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CONFORMATION CLASSES

Judge: Rebecca Peek

Where to begin? There's so much I'd like to say, but will try to be brief (not my forte)!

I'd like to thank IWANE for inviting me to judge their Specialty, my first time judging in the USA and it was an honour. I believe judging other people's hounds is a privilege, but it's also a responsibility and not to be taken lightly, so as a natural born worrier, I was anxious to do a good job for everyone. Every country does their conformation classes slightly differently, so it was a welcome relief to have such an efficient and well organized team supporting me both in and out of the ring and I have many people to thank, but especially Karen Eberl for looking after me so well throughout the whole trip and Marc Campbell, my Chief Ring Steward, who knows the ropes backwards and kept me on track.

Most importantly, I would like to thank all the exhibitors for entering their hounds under me, it was a pleasure to have so many beautiful dogs to examine, a wealth and depth of quality throughout.

As some of you may already know, we run our conformation classes somewhat differently in the UK – the procedure is pretty much the same up until the BOB competition, which in the UK is usually just a challenge between the Winners Dog and Winners Bitch, as any Champions and Veterans will already have been judged as part of the regular classes, either in Open or a special Champions or Veterans class. So to have all the champions of record come into the BOB competition to be assessed separately and against the Winners and Veterans was quite something! And so many of them - Wow! Just Wow!

Someone posted a short video of the BOB competition on the IWANE Facebook page and it shows how the class filled the whole ring, it was an impressive sight and so reassuring to see such quality in numbers. In the UK entry numbers have been dwindling for some time now and it's a long time since I've seen such a large class of top winning hounds all in the same ring at a breed show. So thank you.

There were many difficult decisions to make and some hounds will have left the ring without winning that I am confident could and will swap around on different days. So many of my class notes begin with 'Super class of quality hounds' that it becomes repetitive! There was a real wealth of choice.

I came away from the show commenting that it was lovely to see so many good sighthound heads with good ears – short muzzles with broader skulls, round eyes and flat ears were in the minority. However, I would like to see darker eyes, which were at a premium on the day. Whilst eye colour in itself does not affect the dog's ability to fulfill its function, it does affect the expression, which, for me, is so much a part of type. It's an observation, but not one that affects my overall assessment of the dog – it's a fine point that can be called into play if one is lucky enough to have two dogs of equal merit and you're nit-picking. The same can be said of mouths and on the whole mouths and dentition were good, but some teeth were dirty, even in some of the younger hounds, which is a shame, but not a fault. I didn't find any narrow lower jaws and only one dog that had tight canines, but not badly so and the bite was not incorrect.

Having looked at the catalogue, I can now see how so many of the hounds I've selected are related to each other.

Needles to say, I have been spending a lot of time looking at Mary O'Malley's wonderful photos of the day <https://maryo.smugmug.com/Irish-Wolfhounds/Events> and also looking up pedigrees and photos on www.iwdb.org – two very valuable tools for the breed specialist.

So many interconnections and so many pedigrees carrying so many favourite dogs from earlier eras, little wonder I was drawn to them.

Once again, thank you to everyone for bringing your hounds under me and making my task so challenging. And thank you to IWANE for inviting me to judge – it was an honour and a pleasure!

Puppy Dogs, Six Months and Under Nine Months (3 Entered, - Absent) –

1st Red King Dei Mangialupi – (Gagne & Ivanovskis) Very promising 7 months grey brindle of lovely type with super head and expression and lovely dark eye and neat ears. Good balance with good height to length ratio and moved well when he finally got into his stride, good angulation fore and aft, plenty of bone and topline to grow into.

2nd Taliesin's Beul-Aithris of Sceolan – (Atkinson & Smith) Also very promising 8 months dark red brindle, very shapely and well boned, good depth and width all through, standing a bit high on his back end at the moment so looking more straight behind and a bit close moving away, but looks more balanced when freestanding.

3rd Starkeeper Witcher of Remington – (Ruettgart) Another very promising 7 month, both owner and handler needing more experience and confidence in the ring, but both doing a good job. Lovely bone and construction, but standing tucked up and a bit roached in back and bum high. Sound on the move. Lovely type with good head and expressions and ears.

