

CRITIQUE

BASSET HOUND CLUB

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Bitches.

Many thanks to the Basset Hound Club for this prestigious appointment and thank you to the exhibitors for their support. I had looked forward to it enormously and it certainly did not disappoint. Special thanks to my efficient and friendly steward for keeping the ring going. I must admit this was one of the hardest judging appointments I have done in ages. Some super quality exhibits made for very close decisions which could certainly change on another day. I was happy with mouths and in general I felt that the exhibits I had were very typical healthy specimens of the breed. When it came to open bitch and then the CC I actually had butterflies because I was so excited to see who would get my CC – that is how close my decisions were made! My co judge and I agreed with all our final choices and there was no need for the referee. Best in Show went to Blevins Irish Champion Blevwil Ravishing Rita. This was her crowning CC and today we felt she just had the edge over the male. She moved very easily and with drive and animation. Reserve Best in Show and Best Opposite Sex was Newman's Woferlow Kylo Ren, very masculine and with plenty bone, attractive head, and easy movement. Should not be long before he takes that final CC and he will be a worthy Champion. Best Puppy in Show was Cudlip's Woferlow Voyager at Harvidene. Great bone and balance, masculine, super head. Excellent balanced profile and a powerful confident mover. An easy future title winner for me. A definite one to watch. Best Veteran in Show went to Champion/Italian Champion Switherland Smart Image. Handsome and mature and in great condition. He is so typical of this kennel with that lovely head, strong neck, deep body, and good ribbing. Tail well set on and rounded quarters. He will continue to do the breed proud as a veteran.

VB.(2) Both rather lovely mature ladies! Privileged to have been able to judge them. 1. Newman's Ch Woferlow Tinker Bell Beautiful head excellent dark eye, good head planes, well placed curling leathers, shoulders well laid back. Front was well supported in crook and neat elbow placement. Good legs and feet, Great body, and length of ribs. Kept a super topline moving true with good reach and drive which belied her age. BVB 2. Pearson's Ch Roamanbay Russia With Love to Armadio JW Another rather special lady with super bone, pleasing head, calm and confident expression, good ear set, good neck length, well boned legs and good feet. Plenty body with well sprung ribs. Could lose a couple of pounds to advantage. On the move she was not so animated today as the winner but on another day I am sure she can move with the best of them. **MPB** (3,1)1. Both girls need time. 1 Freer's Switherland Hot Dancer. Sweet baby, pretty head, and soft expression, well set fine leathers. Nice length of neck, good length of body

