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I would like to sincerely thank the Beagle Club of NSW for inviting me to judge this special show and also the exhibitors who turned out in such numbers with their hounds. I was grateful for the sporting way in which my decisions were accepted and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Living next door to Dialynne as I do, I am used to looking at good heads with lovely expressions day in, day out and I have to say that I did not always find the heads and expressions that I was looking for at your show. Sometimes when they did come along, the dogs didn't match up in other areas. In those cases I decided to go for function and so some sound movers went up over more correct heads.

Having said that, I was pleased with the overall quality of your hounds. I managed to find dogs of quality in every class, and even had to leave quality ones out in some cases.

Thank you again for a truly memorable day.

BARRY DAY.

BABY PUPPY DOG

1. Cumia Calico Jack : A Nicely balanced open-marked tri with a pleasing head, good expression and correct leathers. Nicely rounded bone, good topline and set on, nicely angulated rear, with neat hocks. He moved with He moved freely with reach and drive. Not showing himself to best advantage but I was able to forgive that at this age. *Best Opposite Sex Baby in Show.*

2. Sunfair Brutus Junius : A compact baby with an acceptable head and expression, good leathers. Nicely rounded bone with a pleasing fore chest, good body depth, topline, good angulation and neat hocks. Another that moved well and little to choose between 1 & 2 but I just preferred the head of my winner.

3. Brialey Fig Jam : A T/W baby, more mature than those above him. Acceptable head, pleasing fore chest, good bone, topline and set on. I would have preferred a shorter coupling, tighter feet and a little more bend of stifle. Moved OK behind but pinned a little in front.

4. Brevari Free Spirit : Blanketed Tri presented in good condition and making a lovely outline and whilst his head was acceptable, the hint of a frown prevented me from placing him higher. Good for body, fore chest, topline and quarters. Acceptable angulation and hocks. He moved OK behind but needs to tighten in front.

MINOR PUPPY DOG

1. Vagabond Le Chevalier : A compact Tri with a pleasing head and expression, good leathers and pleasing fore chest. Nicely off for bone, good, deep, well coupled body with pleasing quarters. Needs to firm up in topline. Ok for angulation, he moved nicely behind but just needs to tighten a shade in front. A quality hound, *Best Opposite Minor Puppy in Show*

2. Hebridean Tinder Box : Blanketed Tri and a longer, heavier hound with a strong masculine head. Good body and bone. Turned a front foot out a little, OK for angulation. Lost his topline on the move, where his markings do not help. He was a little close behind and needs to tighten in front.

3. Caermyrddin All Fired Up : Another blanketed Tri with an acceptable head, good bone and nice body, although I would have preferred him a little shorter in loin. Needs to firm up a shade in pastern. Pleasing rear angulation but a little weak in hock. A nice puppy that matched up with the winner better than 2 but he did not want to show himself today, when he was very unsettled on the move and refused to lift his stern and therefore not presenting as a merry hound.

PUPPY DOG

1. Orobay Graceful Triumph : Quality lemon with a good masculine head and a pleasing eye, Good, deep, well coupled body with pleasing fore chest. Good bone, topline, bend of stifle and neat hocks. He move well behind but was a shade unsettled in front however, in profile he moved freely with reach and drive and making a very typey outline. *Best Puppy In Show*

2. Burbay Buzz : A Tri making a lovely typey, compact outline. Good head with a particularly good Beagle expression. Good for bone and with a good deep body, pleasing topline and quarters but I would have preferred a shade more bend of stifle. He moved well behind but needs to tighten a little in front. A quality puppy that was not quite moving with the reach and drive of 1.

3. Caermyrddin Fyrestorm : Another quality baby that made a typey outline. Pleasing head but not quite the expression of those above him. Nicely rounded bone, good fore chest, good deep body but needs to firm up in topline. Good rear angulation, neat hocks. Not moving quite as well as those above him.

