**The West of England Scottish Terrier Club**

**Autumn Open Show**

I was delighted to be asked by the committee of The West of England Scottish Terrier Club to judge their autumn open show on 23 September 2018, and I would like to thank them for their hospitality. I would also like to thank my efficient stewards for making sure that everything was as it should be.

Generally the standard in bitches was better than in dogs. I came across a few narrow fronts and protruding elbows and in some cases more care could have been taken with presentation. I know it isn’t easy with a coated breed, but it is worth the effort!

**Special Triers Dog or Bitch (1)**

1. Tahgmor Take Charge NAF (P Hill). A 9 month old black brindle dog with a good wide front, deep chest and spring of rib. Very nice eye, giving him a good expression and a satisfactory ear set. For me he is up to size for his age, and carrying a little more weight and excess coat than I would like. Unfortunately this cost him the award of best puppy dog as otherwise there is much to like about him.

**Minor Puppy Dog (1)**

1. Divadell Dr Feelgood (E Tyler). At 7 months of age this young boy was proving to be a handful on the move, but I was able to see enough to confirm sound movement. He has a balanced pleasing head with correct eye and dentition. His elbows are nicely tucked in and he has good straight front legs. He is slightly longer in back than I would like, but overall he did enough to take the award of best puppy dog. Also best puppy in show.

**Puppy Dog (1)**

1. Tahgmor Take Initiative NAF (P Hill). Litter brother to the winner of Special Trier Dog/Bitch. Unfortunately he does not have the same good front as his brother, but is well off for bone and low to ground. He has the correct eye shape and good dentition, but for me his head is a little coarse. He is carrying a little too much weight at the moment.

**Junior Dog (1)**

1. Tahgmor Take Charge NAF (P Hill). Repeat entry.

**Novice Dog (0)**

**Graduate Dog (0)**

**Limit Dog (2, 2 absent)**

**Open Dog (2)**

1. Benartybrae Macarena At Benbetham (E & C Meek). This boy has a well balanced head, set off by well placed ears. Good body proportions with nothing overstated. His top line appeared to rise towards the tail but this is not the case, merely excess coat at the root of the tail. Coat in good condition and well presented. Moved with purpose and was pleased to award him best dog and reserve best in show.
2. Sandbourne Ready Freddie Go (S Sykes). Pushed very hard for top spot, and I particularly liked his long clean head. He is nicely low to ground, and has a very good rear assembly. His front isn’t as good as the winner, and this was the deciding factor for me. He moved with purpose, and was an easy winner of reserve best dog.

**Veteran Dog (1, 1 absent)**

**Minor Puppy Bitch (1)**

1. Divadell River Song (V Norton). A 7 month old brindle girl with a lot of growing to do. Very well presented, but coat rather too short. Pleasing head and a well balanced body, but rather narrow in front. Best puppy bitch.

**Puppy Bitch (0)**

**Junior Bitch (0)**

**Novice Bitch (0)**

**Graduate Bitch (5. 1 absent)**

1. Divadell Izzy Whizzy (V Norton). A 2 year old black brindle bitch with lots to like. Well placed shoulder with a good run in to a level top line that she maintains on the move. Good front and rear angulation that moved her with purpose. Pleasing well balanced head.
2. Sandbourne In Your Dreams (S Sykes). Another young bitch with lots to like, but not quite the front assembly of the winner. She was presented in very good condition with a super harsh coat. Well balanced body properties, and perfect tail set. Another that moved very well.

**Limit Bitch (3, 3 absent)**

**Open Bitch (3)**

1. Miss Catastrophe Du Moulin De MacGregor (M Emmins). A beautiful 2 year old black bitch that I judged as a puppy, and how well she has come along. She has a lovely feminine head set off with well placed neat ears. She has a sound front, a level top line and very good rear angulation. She moves with drive and purpose. Presented in excellent coat and condition she was a worthy winner of best bitch and best in show. Well done.
2. Glengracie Galiene Shaolin (N Straw). Slightly larger than the winner, but in good proportion with a long balanced head. Presented in very good coat and condition and moved well. A worthy reserve best bitch.

**Veteran Bitch (2, 1 absent)**

1. Benartybrae Apache Tear (S Sykes). Another from this kennel that is well presented and in good harsh coat. She has a pleasing head with good dentition and a keen eye. Very low to ground and moved well. Delighted to award her best veteran in show.

Alan Goddard

Judge