

## Critique for The Anglian Boxer Club Open Show, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Thank you to the committee for inviting me to judge their open show, and to my steward whose super-efficiency helped me to judge most of the entries before the heavens opened. I also want to thank the exhibitors for giving me the pleasure of judging such a quality entry.

**DOGS:** Minor Puppy (1) 1. Thorlbycoy's Checkout Ash at Bushbay, 6-month-old red boy, square in outline, good depth of brisket for one so young, dark eye, wide nostrils and good muzzle to skull ratio. Puppy (2,1ab) 1. Crooks' Flyingfox Red Hot for Uftonponds, r/w of 11 months, clean cut with tight coat and good muscle tone. Good height of foreleg giving nice angulation from shoulders to tail set, clean neck and head, complimented by a good mouth and depth of muzzle. Covered the ground well on the move. BPIS and Reserve Best Dog. 2. Beardsell, Van-Beck & Fielding's Newlaithe Suited N'booted with Lefergo, br/w of 11 months, not as mature as 1 but is nonetheless a quality puppy, pushed hard for the class, lovely reach of neck, super topline and clean balanced head. Junior (6,1ab) 1. Huckerby & Dowell's Lottalove for Norwilbeck Bellchime, an impressive r/w dog of 15 months who caught my eye upon entering the ring, well-balanced throughout combining substance with elegance, he presents a lovely square outline, with arched neck, correct angulation front and rear, tight feet, evident chest, solid topline, strong quarters and bang on tailset. He has a lovely clean head with well-padded muzzle, dark expressive eyes and superb expression, fabulous mouth, wide and square, moved with purpose around the ring. Best Dog and Best in Show. 2. Beardsell, Van-Beck and Taylor's Newlaithe Quintillion, smart, compact and square boy with a lovely head and good mouth, nice reach of neck and short back, moved well. 3. Farvalley Dark Warrior. Novice (1,1ab) 1. Humphries' Chirbanna Baccarini, nicely presented young r/w fawn male in super condition, he has a super outline set off by a crested neck, nice head with appealing expression and good mouth. He possesses good bone and the hammiest of quarters, has an excellent tailset and moved with drive. A real showman, he was always on his toes and was in the running for top honours. Handled well.

Graduate (1) 1. Littlewood & Bowler's Olleyville James Dean at Whirlbox, dark br/w male, smart boy with dark eye, good mouth and well-padded muzzle, good forechest, depth of brisket and nice tuck up, short back with strong rear angulation. Went well for his handler.

Post Graduate (2) 1. Louis' Rameleon Nights in Harlem, br/w of 4 years. Lovely head, which is clean and well-balanced, expressive eye, good lip placement and very good bite. Tight feet, good front and height of foreleg, firm topline, moved steadily. 2. Mullis' Idleforde Cracker Jack, powerful br/w boy with crested strong neck flowing into well-defined withers, good angulation front and rear. Good stop and rise of skull. Limit (3) 1. Littlewood & Bowler's Olleyville Stanley Man at Whirlbox, dark br/w in good hard condition, one I have judged before but now at three years of age he has matured and filled out his large frame very nicely. Presents a very nice outline, with good height of foreleg, depth of brisket and well laid shoulders, good rear angulation and tailset. He has a really appealing head that has good depth of muzzle and correct lip placement, dark eyes and excellent stop, showed really well in the class but lost his spark in the line-up. 2. Beardsell & Van-Beck's Newlaithe Diddle On ShCM, br/w with clean skull and lovely square outline, cat-like feet, nicely arched neck flowing to a short back, good tailset and strong quarters. Moved well. 3. Peck's Manic Keep It Real for Enesha, felt the heat today as the weather warmed up during this class but even so many of his virtues could not be ignored. Open (1,2ab) 1. Murfin & Renshaw-Turner's Farvalley Dark Knight, compact br/w that presents a nice square outline in profile. Nice head properties with good depth and width of muzzle, appealing expression, nice front and good quarters with strong hocks and second thigh. Veteran Dog or Bitch (2) Two very nice Boxers in this class. 1. Beardsell & Van-Beck's Newlaithe On Design JW, stunning br/w girl that hasn't lost any of her virtues. Fabulous outline with super reach of neck, layback of shoulder and the shortest of backs. Best Veteran in Show. 2. Murfin's Farvalley Sirocco's Gift ShCM, another super girl who belies her age, r/w of nearly 9 years of age, appealing feminine head, longer in loin than 1 but presents a very nice outline with good angles at both ends. Well handled.