4. Orobay Graceful Gambler : Apologies that my critique for this one is not on the tape. Operator error, I guess.

JUNIOR DOG

1. Clarion Clipper Ship : Clear winner here, a blanketed Tri with the best head and eye in this class by a margin. Good for body although I would have preferred him with just a shade more bone, pleasing topline and angulation. He moved OK. *Best Opposite Junior In Show.*

2. Brialey Lil Bit Ov It : Not the head or eye of 1 but never the less making a good, compact, typey outline. Good deep body, although I would have preferred a firmer topline and shorter loin. He turned a front foot out slightly. With pleasing rear angulation and neat hocks, he moved OK.

3. Sunfair Ace Is Trumps : Longer cast and not the head of those above and a little light in eye. Good deep body, acceptable fore chest. I would have preferred a little more bend of stifle. Neat hocks. Moved OK but lost his topline, rising at the rear.

4. Nangunyah Moulin Rouge : Tan & white than is heavier all through and a little sluggish on the move. Strong, masculine head with an acceptable eye. OK for feet and bone, although a little heavy over his shoulders. Pleasing topline, quarters and angulation.

INTERMEDIATE DOG

This was the first class in which I found the expression I was looking for in any sort of numbers and my first four all pleased in that area.

1. Ch Tamballa Terrian : A nicely balanced hound with an appealing head, a good eye and correct leathers. Good for bone and fore chest, he has good feet, a good deep body, correct topline and good set on. With well developed quarters, good angulation and neat hocks, he moved true coming and going and looked a picture on the move in profile. *Best Opposite Sex Intermediate In Show.*

2. Ch Orobay Backstreets Back : Another quality hound with an appealing head and eye. Lovely flow of neck into his topline. Good for body, quarters and angulation, with neat hocks. Another that looked a picture on the move in profile once he settled. Not quite as compact as the winner and not moving as well as him in front today.

3. Ceugant Cadman : A Typey hound with a masculine head and good eye. Pleasing body, with good topline and angulation and neat hocks. I would have preferred him a shade more compact and a little stronger in pastern.

4. Beagelee Capone (IID USA) : This one made a really impressive and balanced outline. He pleased in head and eye. Good bone, lovely tight feet, Good, deep body, good topline, I would have preferred a better bend of stifle but he has neat hocks. He moved OK but really didn't do much to help his handler today.

AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG.

1. Ch Braylodge St Nicholas : I see that this one is Royally bred and was certainly the star of the show for me today. A beautifully balanced T/W hound with a good head and expression. Correctly angulated front with a good for chest, nicely rounded bone and good tight feet. Well coupled body of pleasing depth, good rear angulation, pleasing quarters and neat hocks. He moved soundly and I was pleased to award him the *Dog Challenge, Best Australian Bred in Show and Best in Show.*

2. Sligrachan Ionas Selkirk : A nicely balanced, typey Tri with a masculine head, acceptable eye, good deep body, with a pleasing forechest. He moved nicely when settled but did not quite have the topline or rear angulation of 1.

3. Ch Tamballa Total Image : A typey, compact hound with a pleasing head, although I would have preferred him a little darker in eye. Lovely fore chest, with a good body depth. Correct topline, good rear angulation and neat hocks, he moved well behind but was a little loose in front. A quality dog that I would have liked just a shade more on the leg to balance the outline. He looked his best on the move in profile.

4. Ch Brialey Itn A Bit : A little stronger in head than ideal but he had a good eye and pleasing expression. Not quite the body depth or forechest of those above him. Good topline but I would have preferred a little more bend of stifle and neater feet. He moved OK.

OPEN DOG.

1. Ch Sligrachan Humdinger : A beautifully balanced, sound, free moving hound. I would have preferred him a fraction stronger in muzzle and a little less full in eye. I loved the flow of his neckline into his topline and from his lovely body into his quarters and through into neat hocks and good tight feet. He held his shape well on the move and looked a picture from any angle. I was pleased to award him the *Reserve Challenge & Best Open in Show.*

2. Ch Cumia Yu Zu : A quality dog and very little to choose between these two. I would have preferred a fraction more stop, but apart from that I liked his head and expression. Lovely compact, well coupled body with a good fore chest and nicely rounded bone. I would have preferred him a little stronger in pastern. Good topline, rear angulation and neat hocks and another that looked his best on the move in profile.