Puppy Dogs, Nine Months and Under Twelve Months (1,1) –

Twelve Month and Under Fifteen Month Dogs (1, -) –

1st Nuallain Magh Itha's Hyde of Keally Hill – (Richard) Lovely, well balanced, black 14 month male with lovely head and expression with a dark enough eye. Good reach of strong neck into well laid shoulder, balanced topline, good height to length, good depth and width, in good muscular condition and good coat, easy, balanced action in all directions.

Fifteen Month and Under Eighteen Month (2, -) –

1st Monty Lismore of Aerie – WINNERS DOG – (Johnson & Benjamin) Really liked this outstanding 17 month grey brindle dog that commanded attention as soon as he entered the ring. Lovely for type and construction, good height to length ratios, with depth and width and lovely long, well-boned limbs, standing over a lot of ground. Super typical head and expression, good reach of neck into good forehand, well angulated for and aft. Moved out on an effortless and ground covering stride, easy, active with plenty of reach and drive, without being exaggerated in any way. He may be a youngster with maturing still to do, but there is no questioning his quality.

In the challenge for winners dog although it was a close decision as he was not as mature as the Reserve Winner, I preferred him for type and overall shape – he's very much my cup of tea!

He was in contention throughout the BOB competition, but in the end gave way to the more mature dogs in the ring – he held his own for type and conformation and was still moving out well, but he still needs time to mature and reach his full potential – and his attention span was getting the better of him! I have no doubt he will achieve his champion's title and more, the best is yet to come.

2nd Mari's Biff Ionmhain of Ireland CGCA CGCU – (LeBlanc & Mari) Black, 17 month, enjoying his day. Strong boy with a nice head and expression, good bone, depth and width and well muscled. Giving his handler a hard time and needs more experience in the ring to settle both on the stack and on the move, which was very erratic. Would prefer a less steep croup and his outline on the move would be improved if he didn't fly his tail, but he was happy.

American-Bred Dogs (1, -) –

1st Gemini's Diamonds Are Forever – (Levin) 3 yr old grey brindle, not the biggest male, but good overall type and shape, would just like a bit more leg length to balance body length. Balanced angulation fore and aft, but would prefer more spring and strength through the pasterns. Moved out on a light easy action, covering the ground well.

Open Dogs (12, 3 abs, 1 moved to BOB) – Lovely class of quality males, and several dogs went unplaced that could easily be in the line-up on another day. Close decisions and if a tail was flying high and spoiled the outline, it made a difference on the day. However, my first three, although very different to look at, were in contention with each other from the moment they entered the ring, moving out well on ground covering strides even though it was getting very warm.

1st Coleraine's Zenith of Taliesin – RES WINNERS DOG – (Smith & High) Lovely, strong 3 year old black brindle in his prime, an upstanding stallion male. Well presented and handled and moving out with drive and energy on a light and easy gait. Good head and ear-set, good reach of strong neck into well laid shoulder and good forehand with good fore-chest and breadth between elbows, good depth and width all through and well-muscled. Nice topline, good rise over the loin, well ribbed back. Ideally would prefer a little less weight on him to show off his lines and tuck-up better. An unexaggerated dog, but powerful and clearly fit for function.

In the Winners challenge I had thought he would be my first choice, he has maturity and presence on his side, but in the end I preferred the younger dog for his longer lines and movement.

2nd Lindenhall Carnasserie Crescendo – (Carswell, Schneidman and Newgard) Another stallion male, this 2 yr old red brindle is of great size and commanding appearance, lovely powerful hound standing over a lot of ground and one that catches the eye on the move. Well boned and long-limbed, presenting a balanced and shapely frame when stacked, I had thought he would be my winner. He has good height to length and good depth and width and is well muscled, with good angulation throughout. His profile movement is balanced with good reach and drive, but on the individual performance, although sound, he was less well collected and not the cleanest mover on the up and down.

3rd Shancarrick's Cashel Coyne – (Forzono) I really liked this 3 yr old grey brindle for his overall type and shape, with good leg length and overall balance. He moved with a lovely open extension both fore and aft and was clean enough on the up and down. Ideally I'd like to see a bit more pastern angulation and a bit more fill between the elbows, but he has a lovely houndy outline. In the final line up he just looked like he still has some maturing to do.

4th Ballyhara Mane – (Forman) This 4 yr old dark brindle is honest, workmanlike and unexaggerated and was up against some very strong competition on the day. Well balanced all through, with good overall shape and angulation and well-muscled. He moved out on a light and easy, ground covering stride, sound in all directions.

