

# Critique BMTC Championship Show 22/02/2025

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I would like to thank the British Manchester Terrier Club for inviting me to judge today's Championship Show. I was well looked after throughout the day and was ably assisted by my stewards Christy and Chantelle (well done on your first ever stewarding!!).

Thank you to all exhibitors who took my decisions with good grace, a number of dogs could easily change places on another day, but I assessed on the performances in each class.

There are some very nice youngsters coming through, which is lovely to see!

All dogs were presented in a clean, healthy condition, on the whole were in super coat and all had correct scissor bite. There were a small number of dogs with larger ears, flatter feet, high tail set or erratic movement, and a couple with very long nails, this alters the shape of the foot and therefore their movement and is detrimental to their future health.

## Minor Puppy Dog (1)

1. Lomas - Axaldarn Viking Wolf. Super youngster. Even at this age he has strength of head, neat ears, good fill under his almond shaped eye, good angulations front and rear, correct rise over the loin. Markings could be better defined, but should clean up with age. Loose in front movement as you would expect for his developmental stage. BPD and pleased to award him BPIS.

## Puppy Dog (1)

1. Bailey & Hancocks - Rattustrap Crimes at Night. Another lovely youngster with lots to like. Good wedge shaped head with correct eye. Not using ears to his advantage today. Lovely crest of neck into good angulated shoulder, correct rise over loin and bend of stifle. Loose at front still, giving him a wide movement coming towards. This should tighten with maturity.

## Junior Dog (2)

1. Bodsworth - Safiette Theos Doron. Another super young dog. Maturing well with good bone, strong wedge shaped head, nice ear placement, nice crest of neck, lovely angulation standing giving nice movement coming towards, but a little stiff in rear today.
2. Bailey & Hancocks - Rattustrap Crimes at Night. As above.

## Novice Dog (1)

1. Bird - Kaiser Aurora Dream Katar. Lots to like about this lad but sadly unable to assess him properly as he was a little unsettled. With some training he could show well. He has a nice head with correct eye shape, good length of neck, correct angulation, correct tail set, and when he chose to he moved well.

## Graduate Dog (1)

1. Earle - Rattustrap Beer Humbug. Another who gave his handler a hard time today. A big boy but has some lovely attributes. Super strong head, good neck length, lovely angulation, good markings except a little breaching above hocks. Looked good in profile, moved erratically today.

## Post Graduate Dog (3)

1. Hayllor - Isari King of Hearts. Caught my eye in this class. Super head, held ears well, good crest of neck with strength leading to correct lay of shoulder. Good angulation in rear with slight rise over loin which he held on the move. One to watch, I feel.
2. Williams-Wegmann & Wegmann - Talanors Typically Trouble for Essvana. Smaller type than 1, but with many correct attributes. Nice head carriage with almond shaped dark eye, has good angulation front and rear, correct rise over loin and good tail set. Lost out on movement today.
3. Fitch - Thunder Dragon Precious Adventure (imp NLD)

## Limit Dog (3,1a)

1. Walker - Wystry Depths of Glory for Sizlin JW. Quality dog with a good strong head, correct eye, nicely held ears. Well marked, nice straight front, lovely angulation front and rear giving him a smooth movement. A little proud of his tail, but pleased to award him RDCC.
2. Swart - Plantocracy Dapper Dexter. First time with this handler so was not as cooperative as at previous shows, however, presents a nice picture on standing. Lovely head with strong neck leading to straight front, with legs well under body and decent angulation. The best tight semihare front feet.

## Open Dog (2, 1a)

1. Bratcher - Rattustrap Dark Matters at Carnifex. Stood in profile showed a lovely picture. Has strength of head with correct dark eye, not using ears to best advantage today. Has good angulation, rise over loin and nice short tail, but a tendency to stand with front feet pointing outward today.

## Champion Dog (3)

1. O'Neill - CH Megellan Artemis Argentis. What a dog! Scored in all aspects of the breed standard! In super coat and moved around the ring with ease, tenacity and that 'spark'! Had no hesitation awarding him DCC and BOB.
2. Knight - CH Talanors Typically Elite. Splitting hairs between 2 and 3, but this boy scored in his terrier attitude today. Super head, held ears well, nice crest of neck, super lay of shoulder. A little long- cast for my liking, but moved ok.
3. Warner - CH Talanors Time For Fun ShCEX.