3. Grd Ch Jansline Woodstock : Pleasing head and expression. Good body with nicely rounded bone. I would also have Preferred this one slightly stronger in pastern, good deep body, correct topline, nicely muscled quarters, neat hocks. A quality hound that I liked very much but was not moving as well as those above him today.

4. Ch Orobay Optical Precision : A T/W dog that is slightly longer caste than those above him. I liked his head an expression, good leathers, pleased for body, bone, angulation and neat hocks. Good for topline, he looked an absolute picture on the move in profile.

BABY PUPPY BITCH.

1. Brevari Cassata : A beautifully balanced blanketed Tri baby. Pretty head with a pleasing expression. Good for body, pleasing bone, good topline, angulation and feet. She moved well behind and OK in front. Looked lovely on the move in profile. *Best Baby Puppy in Show.*

2. Orobay Precious Pearl : A real baby T/W, nicely balanced with a pretty head and nice eye, Good for body and bone, pleasing fore chest, good topline and angulation and with neat hocks she moved nicely.

3. Brevari Hot Chocolate : Blanketed Tri and another that made a balanced, typey outline. Not quite the head of those above her, OK in eye. Good body depth and angulation and neat in hock. She moved OK behind but needs to tighten in front.

4. Cumia Quinella : Yet another beautifully balanced, compact baby. Perhaps a little plain in head, OK in eye. Good deep body with a pleasing fore chest, good topline and quarters. I would have preferred a little more bend of stifle, OK with her hocks. She didn't move quite as well as those above her.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH

1. Casalbeau Casca Mercedes : A quality puppy that was nicely balanced all through. She particularly pleased for her leg to body proportions. I liked her head and expression. Good leathers. Good, compact body, correct topline, nicely developed quarters, neat in hock and good feet. If I was being ultra picky, I would have preferred a fraction better bend of stifle, she moved well behind and OK in front. Looked a picture on the move in profile and I was pleased to award her *Best Minor Puppy in Show.*

2. Dandangadale That's That : Another eye catching, compact puppy of a similar pattern. Pleasing head and expression, good body with a pleasing fore chest and good for bone. Correct topline, good quarters. OK bend of stifle, good feet. I would have preferred her a fraction more on the leg to complete the overall picture and she was not moving quite as well as the winner today.

3. Kijuna Huntress : A T/W puppy that looked a picture standing. I liked her head and eye, good body depth, pleasing fore chest, OK for bone, good topline, pleasing quarters, a good bend of stifle and neat hocks. When moving, she looked her best in profile, not going quite as well as those above her coming and going.

4. Vagabond La Juillet : Not quite the head of those above her but OK in eye, good deep, compact body. Pleasing leg to body proportions. Good topline, quarters and angulation, with neat hocks. She is a beautifully balanced hound but not moving quite as well as those above her today.

PUPPY BITCH

1. Caermyriddin Fyrelite : A nicely balanced puppy with a good head and expression and correct leathers. Good body with, nicely rounded bone, a pleasing fore chest, neckline and topline. Good bend of stifle and neat hocks. She looked her best on the move in profile. *Best Opposite Sex Puppy in Show*

2. Brevari After Midnight : Not quite the head or movement of 1 but I liked her body and bone, quarters and hocks. I would have preferred a shade more bend of stifle and she needs to firm up a little in topline.

3. Mingus Wild Flower : A Stylish Hound that was doing little to help her handler today. Pretty head and good leathers, Ok for body depth but I would have preferred a shorter loin. Good for topline but I would have preferred a little more bend of stifle. Moved OK in front but not so good behind. Another that looked her best on the move in profile.

4. Orobay Graceful Encore : A Pretty puppy with a pleasing expression, good for body, and quarters. Very neat hocks but could be a shade stronger in pastern. Needs to firm up in topline and not the head or movement of those in front of her.