Winners Dog – Monty Lismore of Aerie

Reserve Winners Dog – Coleraine's Zenith of Taliesin

Puppy Bitches, Six Months and Under Nine Months (6, 1) –

1st Taliesin's Baintighearn – (Cottrell & Smith) Shapely 8 month dark brindle bitch, very promising with super, sound and easy movement. A first time for both puppy and new owner/handler and both were doing very well. Not the biggest girl, but very well put together and very balanced all through with good depth and width already. Good reach of neck into flowing topline and good fore and rear angulation. On the move she covers the ground easily and effortlessly with lovely reach and drive. In the challenge for best puppy, she was enjoying herself too much and her attention span was short, but she is a happy and confident puppy and that is how it should be.

2nd Aelwen Aerie at Shancarrick – (Flynn) Another very promising 8 month old and it was a close decision between these two and I'm sure they'll swap places. This grey brindle girl is lovely for type and is taller, standing over more ground and looking more mature already. She's longer cast, but is ribbed well back and holds her outline well on the move. She has a sweet head an expression and a lovely overall shape and flow to her lines. Long-limbed, she is a sound and easy mover all round.

3rd Hops-n-Hounds The Timeless Child Kerry – (Schaeffer) 3rd and 4th are litter sisters and at just 7 months, both are looking very much the babies. Both are very promising and are lovely for type and I'm sure will change places as

they grow, but I preferred this one over her sister at the moment as she is more balanced in her frame and outline. She still has a lot of topline to grow into, but was sound and balanced on the move.

4th Hops-n-Hounds Aoife of The Forbidden Forest – (Devoe) This girl is taller and leggier than her sister at the moment, standing over more ground and was presenting a less balanced outline. However, she uses her legs and frame well on the move and is sound in all directions. She and her handler both need more experience and confidence.

Puppy Bitches, Nine Months and Under Twelve Months (4, -) –

1st Fleur Magnus Cor – BEST PUPPY – (Richard) What an eye-catching 9 month brindle bitch, totally stripped out so everything is on show and it doesn't disappoint. I really liked this tall, leggy, long-limbed and well boned baby. She flew into the ring like a powerhouse, with effortless, economical ground covering action. Yes she looks like a string bean at the moment, but what a beautiful string bean! Lovely for type, sweet head and expression, super overall construction and balance with flowing lines. This is one that I shall be watching out for in the future, she has so much scope and promise, and yes, she will no doubt take a long time to mature, but everything is there and waiting, I shall be very surprised if she doesn't fulfill that promise. She was an easy winner in this class and for Best Puppy.

2nd Eirian Padraic Cassidy CGC – (Dentino & Shriver) Lovely, typey 11 month cream brindle, smaller than winner and looking more mature. Sweet head and expression, neat ears, overall good shape and balance and depth and width, ideally would prefer slightly more rise over loin, but she's not the finished article yet. Moved out well and soundly, just not the drive and scope of the winner.

3rd Draconecrome Agatha – (Murphy) Very promising 10 month. Another with a sweet head and expression. She stacked up well and is nice for size, type and proportions and very feminine. She was a little diffident in her individual performance and although she moved out well in profile with a lovely expansive gait, she was a little unsure and uncollected on the up and down.

4th Walela Carnasserie Mists of Hibernia at Bellarosa – (Glynn & Newgard) 11 month darker brindle, another tall girl standing over a lot of ground with good bone and length of limbs. I liked her size and overall shape and thought I would place her better. My notes say, would prefer more length and lay back of upper arm and spring of pastern, but she is a tall bitch and still growing and needs time to settle into her big frame. Her movement was sound, but she didn't seem very happy in the ring and lacked drive.

Fifteen Month and Under Eighteen Month Bitches (5, -) – Lovely class of quality bitches, who I'm sure will all swap places on another day.

1st O'Lugh's Truly – (Dormady) This 15 month shapely, rangy, dark brindle bitch flew into the ring looking ready to do her job. Lovely flowing lines and proportions, she has the scope and length of stride that covers the ground with power and ease. For me, not the prettiest of heads, but still a good sighthound head that flows into a strong neck and topline and a balanced, powerful body with good angulation fore and aft and lovely tight tuck-up. This is a well muscled, athletic bitch that covers the ground easily and economically.

