reach in front of BIS but still true and strong in rear another not in his full jacket but with plenty of textured guard hair to give him shape. Well set tail but could be carried a tad flatter. 2nd: PIKE & CARTER, Mrs & Mrs J Pom De Cachemir Flurescent Adolescent At Breezelyn. An O/S in good coat of quality. Soundly made and moving true. Outline in stance not quite as appealing as the winner.

3rd: HOLMAN, Mrs C Altina's Tom Thumb

Class 8 VD (3 Entries) Abs: 1

Two grand old men, both Chs and out of the top drawer, both who I've admired and awarded CCs to. Both in good form and a credit to their owners. Still not much between them and lovely to see them both.

1st: HOLMAN, Mrs C D Multi Ch Misteriya Del Esot Orion at Altina 2nd: OGILVIE, Ms A Ch Pakov's I'm A Celebrity JW VW

Class 9 SBD (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: GOOCH, Mrs N A & GOOCH, Mr L Ta Bozi's Hippe are back in fashion at Cassibawn Orange in good well presented coat. A little overdone in head but pleasing in ear. Good spring of rib and good shoulders. High set tail well carried. Moved well.

2nd: TONKS Mr W Wilzhund's Earl Oleg Sweet headed 9mth old. Good coat but giving a lot away on maturity here.

Class 10 MPB (11 Entries) Abs: 3

1st: EMMERSON, Mrs M Aacharmoe's Heaven Sent For Ismirelle. RBPIS Stylish baby changing coat correctly will finish Orange I suspect. Pleasing head and expression good dentition. Nicely proportioned and a good size. Sound mover. 2nd: NORMAN, Mrs A Alexiasdream Precious Lady. Another with much to admire. Correctly shaped and coming into a good coat to finish warm Cream. Good head and expression and nicely ribbed. Good mover once she settled. 3rd: LITTLE, Mrs S Auberge Agatha

Class 11 PB (10 Entries) Abs: 3

1st: JOHNSON, Miss L Amardica Walking On A Dream. A lovely Black with a quality coat on her back. Liked her construction and was very pleased with her head qualities. Makes a pretty picture both in stance and on the move. In my opinion the best this kennel has produced and I will watch how she matures with interest. 2nd: D'ARCY, DUFFIELD & JAMES Mrs P Mr N & Mrs J Angelrock Bringing Up Baby. A little less mature than my winner in some respects but a quality puppy never the less. Eye and ear placement good and giving a pleasing expression in head. High set tail with good plume coming. Sound on the move and giving a pleasing outline in stance.

3rd: SMITH Mrs S Klassna Pretty As U R Sueacres

Class 12 JB (7 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: NORMAN, Mrs A Alexiasdream Lady Brady. Quality Orange dual purpose. Soundly made with good head and expression. Well presented double coat. Short coupled with excellent ring presence. High tail set giving pleasing outline. Sound movement.

2nd: NIXON, Ms C & NIXON, Mrs A Kazpom Silver Bell Pleasing Cream dual purpose. Loved her head and expression, so sweet and feminine. Quality coat and plenty of it so beautifully presented as always from this kennel. Close up. 3rd: D'ARCY, DUFFIELD & JAMES Mrs P Mr N & Mrs J Angelrock Bringing Up Baby.

Class 13 YB (2 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: STONE, & DAVEY MR W Mrs J & Mrs N Bilijees Wishing On A Star. Unfortunately, I was not seeing this exhibit at her best. I like her make and shape but she was carrying a little extra weight and was both out of coat and, for me, over trimmed. A nice bitch but not her day,

2nd: STEWART Miss S The Escape Artist Comes To. Well up to size W/S. Soundly constructed.

Class 14 PGB (11 Entries) Abs: 5

1st: SOULSBY Mrs C Rahpsody Of Fire at Trenarwyn.

2nd: RITCHIE, Mr J & RITCHIE, Mrs L Abbeyleigh Pixie Magic in Hollibell. Two quality Black bitches with plenty to like in each and one of my more difficult decisions of the day, they made me work! Both are well constructed, with good ribs and correct angulation. Both have pleasing heads and expressions both are good on the move. Both produce good outlines in stance. First has just slightly more cushioning in foreface which gives a slightly sweeter expression and whilst I love the jet black coat of two perhaps not quite the texture of one although to be fair her coat is slightly dusty in comparison.

Class 661 LB (5 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: FLEETWOOD Mr T Miss & Mr Spanapoms A Taste of Honey Auberge. RBCC Lovely size and so feminine with so much to her credit. Quality Orange Sable coat well presented. Everything in the right place under my hands. Soundly constructed and showing this on the move. High tail set and well carried plume to give correct outline when standing. Had to work hard as there were 2 others in contention for the RCC but her head and expression just won me over.

2nd: NIXON, Ms C & NIXON, Mrs A Kazpom So Sassie. Orange dual purpose with again plenty of positives. Loved her for that coat, head and expression. Stood four square and moved to please.

3rd: 1955 DAVEY, Mrs N Klassna Time Will Tell

Class 16 OB (5 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: PASTUSZKA, Mrs M Sueacres Just a Dream. JW BOS CC One of very few exhibits today to have a full plume, she has this to her ears and beyond. This always finishes a good outline for me. Excellent head with a sweet expression. Good ear and eye. Plenty of guard hair on her Shaded Sable coat all of good texture, lightly trimmed to enhance rather than sculpt. Good body and correctly angulated. Moved well and a picture in stance

2nd: KNOTT, Mrs J Snowvilla Moonlight Magic JW Another quality exhibit. Soundly made dual purpose in reasonable coat well presented. A little more head coat would fill the picture. Soundly made and good on the move.

3rd: SIMMONS, Mrs C Tiny Jewels' Love Is Only Love For Petitpom (Imp)

Class 17 VB (0 Entries) Abs: 0 Class 18 SBB(3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: MOORES Miss E Klassna Tell Me More With Chibaya. Typy pup who stood 4th in PB. Good size. Correctly proportioned and well put together. High set tail carried well. Moved soundly. Coat slow to come in and for me a little over trimmed. Well handled

2nd: ALLEN, Mr M Alexiasdream Is Sableen Of Divinity. A petit little lady but very well put together and a nice type, just wanted a bit more of her all round.

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