JUNIOR BITCH

- 1. Orobay Graceful Melody :** A beautifully balanced, compact T/W youngster that I like a lot. A pretty head, nice eye and good leathers. Good pigmentation, good deep body with a pleasing fore chest, correct topline, good quarters bend of stifle and with neat hocks, she moved well. *Best Junior in Show.*
- 2. Sligrachan Kirkintilloch :** An ultra sound moving blanketed Tri. Not quite the head or eye of the winner but she has a lovely deep body, super fore chest, nicely rounded bone, good quarters and angulation, with neat hocks. She made a superbly typical outline standing and held her shape well on the move.
- 3. Baldev Starlet :** Another blanketed Tri making a typical outline and probably better matching the winner than 2 however, her movement let her down badly today. Good in head and eye, lovely body and bone. Could stand with her front left foot turning out when not corrected but she was good for topline and angulation. Very much my type of Beagle, pity about the movement.
- 4. Ch Brialey Lil Bit Of Fame :** A typey youngster, making a nicely balanced outline. Pretty head with a nice eye, good compact body, nicely rounded bone. Good topline, and OK for rear angulation. Another that I liked but was let down by her movement on the day.

INTERMEDIATE BITCH

- 1. Ch Jonesh Cool Water :** A nicely balanced, compact bitch with a good head and expression. Good deep body, nicely rounded bone correct topline, pleasing angulation, neat hocks and good tight feet. She moved soundly. *Best Opposite Sex Intermediate in Show.*
- 2. Nangunyah Pink Floyd :** A close decision between these two with this one not quite making the outline of the winner. Pretty head with a good eye, good for body and bone, good topline, bend of stifle and neat hocks. Moved OK but not quite as well as 1.
- 3. Dandangadale Phoenix :** A sound moving T/W bitch with not quite the head and expression of those above her. Good bone and body depth, although I would have preferred her a shade shorter in loin. Nicely developed quarters, good bend of stifle and neat hocks.
- 4. Jancintine Brevahry Styl :** A Typey, compact bitch with a good head, pleasing bone and a correct topline. Good quarters, I would have liked just a little more bend of stifle, OK in hock. Moved OK.

AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH

- 1. Nangunyah Bewitched :** A real eye catching hound, moving beautifully in profile. with a pleasing head and eye, good for body, angulation and neat hocks. Moved in harmony with her handler. *Best Opposite Sex Australian Bred In Show.*
- 2. Clarion Queens Courtesy :** A compact, nicely balanced, sound moving hound with not quite the head of the winner. Good for body, bone and fore chest Good topline, set on and stern. Good bend of stifle and neat hocks. I would have preferred her just a shade stronger in pastern
- 3. Ch Jansline Ballroom Blitz :** This one looked an absolute picture on the move in profile as she effortlessly powered round the ring. OK in head and perhaps a little full in eye. Lovely flow of neck into her topline, which could have been firmer. Nice bend of stifle and neat hocks. She moved soundly but I would have preferred her in harder condition.
- 4. Ch Casalbeau Clarendon :** A quality hound with an acceptable head and a good dark eye, nicely balanced with a good deep body, good topline, could perhaps do with just a shade more bend of stifle. Neat hocks, I would have preferred tighter feet. She moved soundly when settled.

OPEN BITCH

- 1. Ch Sligrachan Highland Mary :** A beautifully balanced bitch whose markings do her head no favours, Lovely deep, well coupled body, nicely rounded bone. Good topline, well developed quarters, rear angulation and neat hocks. Presented in condition and moving soundly when viewed from every angle. Bitch Challenge and just edged out by her stable mate for *Runner up Best in Show. Best Opposite Sex Open In Show.*
- 2. Ch Dandangadale Top Notch :** A quality T/W bitch with a pretty head and a nice eye, good leathers. Good compact body with pleasing fore chest. Good topline and well muscled quarters, not quite the bend of stifle of the winner, she moved behind and was lovely in profile but I found her just a shade loose coming towards me. Reserve Challenge Bitch.
- 3. Ch Casalbeau Chandonmoet :** A nicely proportioned open marked Tri. Perhaps a shade strong in head for a girl but good in eye and with a good deep body, although I would have preferred her a shade shorter coupled, good for bone. Good topline, well developed quarters, I would have preferred a shade more bend of stifle. Neat hocks and good feet.
- 4. Ch Orobay Optical Magic :** A sound moving lemon, a shade longer caste than those above her. Feminine head, with a good eye colour. Well constructed forehand, good body depth with nicely rounded bone, well developed quarters, angulation and hocks.