

PVIWC Specialty 2010
Sweepstakes Judge's Critique
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Thank you very much for inviting me to judge the 2010 PVIWC Specialty Sweepstakes. I had a wonderful time and would like to express my thanks to the show committee for taking such good care of me!

On a very cold morning, here's how I saw it:

6 to 9 Puppy Dog

- 1) **Carnasserie Flint** A handsome, houndy young brindle boy with a lovely head and dark pigmented expression. No overdone angles and set on a nice tall frame. When moving, great extension and power was evident. Promising young boy.
- 2) **Tomahawke's Eclipse on Gemini** A nice brindle boy with a more workmanlike construction than his counterparts. He moved with more maturity and purpose than those that placed behind him.
- 3) **Carnaserie Coal** A very tall dark brindle puppy with pretty lines. At this age, he was having a bit of trouble getting out of his own way when moving, but his future quality is apparent in his overall shape. Lovely head and expression, coat and ear.
- 4) **Coleraine's Gabon** A nice red wheaten puppy – long and strong with evident power on the move. Well constructed through the shoulder and upper arm. At this stage, his top and underline were a bit flat for my liking, and he was throwing his legs around a bit on the move – probably due to an early show time on a chilly morning.

9 to 12 Puppy Dog

- 1) **Temair Let Freedom Ring of Eagle** A striking young light brindle boy who was being extremely naughty. In the end, his overall shape and strength could not be denied. Very well constructed through his shoulder with beautiful hind quarter lines to match. Well proportioned with great length of leg. Another nice head and expression – masculine. Hygroma on his outside front leg was distracting but did not effect his powerful movement either in a circle or his come and go.
- 2) **Dun Myrica Lyre of Eagle** Another nice brindle boy. Pushed for the win on his good behavior and strong purposeful movement. At this stage, he stands a bit flatter through the back than the first place dog, but he too has a lot of quality. Another well placed shoulder. Pleasing head and expression.
- 3) **Skyes Lionking** A big red wheaten puppy that had an overall nice shape when looking back down the line. Decent angles for a big boy at that age. A little rambunctious on his front coming at you but light on his feet with power in the circle.
- 4) **Castlemaine's Bram of Sidhe** Not the largest boy in the class but pleasing to look at. Nice curves, sweet expression and moved with freedom of stride.

6 to 9 Puppy Bitch

- 1) **O'Lugh's Tequila Sunrise** It was hers to loose from the first go around. This beautiful dark brindle puppy has curves in all of the right places coupled with great strength on the move. Lovely breed type. Sound as a dollar on her come and go.
- 2) **Beannai The Evening Song Ni LL Ierne** This black bitch was naughty, but had enough "moments" to pull her into second position. She was fighting her handler on both the stack and move, but her quality still came through. She was solid on her up and back and has a lovely head and eye. Deep underline and beautiful thick ham. Very pleasing to look at when standing on her own volition.
- 3) **Coleraine Laurel Queensland** A big powerful moving light brindle bitch. Very good on her come and go. She has a lot of body to grow into and was not quite as shapely as the others on the day, but her big rear kick and free and easy side gate kept her in the hunt.
- 4) **Glenamadda Starkeeper Bellamie** A very shapely girl who would have done better in the class had she settled in a little sooner. Lovely head and expression. Powerful mover once she got in stride.

9 to 12 Puppy Bitch

- 1) **Armaitiu Nona of Eagle** This is a high quality bitch that settled in after a couple of trips around the ring. She has tremendous bone and substance, gorgeous top and underline and held every bit of it on the move. Powerful. Lovely pieces – head, coat, ear. Wonderful on her legs when settled.
- 2) **Starkeeper Glenamadda Kelt** A nice strong brindle bitch with a perfect set of legs on the come and go. Strong mover. Dark eyes with lovely pigmentation. I would have liked a better ear.
- 3) **Starkeeper Kellamore Karlotta** A pretty brindle bitch with a lovely head and overall pleasing lines. She was a little rambunctious on the move, but when she settled in, her power was evident.
- 4) **Starkeeper Glenamadda Kayte** This bitch is a tall drink of water but has all the makings of a quality adult. She was exceptionally shapely on her tall frame and moved with free and easy extension.

12 to 15 Puppy Bitch

- 1) **Tomahawke's Arrluk for Wolfhaven** A big strong bitch with bone and substance. Well lined and a powerful mover. I would make her a touch more elegant all the way around, but she had overall quality and shape that placed her first in this class.
- 2) **Castlemaine's For All the Days** A very stylish and typey brindle bitch. Beautiful head and front assembly. She was standing very steep through her croup on the day and was giving her handler a little grief on the move.
- 3) **Silver Thorne's Shamrock** A well proportioned light brindle bitch with plenty of leg underneath her. She was not using herself to her full potential on the move and is slightly flat lined through her back at this stage.

- 4) **Silver Thorne's Heartease** Another well proportioned light bitch – very similar to the bitch that placed ahead of her. Pretty face. This young girl may have given a touch more on the move, but upon a last look, I preferred the shoulder layback and rear strength of the girl that placed ahead of her.

15 to 18 Puppy Bitch

- 1) **O'Lugh's Jigger of Aerie** A solid brindle bitch of exceptional quality. Wonderful even temperament that gave her carriage and grace both stacked and moving. Deep bodied with lovely under and top lines. Tall with plenty of leg to offset her long strong back. Good angles fore and aft with nice low set hocks. She moved free and easy with a true come and go. Lovely, typical head and expression.
- 2) **July of Aerie** A pretty black bitch. Not overdone in any way, she has nice lines and is very good on her legs. Excellent black coat. Nice head, ear and expression.
- 3) **Sylverwolf Sage** Nice full bodied light brindle bitch. Very shapely with good bone and substance. Moved with enthusiasm and purpose. Would give her a better ear.
- 4) **Sylverwolf Ginger Snap** This bitch stands with a lot of leg beneath her. Very pretty head and ear. Nice crisp coat. A little straight through shoulder and could benefit from more rise over her loin. Strong mover.

Best in Sweeps

15-18 Puppy Bitch – **O'Lugh's Jigger of Aerie**

Best of Opposite Sex Sweeps

9-12 Puppy Dog – **Temair Let Freedom Ring of Eagle**