2nd Muse Lismore of Aerie – (Marx & Benjamin) Really liked this elegant and feminine 17 month grey brindle bitch, lovely for type, beautiful head and expression and neat ears, lovely overall shape and angulation all through, nothing over exaggerated, but so well put together. Moves out on a light and easy gait, sound in all directions with plenty of reach and drive. Close call between 1st and 2nd, but just preferred length of leg and scope of stride on winner.

3rd Valerie Calorien Starkeeper of Aerie – (Johnson, Benjamin) Another quality 17 month grey brindle bitch, that I see is a half sister to 2nd and again I really like her for type. Taller and standing over more ground with good length of leg and bone. Lovely for size, shape and balance. Moved out on a light and easy gait.

4th Femke's Footsteps Lady Starlight – (Schaeffer) This shapely 16 month black bitch entered the ring first and came in on such an expansive light and easy stride, so sound and balanced in her outline that I thought I would be

hard pushed to place her down the line. However, at the moment, in comparison to others in the class, she is looking immature and is finer all through. That's not to say she's not fit for function, I'm sure she could do the job she was bred for, but at the moment, she lacks the maturity and power in this company.

Novice Bitches (3, 1) – My notes say 'Wow! 2 super bitches on top form'... I hadn't realized these are two litter sisters, and both are excellent hounds and I could easily have placed them either way around.

1st Lonnkyle Purple Sage – RES WINNERS BITCH – (Muffley) Dark brindle bitch, rising 3 yrs. Another lovely athletic type, lovely head and expression, dark eye and neat ears. She has good height to length ratios, good depth and width all through without being heavy or coarse. In excellent condition she is definitely fit for function and powered round the ring looking like she meant business. Lovely flowing lines and proportions, she is exciting and edgy and has the scope and length of stride that covers the ground with power and ease.

In the challenge for WB, I preferred the overall type and maturity of the Bred-By winner but love the athleticism of this bitch, she looks like she could run all day and couldn't be denied the RWB.

2nd Lonnkyle Calorien Prophecy at Starkeeper – (Gagne & Callender) So hard to choose between these two as this girl is also super for size, type, shape and construction. Again, a super head and expression, but would prefer a darker eye. Longer cast than 1st and longer in loin, she is taller and stands over more ground. Good depth and width all through, but on the day I preferred the shorter coupling and rise over the loin of the winner. Another powerful bitch that covered the ring with purpose and drive. Well handled and presented.

Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches (6, 1) – Another cracking class of quality.

1st Gin Fizz O'Lugh of Aerie - WINNERS BITCH AND BEST OF WINNERS – (Marx & Benjamin) Beautiful bitch of lovely type and shape, super balanced outline. At 4 years she's in her prime and I'm surprised she hasn't gained her title yet. Lovely head and expression, ideally would prefer darker eye, lovely reach of strong neck into good topline and underline, well constructed all through, lovely angulations fore and aft, sound, steady, easy mover, good reach and drive, elegant and feminine but very powerful. There is so much I like about this bitch, she is not flashy, but has a quiet presence that commands attention.

In the challenge for WB, my eye kept coming back to her for type and balance, everything flows and she uses it well on the move. It was not a difficult decision to award her BOW as well.

2nd New Girl in Town at R Noble – (Roland) Lovely mature black bitch presented in excellent condition, another 4 year old in her prime and looking really well. Not the prettiest of heads but good skull structure and ears. Good overall shape and balance, unexaggerated - she can stack up looking unbalanced, but free stacks herself well, a soundly structured hound. Strong, well muscled with good depth and width all through, balanced easy action.

3rd Enaceilte Strange Magic – (Ballinger & Carswell) Super 17 month bitch, very inexperienced and lacking in confidence, but once I could go over her there was a lot to like about her. Very strong, well muscled, stands over a lot of ground with good bone and leg length, good depth and width, powerful on the move with a long, expansive stride. Definitely fit for function.

4th Carrickaneena Siobahn – (Flanagan) Shapely 3 yr old bitch, with good overall outline and balance, standing over a lot of ground. Good bone and long limbs; would prefer a little more forechest and length of upper arm, good rear angulation, moved out on an easy gait, driving well.

American-Bred Bitches (6, 1) –

1st Gemini's Big Girls Need Big Diamonds – (Levin) Lovely tall, scopey, rangy bitch standing over a lot of ground. Good height to length ratio, depth and width. Good bone and leg length, free, easy mover Considered in the challenge for WB, but by that stage she was getting restless and just wouldn't settle.

