

Thank you to the IWANE club members, for inviting me and making me feel so welcome. I really appreciated the opportunity to come and judge so many beautiful dogs. I am humbled that the exhibitors would trust me with their remarkable hounds. Judging puppies is always both a pleasure and a little bit torturous! When judging, it must be on the day. Sometimes the puppy you truly believe is going to be the best dog in the future, is at that awkward stage right now. Conversely, the puppy that's really together today, may not be "the one" in another year or two, but we must judge what is before us in the moment, not the potential we hope for! Another huge challenge when judging, comes from the handling of the dog. While we hope it's not a factor, it is a dog show. If the dog isn't presented in a way that shows its attributes it's tough to accurately assess! This point was really driven home in my Best in sweeps line up. The male I awarded BOS, came in with a different handler for best, and was a totally different dog! He moved so much better than he had in the classes, the previous handler wasn't able to move him out, I was so happy to see the beautiful ground covering movement he was capable of. There were a few puppies that looked very different watching them in the regular classes than when they were in sweeps, if I was judging them again I might even switch a few! It's just amazing how much things are ever changing with the young ones. Overall the quality was high, especially in the bitches. I was pleased with my winners and wished I could have awarded a reserve in bitches. So many beautiful girls to pick from. I was pleased there were only a couple of unhappy or shy pups, wonderful to see sound, stable youngsters. It was fun to Judge with Jay, to get to visit with some folks I don't see often enough, and to make a few new friends in the process. Thanks again to Mary O'Malley for the photos, since my "in house" photographer was at home! Hope to see you all again soon, maybe at the National, perhaps with my own hounds in tow.

Thanks again from the bottom of my heart,  
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#### 6-9 puppy Dogs

##### 1st #9

The most together in the class on the move today. Nice coat, very sound going away. I would prefer a bit more angulation front and rear, but a balanced, moderate hound.

##### 2nd #5

Lots of promise here, this fellow is going to be a big boy and is at that most awkward of stages! Unfortunately, he was being a bit less than cooperative with his handler today, making judging him a bit challenging. I look forward to seeing this dog in a few years.

##### 3rd #7

The youngest in the class and not very happy to be here today. I expect he will work through this with a bit of time. Overall a balanced puppy with a nice dark eye.

#### 9-12 puppy Dogs

##### 1st #15 (Also BOS in sweeps)

Tall rangy boy, easy on the move, nice curves, lots of potential. Slightly longer in the loin, but overall a really nice young hound. He came into the Best in sweeps lineup a different dog and really showed his movement and shape to me there.

##### 2nd #11

Another nice young dog, that pushed hard for 1st today. Lovely soft expression with a pleasing dark eye. A more moderate dog, with a bit less angulation than #1, but quite balanced. This enthusiastic fellow was a bit bouncy on the move for his handler today.

### 12-15 puppy Dogs

1st #19

Shapely dog with nice fill in front and curves behind, he felt quite balanced and mature for his age. He was very slightly "off" in the front. Sadly by the regular classes, he appeared slightly lame.

2nd #17

Handsome dog with good substance. Better side gait than #1, but not as clean coming and going. I would like a bit more forechest, but anticipate this will likely come with maturity.

### 15-18 puppy Dogs

1st #21

This boy flew around the ring, but but wasn't reaching as much as I would have liked. Lots of curve in the rear, but a bit steep in the croup. Lovely low hocks.

### 6-9 puppy Bitches

1st #12

This puppy caught my eye immediately on the move, easy and active! Very balanced puppy with a bright future. I would like to see a bit more fill in front, I expect this will come in time.

2nd #6

Best reach in the class, this lass pushed for first place. Nice front, slightly less confident than #1 today. A beautiful bitch with a bright future.

3rd #8

I was quite smitten with this pup, as she reminded me of my own young girl at home, that's about the same age! Very balanced, dark girl with a beautiful expression. Her pasterns are a bit upright, but I imagine they will likely let down as she matures. She had the misfortune today of being in a really tough class with real depth of quality. I expect she will do a lot of winning in the years to come.

4th #10

Like the puppy in front of her, this girl is at the young end of the class. Moved cleanly and balanced front and rear. I would prefer a bit more tuck up and depth of chest, to achieve that houndy underline. Another one to watch for in the future, beautifully handled.

### 9-12 puppy Bitches

1st #18

Easy movement, a very balanced puppy. Nice front with soft flowing curves. Well proportioned and very comfortable both moving and standing.

2nd #22

Powerful bitch, with good substance and proper pasterns. A strong mover, this bitch was giving her handler a real challenge today!

3rd #26

A strong, rangy bitch with lots of potential, just not quite feeling it today. I think this is one worth watching in the future. She's a bit high in the rear today, but that will change as she grows.

12-15 puppy Bitches

1st #28 (Also Best in sweeps)

A strong dark bitch, with an easy ground covering side gait and beautiful soft flowing curves. Nicely ribbed back with lovely low hocks. I was happy to award Best in sweeps to this beautiful hound, a well deserved win in quality competition.

15-18 puppy Bitches

1st # 30

A balanced, moderate bitch. Nothing flashy, a solid clean mover. A purposeful bred hound that could probably go all day.