

Midland Bedlington Terrier Club Open Show 27th February, 2016

I would like to thank the Midland Bedlington Terrier Club for the invitation to judge the show. Having shown and bred Bedlingtons for the past 32 years in Australia and judged for 22 years, it was a great thrill for me to judge them in their country of origin. My thanks to the exhibitors for allowing me the privilege of assessing their dogs and accepting my decisions in a sportsman like manner.

I was especially pleased with the presentation of exhibits, in particular with the colour and texture of coats, something which I feel is lacking in the breed back home.

However, I was disappointed in the overall quality of heads in the breed. For me, many exhibits lacked length and strength to the foreface resulting in too much cheekiness. Also, there were many that lacked the required fill under the eye.

PD (2,1) Ricketts's Doehey Zoom, 7mth old blue male, up to size, very good breed type. I liked the proportions on this young dog. He had length of back, good lay of shoulder and long neck, a deep chest, was well arched over his loin and low set tail. He possessed a strong head with correct dentition, dark eye and fine ears, would prefer slightly more fill under the eye. Moved with reach and drive, would prefer slightly shorter in hock. **Best Puppy in Show**

PGD (1) Mayers's Tcheria Causing Tchaos, well balanced 16mths blue male, dark eye, correct dentition, would prefer more length and strength to head and a little less cheekiness. I liked his length of back, strong hindquarters and excellent front. He was very well presented, possessed an excellent coat with very good texture and colour. Was rather unsettled and therefore didn't show to his advantage today.

LD (5,2) 1 Walters and Mitchell's Tunman Ta Dah, 15mths blue male, very good breed type, up to size. He had very good proportions of length of back to depth of brisket. I would prefer slightly cleaner head with less cheekiness, very well presented with good colour to his coat. A sound mover coming and going, correct mincing action, would prefer slightly more hindquarter angulation. **Reserve best dog**

2 Harris's Ratzwell D'Artagan, 3 year old blue male, smaller than 1st place dog and not quite as well proportioned. Well arched loin, tight feet, and well angulated hindquarters. I would prefer more depth of brisket and strength to his head, very well presented. Pushed hard for 1st place, preferred length of body on 1.

OD (2,1) Pedersen's Sharnor High Intensity, 32mths blue male of very good breed type, caught my eye as soon as he entered the ring. Well balanced, good proportions with length of back and depth of brisket. Would prefer more strength to his head and little less cheekiness. A well constructed, correct front, good length to

the neck, perfect topline, strong loin and correct tail set, correct hare foot. Lovely dark coat with good texture. Moved soundly, would prefer slightly more hindquarter drive. **Best dog** **Reserve Best in Show**

VD (1) Jones's Ch Pengerrig Iron Duke, 10 ½ year old blue male, very good breed type, would prefer more length and strength of foreface, more fill under the eye and little less cheekiness. He had the best lay of shoulders out of the males, good width and depth of chest, good length of back and a strong loin. Would prefer slightly lower tail set. Very good coat colour and with correct lilty texture. Very balanced, beautiful movement, his happy temperament indicating he still enjoys the show ring.

BD (1) Walters and Mitchell's Tunman Ta Dah

PB (2,2)

JB (4,1) 1 Mayers's Tcheria Tcheeky 14mths liver bitch of very good breed type, I really liked this bitch's overall balance, she had a good length of back to height ratio, good width and depth of chest. Her head was in proportion to her size, would prefer less cheekiness, had correct eye colour and shape, fine ear leathers, correct dentition. Good length of neck, correct width of chest and arch over a strong loin. Well angulated hindquarters and short hocks. Very good liver colour and correct lilty texture to her coat. Moved beautifully with a mincing gate, good reach and drive. Strongly considered for Reserve bitch.

2 Bannister's Miteymidgets Love in Bloom 15mths blue bitch, another of very good breed type, not as clean in head as 1st, lovely dark eye, good length of neck, good depth of brisket, slightly shorter in body than 1st. Well arched over the loin, narrower in front than 1st, could be stronger in front movement. Excellent coat with good texture and dark coloured jacket. Good hindquarter drive and very well presented.

PGB (4,1) 1 Bannister's Miteymidgets All My Love, 15mths blue bitch, excellent breed type, she caught my eye as soon as she entered the ring. Very well balanced bitch, loved her length of back to height ratio. Excellent length of neck into well laid shoulders, her high head carriage was the best on the day. She had an excellent front, being wider at chest than at feet and powerful driving hindquarters. A beautiful bitch on the move. She was well presented with great colour and correct lilty texture to her coat. This was the one for me that all the others had to beat. **Best Bitch** and **Best In Show**

2 Kinns's Kinnuva Siam Jewel, 32mths liver bitch, very good breed type. Not quite the balance of 1st, would prefer more strength to her head, correct shape and eye colour. Shown in good hard condition, good hindquarter angulation, very good coat texture, moved soundly coming and going, not quite the balanced movement of 1st.

LB (6,4) 1 Jones's Tcheria Tydfil of Pengerrig, 27mths blue bitch of correct size, another one with very good length of back, good depth of chest, long neck flowing into well laid shoulders, correct front and a strong arched loin. Would have preferred

more length and strength of foreface, she had fine ear leathers and a small dark eye. A lovely light mincing gait with good reach and drive.

2 Lawrie's Miteymidgits Endless Love, 4yr old blue bitch, slightly shorter in body than 1st, good depth of brisket and correct front. Not quite as clean in head as 1st place, strong loin, low tail set and tight feet. Moved soundly with reach and drive, beautifully presented dark blue coat, excellent texture.

OB (4,1) Bannister's Miteymidgits Going Global, 20mths blue bitch of correct size, well balanced with good length of back, good depth of brisket at elbows however would prefer more depth in ribbing towards loin, excellent front with good width of chest, lovely dark eye, fine velvety ears, slightly cleaner in head than 2nd, excellent coat texture and colour. Beautiful mover with correct mincing gait. **Reserve Best Bitch**

2 Ames's Sharnor Instnt Infatuation, 22mths blue bitch, pushed hard for 1st place, again of correct size, slightly shorter in back than 1, another with excellent front, well laid shoulders and strong loin, great coat colour and texture, good movement, was sound coming and going, would prefer slightly more hindquarter drive. Didn't seem quite relaxed today which seemed to shorten her appearance. Would prefer more strength of foreface and, slightly more depth of brisket.

VB(1) Bannister's Ch Miteymidgits Hawkercove, 7yr old blue bitch. very good breed type, well balanced with good length of back and depth of chest, again, would prefer more depth of ribbing towards loin, would like more length and strength of foreface and less cheekiness. Moved very soundly coming and going. Beautiful dark coat of correct texture.

BB (3,2) Kinns's Kinnuva Siam Jewel

SNBB (4,0) 1 Bannister's Ch Miteymidgits Look Of Love, 4yr old blue bitch, another one I strongly considered for Reserve bitch, very well balanced with pleasing length of back and deep brisket to elbows, good topline with correct arch over loin and low tail set, would prefer more length and strength of foreface, lovely dark eye, good length of neck, well laid shoulders. Would prefer more depth of ribbing towards loin area. Moved soundly, could have more hindquarter angulation and stronger drive from hinds. Perfect coat colour and texture.

2 Lawrie's Miteymidgits Endless Love

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