2nd Lindenhall Carnasserie Camerata Musica – (Schneidman) Hard call between 1st & 2nd. This is a houndy and athletic bitch, very shapely. Sweet head expression, built along good lines, a sound and easy mover, balanced angulation, but just preferred the length of bone and angulation of winner

3rd O'Lugh Sugar Magnolia – (Newkirk & Dormady) Really liked this 2 year old wheaten bitch, lovely head and expression, good ears, good pigmentation. Very unexaggerated, but very balanced and honest, good depth and width with good forechest. Powerful on the move, plenty of reach and drive.

4th Riverview Carroy Calliope – (Murphy & Wiewel) Good head and ears. Honest and workmanlike, not as well angulated as winners, but balanced and strong on the move, basically a well put together hound in excellent condition.

Open Bitches (11, 4) – Good class where unfortunately the heat of the day was beginning to affect some movement .

1st Jello Shot O'Lugh with Aerie – (Irick & Benjamin) Really liked this tall 2 yr old wheaten brindle bitch of lovely type and shape. She has a big athletic frame that she has yet to fully mature into, well boned with lovely long limbs and a scopey, ground covering stride. Lovely head and ears and good pigmentation, would prefer a darker eye. Good angulation all through with good depth and width, well ribbed back, good tuck up, good rise over the loin, but can stack looking a little tense, needs to relax into her topline. A powerful and exciting bitch, she excels on the move, an effortless and ground covering gait.

Seriously considered for the challenge for WB, she is super and tireless on the move, however, she is still very immature and needs to settle in the ring on the stack and into her topline.

2nd R Noble Nainsi – (Roland) Beautiful strong black bitch, old fashioned type, nothing overexaggerated, but everything in the right place and well balanced. Plenty of depth and width, good forechest, good angulation fore and aft, though would prefer a little more pastern angulation, good topline and underline. Lovely profile action, plenty of reach and drive. Lovely dark eye, neat ears. Honest and workmanlike, just preferred the longer lines and leg length of the winner.

3rd Gladstone's Cara Coyne – (Forzono) Lovely, typey bitch, longer cast, but lovely balance nevertheless. Lovely head and expression. Good overall shape and lines, good forehand and rear angulation, sound on the move, unfortunately getting hot and less drive.

4th Starkeeper's Lorna Lovely – (Gagne, Ivanovskis) Cream bitch, nice head and expression, well handled and presented, presents a good picture of overall balance, nothing exaggerated. Not overly angulated, but balanced and moving out easily.

Winners Bitch – Gin Fizz O'Lugh of Aerie

Reserve Winners Bitch – Lonnkyle Purple Sage

Veteran Dogs (2, 1) –

1st Ch Coleraine's Cathbhadh Incubator Jones – (High & Muffley) Substantial 7.5 year old in excellent shape and condition, a credit to his owner and breeder. Still looking like a stallion hound, lovely type and overall shape and balance. Lovely head and expression, good reach of strong neck into well laid shoulder, good depth and width all through, good underline and topline, though would prefer a little less steep croup, but good rear angulation and still moving out on a light and easy gait, holding his topline and driving from behind.

Veteran Bitches (2, 1) –

1st Taliesin's Druid Duinn Eostar JC – AWARD OF MERIT – (Smith) I really loved this bitch, there was so much I recognized in her. 7 years and in her prime and yet another that I am really surprised hasn't gained her title. She has so much to recommend her, super, honest old fashioned type, nothing flashy, nothing exaggerated, yet everything in the right place, honest and workmanlike. Beautiful head and expression, beautiful ears. She still has a shapely and balanced outline with excellent topline and underline, good depth and width, in excellent condition, still well muscled. She moves out soundly and with ease, and in the BOB challenge was still able to compete on a level playing field, there was no making allowances for her age. She was seriously considered in the challenge and just lost out to the younger girls. She more than deserved her award of merit and on another day the result may well have been different.

Best of Breed Competition –

What an impressive sight filling the ring! Full of quality, deserving hounds, so many champions and grand champions, who on another day could all, (and I'm sure do), change positions. Some very tough decisions to be made and when pulling out the shortlists, especially in the bitches, I was hard pushed to let any of them go!

My key Award Winners were all in contention right up until the last minute.