## Veteran Dog 7-9 yrs (1, 1a)

## Veteran Dog 10+ (3, 1a)

1. Olbinson & Kelly - Paucelin Andoni at Carapast. At 14 3/4 this boy still has it! A little stiff and very grey is a credit to his owner and breeder. Compact dog retaining many correct breed standard points, with good angulation, correct rise over loin, correct tail set, feet remain tight. Deserved his BVD.
2. HARRISON - CH Magpiebank Ash. Another wearing age with distinction. Up to size but retains strength of head, well marked still, good angulation and rise over loin, which he couldnt quite manage to hold on the move.

## Minor Puppy Bitch (0)

## Puppy bitch (2)

1. Bratcher - Rattustrap Dark Island by Carnifex. Petite girl but very much in proportion. Feminine head with nice shaped dark eye, good length of neck with nice crest, nicely angulated with slight rise over loin. Super dark marking. Moved ok. Developing nicely.
2. Straughan & Cripps - Mannikai Remember me. Like this girl, but very unsettled today. Another with a very feminine head, nice eye, decent angulation, slight rise over loin and nice tuck. Should move ok with confidence.

## Junior Bitch (3, 1a)

1. O'Neill - Astonblank Fern at Megellan. Forgave her phantom which spoilt her outline, but has a super headshape, correct angulation, good tailset, moved well. Would prefer a darker, more almond shaped eye.
2. Walker - Horsestones Hotpot. A little finer than her 1st place sister but lots to like. Another with a lovely head, good length of neck, correct angulation, good tailset and moved ok. Again would prefer a darker, more almond shaped eye.

## Novice Bitch (1)

1. Harrison - Magpiebank Rayn. Nicely proportioned, feminine girl with some lovely attributes. Has a lovely head, well held ears, nice crest and length of neck, well angulated, well marked, nice tight feet, moved well.

## Graduate Bitch (0)

## Post Graduate Bitch (2)

1. Entwistle - Holtaire Runa. This girl has matured into adulthood really nicely. Lovely head, nice eye, well held neat ears, nice straight front with legs well, under body, nicely marked, good angulation. Would prefer a more defined rise over loin, but moved well.
2. Spain - Nespoli You Are My Sunshine. Finer sort than 1 but presents a super picture in profile, which she lost a little on movement. Has a lovely feminine head, nice eye, clean neck and is nicely angulated.

## Limit Bitch (3)

1. Plant - Spring Wren at Plantocracy. Super girl for size, lovely head, nice crest, good length of neck leading into well laid shoulders, well angulated with a nice rise over loin. Super coat. Pushed hard for top honours but today has not moved as well as she can.
2. Stockton - Magpiebank Breeze for Marlblue. Lovely head with correct shape eye with good underfill. Could use ears better. Has a lovely straight front, nice rise over loin and curvy tuck up, would prefer slightly more bend of stifle but she did move well.
3. Talbot - Harliboo Pretty in Pink at Ysabelkid.

## Open Bitch - (3, 1a)

1. O'Neill - Magicus Silvestris Sweet Bonnie at Megellan (imp NOR). What a super, solid, old fashioned sort! Strong head but retains femininity, lovely neck length, lovely lay of shoulder, legs well under body, good angulation resulting in a clean, easy movement. Pushed hard for top honours, but certainly earned her RBCC.
2. Boot - Ysabelkid Calamity Jane with Harliboo. Smaller type, but very feminine. Stands lovely in profile, a little narrow when viewed from the front. Has a good head with a wicked eye, elegant neck, slight rise over loin, lovely tuck up and good rear angulation.

## Champion Bitch (2)

1. Sharpe - CH Rosettia Keepsake. I have always liked this girl, but, wow, she pulled out all the stops today! Scores in all breed standard points and moved well. Only criticism would be thumbprints could be more defined. A worthy champion and pleased to award her the BCC.
2. Straughan & Cripps - CH Talanors Time To Shine at Mannakai. Unlucky to meet today's competition. Up to size for me, but has a super head with lovely dark, almond shaped eye, well held ears, correct crest and length of neck, slight rise over loin and correct angulation. Moved ok.

## Veteran Bitch 7-9 yrs (3)

1. Knight - CH Talanors Typically Special. A super, compact girl who belies her age. Lovely head neat, well held ears, nice length of neck, correct angulations front and rear, moved a little stiffly today I thought, but certainly deserved being awarded BVB and BVIS.
2. Olbinson & Kelly - Rattustrap Citra at Carapast. Slightly taller girl, super head, with a wicked eye, whilst retaining a feminine look. Well marked with a hint of greying, good angulations front and back, moved ok.

## Veteran Bitch 10+yrs (1)

1. Boot - Ttombowor Princess Phoebe for Harliboo. At nearly 11 she shows a good deal of grey, but retains a look of classiness. She has a lovely wedge shaped head, good eye, correct angulation and moved pretty well.

## Judy Thurlow (Erkenwyne)