and a positive mover. 2. Jones Braithwell's Lil Red Dress to Clanwillow. Attractive head and appealing expression, nice ear set, neat front, body still to deepen, Hind movement a bit close at moment which put her second in class. **PB** (3)1. Ellrich's Malrich Last Tango in Paris. Still to mature but very pretty and with lots of scope. Feminine and balanced. Very pretty head with correct almost level planes, dark eye, well set leathers, enough flews and dewlap, neat front. Shoulders go well back and blend into level topline kept on the move. Ribs of good length and hindquarters with low hocks. When this one matures she will look really special. She needs a bit more confidence in the ring to get her tail right up and complete the picture. **BPB**. 2. Blevins' Blevwil Zenn. This girl has a lot to like with super bone throughout. Good head, dark eye, well set leathers, strong neck and deep body. Ribcage extends back helping to keep a level topline. Hindquarters strong with muscled bottom and low hocks. Not moving so positively in front today however with time this could be much improved. So many assets here and another to keep an eye on. 3. Newman's Woferlow Victoria. Another feminine youngster. Pretty head, framed by nicely set leathers, She has clean eyes with calm expression, good pigmentation, wide nostril. Chest still needs to drop slightly. Good ribbing, level topline, Slightly shorter than the first two. Moved confidently. Needs some time to complete the picture. **JB** (7,2)1. Williams Brompton Bigbutt Grace Brown. Well boned and substantial youngster. pretty head, dark eye, strong neck. Plenty of furnishings, Well filled in front. Ribs go well back. Good topline and nicely rounded hindquarters. Won the class on maturity but a shade low to ground. 2. Second and third places were litter sisters. 2. Melbourne, Murray & Fitzpatrick Odahamer's Diheath Elvis. was very pretty but she needs to mature. She was tidy all through with a very neat front. Balanced overall. Pleasing head, neat front, enough length of neck, topline was level, well sprung ribs, and she was happy on the move. 3. Melbourne & Murray's Diheath Chevy. A pretty girl who needs a lot of time, she was beaten by her sister and many of the same remarks apply. I felt she was changing coat and also did not move so positively behind. **PGB** (9,2) Was a close class with a last minute decision for first and second. Different types but both very nice. 1. Freer's Switherland Frosty Knickers. Balanced and feminine with pretty head, calm expression, enough furnishings. Neat front, good depth of chest, nice ribs, sturdy body and firm hindquarters. She was happy and lively on the move keeping her topline throughout. 2. Hards' Mellow Molly V Grunsven at Braemoray (Imp Nld) Another one I did like. She is very feminine with pretty head. dark eye good pigmentation, wide nostril, leathers correctly set on level with the eyes. Good layback. Neat in front. strong neck, well bodied and slightly longer than the winner. Although she moved easily her topline did vary. I think she just needs some more time to mature and deepen and for the topline to strengthen. 3. Parkes Funnypack Domino Day at Bessalin larger girl neatly constructed, well bodied, tidy front, ribs of good length, firm topline, tight feet, quarters were firm however not so positive in hind movement. **LB**. (6,3) 1. Armstrong's Lauralee A Kind of Magic Super outline and balance. Feminine head with correct planes, calm expression, nicely curling leathers, the head is set on an strong neck of

good length which smooths into well laid shoulders. Front is even and with good legs and feet. Body deep and with just the right ground clearance to make movement easy. Ribbing extends back giving a strong topline, hindquarters nicely rounded with low hocks and on the move she is very positive. 2. Rowland's Castledee Gypsy. This bitch had plenty of bone but not the length of the first she was fairly neat feminine. Pretty head, strong neck, neat front, sturdy body, good ribbing level topline and rounded hindquarters. An active mover. 3. Jones' Clanwillow Centenary Dream. An attractive bitch with a feminine head and expression, strong neck, well sprung ribs, body long and deep, tail well set on. She moved very slightly wide in front today but I think this might improve with maturity. It will be interesting to see what changes a year will bring. Presented and shown well. **OB (9,3)** This was quite a class. 1. Blevins' Ir.Ch. Blevwils Ravishing Rita. This was very much my type and indeed I gave her the reserve CC at her first show from puppy. She's now fully mature and just at the top of her game. Feminine head with a calm expression. Neat front with chest well let down and fitting into crook, elbows correctly in place allowing her plenty forward reach. Good layback of shoulders, nice length of neck, deep bodied with well sprung long rib. Hindquarters are rounded, muscled and with low hocks used to drive as she covered the ground easily. Nothing is overdone and she was presented in great condition. CC and BIS. 2. Archer's Armardio Chicago Fire in Roamanbay. As a breeder I would have been proud to have bred this girl. She has class, elegance and balance, very pretty and all of a piece. Low set leathers frame this lovely head with calm expression. Neck flows into well laid shoulders. Neat front and chest well let down into crook. Smooth long ribs supporting a level topline and leading to well bent stifles and low hocks. Stern well set on. Although she moved well in the class she just lacked that extra enthusiasm which put her into second place but in the challenge she was a touch more lively which won her the RBCC. 3. Turner's Lauralee Don't Stop Me Now of Devonhound. Another pretty girl of quality who recently gained her crown. Very similar to her sister who won the LB class. Really lovely twins. She shares all the good points of her sister, feminine, pleasing head, correct expression, tidy front, strong neck. Well bodied and an easy mover.

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