Best of Breed – Ch Carnasserie Kincsem – (Carswell & Newgard) This grey brindle bitch, rising 3 years, is eye catching as soon as she enters the ring, reaching out on a powerful, ground covering stride. She has much to recommend her, a combination of strength and beauty, tall, well-boned, standing over a lot of ground, she has a big frame but retains grace and femininity. She is one of those dogs that feels pleasing under the hand, everything flowing smoothly from one section to the next. Lovely, typical head and expression with well set ears. Good reach of neck into well constructed forehead, good forechest, good depth and width of brisket, well ribbed back. Good topline and tail set, good angulation all through with lovely length of bone. Well muscled through first and second thigh with plenty of width through the pelvis, all used to advantage on the move, plenty of drive off her neat hocks. Clearly coming into her prime with, I'm sure, plenty more still to come.

Best of Winners – Gin Fizz O'Lugh of Aerie – see above, Bred-By Bitches. As I mentioned before, I'm surprised this girl isn't a champion already, I hope she gains her title soon.

Best of Opposite Sex – GCH Ch R Noble Nasch – (Roland) What a strong, upstanding stallion male, the epitome of great size and commanding appearance. At 4 rising 5 years he is clearly in his prime and stands his ground four square without any need for intervention from the handler, he simply says, look at me! He is in top form and presented in excellent condition, well muscled, not carrying too much weight, showing a good topline and underline, A very powerful male with strong reach of neck into well laid shoulder, good forechest and breadth of chest, deep brisket, well ribbed back into good rise over the well muscled loin. Well muscled first and second thigh used well on the move. Moves out on an expansive stride with plenty of reach and drive. This boy is fit for function.

This dog and my BOB could so easily change places on another day, but on the day, the bitch was more what I was looking for and has the shape and lines I preferred.

Select Dog – GCH Ch Gladstone's Can't Wait To Be King – (Johnson) I really like this dog for his type and shape and seriously considered him for BOS. He is longer cast than the BOS winner, but not unbalanced in anyway and is usually more what I would choose. However, the BOS has tremendous ring presence and confidence and his maturity gave him the edge. This boy did not stack up with quite as much presence and did not move out with quite such drive – I noticed that he actually went better when his picture was taken and he had a change of handler so I am guessing this was his usual handler.

Select Bitch – GCH Ch Lismore Marion Kirby – (Marx, Benjamin & LeVan) Another beautiful bitch that is very much what I like to see for type and shape. She was in very close contention with the BOB winner and just lost out on having a little less drive on the move. Not as big as the winner, but still a very tall and houndy girl with lovely long limbs and shapely lines and an easy stride. Today, I just wanted to see a little more power in her drive and a little more sparkle.

Award of Merit – Taliesin's Druid Duinn Eostar JC – See above, Veteran Bitch. Another that I am surprised hasn't gained her title. She barely looks a veteran and is in her prime, out-moving many in this competition and was seriously considered in the challenge.

Award of Merit – CH R Noble Carnasserie Nevada – (Carswell & Newgard) Litter sister to BOS and I see to two litter sisters that were placed 2nd in earlier classes. How lovely for a breeder to have produced such consistency and quality in one litter. This girl is slightly different to her siblings and is longer cast, which I liked. She has good substance and length of bone and is built along shapely lines with plenty of curves. Well muscled and in excellent condition all through, she has good a topline and underline and really drives through her hocks on the move.

Best Puppy – Fleur Magnus Cor – See above, Puppy Bitches 9 – 12 Months.

Brood Bitches (1,-) –

1st CH Starkeeper Aoibheann Ailis RN – In the ring with two of her very young offspring. Lovely long limbed babies with good bone and frames. Their dam has a beautiful sighthound head, with lovely and correct proportions and planes and both these babes have inherited that, sweet heads with the loveliest expressions, plenty of furnishings and neat ears. These babies have so much growing still to do, but you can already see the qualities they've inherited from their dam.

Best Head (6,1) – CH Starkeeper Aoibheann Ailis RN – Super sighthound head with all the correct planes and proportions of skull and foreface, correct eye shape and placement and earset, which are neat and correct in shape. Lovely kind expression with a dark eye and excellent pigmentation, good dentition and strong jaw.

Best Gait (10,3) – Monty Lismore of Aerie (WD) – See above, 15 – 18 Months Dogs. Typical young male, enjoying his day and still full of energy and enthusiasm, even at the end of a hot and humid session, striding out soundly and true on an easy, ground covering stride with excellent reach and drive.