

UKSWC Kent Speciality Show

Judge: Claire Sharp

I thoroughly enjoyed this appointment and the opportunity to judge this beautiful breed. My thanks go to the committee for the invitation and also for the superb hospitality on the day. I was particularly thrilled with the goodie bag I received as a thank you. Thanks also to all who brought their dogs along on such a hot day. I only had one bad sport to contend with, everyone else accepted my decisions graciously. I found the breed fascinating to judge. My observations are that in the main, the breed is in good shape. I didn't find any untypical heads and dentition was excellent throughout. A couple needed darker eyes. Coats were good, none were woolly or too profuse but some were a little lacking. I was mindful of the purpose they were bred for and looking for conformation that was functional. Some dogs looked lovely stacked and then weren't very efficient on the move. Similarly, some dogs were doing themselves no favours stacked that then moved demonstrating really effortless, sound movement. I've always believed that a dog that moves correctly is built correctly and my decisions were heavily influenced by the dog's movement. Delighted to note that while all owned and handled by different people, three of my principle winners were littermates.

Minor Puppy Dog (1 entry)

1st & **BPIS** Tringham's Kushbudar Velvet Moon

A 6 month old puppy with a lovely head. He has a long neck into well laid shoulders and a good return of upperarm. Correct topline, his chest is deep enough and he has a well angled rear with good length of second thigh. Moved well.

American Bred Dog (1 entry)

1st. Tringham, Lewis & Grist's Morgandell Tioga

4 yr old with a super head, correct dentition. Good length of neck into a decent front. Decent feet that are well knuckled. Correct topline, good depth of chest. Well angulated rear that is well muscled. Superb movement, covering the ground with ease and foot perfect both coming and going.

Bred by Exhibitor Dog (4 entries)

1st & **Reserve Winners Dog**. Tringham's Kushbudar Chu Chulain

Won this class as I found him to be the most balanced and he was the best on the move. Another with a lovely head, narrow back skull, good pigment and correct dentition. Long, slightly arched neck into a well laid shoulders and a decent length of upperarm. Good topline and underline and a strong, well angulated rear.

Limit Dog (2 entries)

1st. Grist's Faolan of Silkenjoy

Won this class as he was more balanced and had more correct height/length proportions. A pleasing head/expression, good length of neck and his shoulders are well back with an excellent return of upperarm which was really evident when he moves demonstrating really good reach in front. His topline and underline were correct and he had a well muscled rear that was well angulated.

Open Dog (2 entries)

1st & **Winners Dog, BOSS** Lewis's Kushbudar The Heart's Cry

I really liked this quality boy. He is elegant whilst not in any way feminine. He has a really good head, narrow and well chiselled. His neck is long, slightly arched and leads into well laid shoulders. He has a good return of upperarm and his chest is deep. His topline is correct with a strong loin. His rear is well angled with a good length of second thigh and he stands on good feet. Presented in hard, fit, muscular condition and in excellent coat. On the move, he is pretty much foot perfect, covering the ground easily and efficiently.

ISWS Champion Dog (4 entries, 1 absent)

1st. Rodgers & Lewis's ISWS Ch Pengybrook Endeavor Justadude

Won this class with his superb movement. It is so effortless, he almost looks like he's floating! He has a good head, is well constructed all through and was in tip top condition.

Minor Puppy Bitch (1 entry)

1st. Tringham's Kushbudar Star of Cashmere

If there had been an award for the most beautiful head/expression, this girl would have won it. She is heartmeltingly beautiful gazing at you from dark, intelligent eyes. She is nicely constructed but was side winding a little on the move today so lost out to her brother for BP overall.

Puppy Bitch (3 entries)

1st. Grist's Endeavor B*Witched

A smart 11 month old bitch with a good head. She had the best front in the class with super lay of shoulders and good return of upperarm. Correct topline & underline and a strong, well muscled rear. Moved well.

Junior Bitch (3 entries, 1 absent)

1st. Marchant's Starborough Ice Ice Baby

At the smaller end of the height standard, this girl has a lovely head with lean backskull and parallel head planes. She has a good length of neck, is slightly upright in shoulder but has a good return of upper arm. Her topline is correct as is her underline. She has a good, strong loin and a decent backend with a good length of second thigh. She stands on good feet. A little untidy on the move but she's only young and this could improve with a bit more musculature.

American Bred Bitch (3 entries, 1 absent)

1st. Bank's UKC Ch Kristull Yamaha

Won this class as she had the better front and thus had more reach in front. She has a nice head, good length of neck. Her topline is good and she has a well muscled, well angulated rear which she really drives from on the move.

Bred by Exhibitor Bitch (4 entries)

1st. **Winners Bitch & BISS** Tringham's Kushbudar Countess Caithleen

At the top end of the height standard and so balanced and correct. She has a super head, with big almond shaped eyes and her pigment is good. She has a long, slightly arched neck into shoulders that lay well back and she has excellent length of upperarm. Her topline is correct and she has good depth of chest. She has an excellent rear, well angulated and muscled to perfection. She stands on super, well knuckled feet. When she moves, you can really see all the excellent conformation come into play. She reaches in front and drives from behind and makes it all look effortless. Stood next to her brother in the challenge for BIS, they made a lovely typey pair.

2nd. & **Reserve Winners Bitch** Banks's Fay of Silkenjoy

Limit Bitch (2 entries, 1 absent)

1st. Rodgers & Lewis's Pengybrook Endeavor Justaminx

Lovely headed girl with correct dentition. She has a good neck and a decent front. Good depth to her and a good top and underline. A well angulated rear and certainly she moved well going away however, she was a bit untidy in front coming towards.

Open Bitch (1 entry)

1st. Grist's Kushbudar Cloudsong at Endeavor

A good head with plenty of chiselling and correct dentition. A really well made bitch who was carrying more weight than most here. She is well muscled and moved really well.

Veteran Bitch (1 entry)

1st. Rodgers' Endeavor Veleta

This nearly 8 yr old was very obviously feeling the heat. She has a good head, good length of neck into a well angulated front. Her topline is good and she has a well angulated rear. While sound enough, she was very sluggish on the move and I'm sure she could move so much better in different conditions.

ISWS Champion Bitch (2 entries)

1st. Middleton's ISWS Ch Kushbudar Whispering Winds

A well constructed bitch with a lovely head/expression. She won this class for several reasons. She was more correct in her height/length proportions, she had the better coat, she had far better musculature and her footfall was far more accurate on the move where she covered the ground efficiently. A worthy champion.

Altered Open Bitch (1 entry)

1st. Shakespeare's Allagante Jubilee of Cairdean

A stylish bitch with a good head. She is nicely put together with a good topline. Her coat texture is good and she is in excellent, fit condition. Moved beautifully.

Baby Puppy Dog (1 entry)

1st & Best Baby Puppy Coles & Marchants's Starborough Spellbinder

A 4 ½ month old boy who is so promising. He has a really lovely head with chiselling. A good length of neck into a decent front. A good topline and a well angulated backend with good length of second thigh. He has lovely feet. In competition with his litter sister for "best" and at the moment, this boy is more balanced and together - particularly on the move.

Baby Puppy Bitch (1 entry)

1st. Cook's Starborough Serendipity

A pretty girl to whom many of my comments about her brother also apply. A pleasing head, good length of neck but a little upright in shoulder. Her topline is good and she has a decent rear. Not as good in front on the move as her brother but drives from behind well enough.