**BITCHES:** Minor Puppy (3) 1. Fay-Smith's Lorrosa Oops I Did it Again, dark br/w of 6 months, shown in lovely condition she has clean flowing lines, straight front, good rear angulation, elegant neck, dark eye and nice expression, moved out steadily. 2. Fay-Smith's Having The Life of Riley with Lorrosa, very pretty girl, smaller cast than 1 but presents a nice square outline, feminine head with a good stop and rise of skull. 3. Welch's Newlaithe On The Diddle. Puppy (1,1ab) 1. Crooks' Flyinghigh for Uftonponds, 11-month-old br/w girl, clean outline, nice height of foreleg and deep brisket, good reach of neck down to well laid shoulders. Long coupled with nice tuck-up, feminine head, dark expressive eyes and pretty expression. Best Puppy Bitch. Junior (2,1ab) 1. Beardsell & Van-Beck's Newlaithe Pureoco, compact and smart br/w of 14 months, lovely square outline, clean neck and correct shoulders, good spring of rib, strong back and short coupling. Nicely proportioned head with padded muzzle and appealing expression. Her strong well angulated quarters did their job as she covered the ground with purpose. 2. Murfin & Renshaw-Turner's Farvalley Picture Perfect, br/w of 14 months, well balanced throughout, square head, good stop and rise of skull, straight front, firm topline and strong quarters. Moved and showed well for her handler. Yearling (3,1ab) 1. Beardsell & Van-Beck's Newlaithe Pureoco, please see comments from the Junior class. 2. Idleforde Chilli Morning, good head with a lovely depth of muzzle and nice rise of skull, well-proportioned throughout, with a short back and good topline, good turn of stifle. 3. Law's Walkon Upper Class. Novice (1,2ab) 1. Law's Walkon Upper Class, br/w who has a nice straight front and cat-like feet, sweet expression and good lip placement, good layback of shoulder and ample tuck up. Showed well for her handler. Graduate (3,1ab) 1. Humphries' Chirbanna Amethyst Shower, br/w of 2 years who has lovely bone, appealing head with wide muzzle, good stop and rise of skull. Good reach of neck, nice spring of rib, strong quarters, short hocks and correct tail set. Moved soundly. 2. Flintoft & Wooliss' Boxania Midnight Spice, dark br/w shown in lovely condition, she didn't give her handler the easiest of times but there is a lot to like about her. She has a lovely feminine head with dark expressive eyes, good front and rear angulation, moved well. 3. Fay-Smith & Sommerville's Lorrosa Head Full of Dreams. Post Graduate (2,2ab) 1. Fay-Smith's Lorrosa Scouts Honour, classy mid br/w in top form. She has a pretty head, clean and well-proportioned with expressive eye and melting expression, crisp outline with clean neck, excellent height of foreleg, sloping topline down to well angulated quarters and bang on tailset. Moved well. Reserve Best Bitch. 2. Huckerby & Dowell's Norwilbeck Bellchime By Chance, superbly presented br/w, shorter coupled than 1 she presents a lovely square profile, good reach of neck flowing down to well-laid withers, correct tailset and strong quarters. Very well-balanced head with good rise of skull, correct mouth and lip placement, dark mask and nice depth of muzzle. Limit (4,1ab) 1. Crooks' Uftonponds Making Waves JW, dark br/w who presents a lovely outline when posed, good reach of neck and straight front, her topline slopes down to a lovely tailset with very good angulation both ends, large expressive eyes, good mouth and well-padded muzzle. 2. Beardsell & Van-Beck's Newlaithe Wandara, very smart dark br/w, appealing feminine head, clean neck, correct chest and front, short back, good turn of stifle, strong quarters and moved well. 3. Spencer's Ashronsha Wildest Dreams. Open (3,1ab) 1. Wilson's Thorpaige Kiss Chase JW Sh. CM, this br/w girl brims with quality, beautiful clean head that has a good rise of skull, excellent mouth and melting dark eyes and expression. Her square outline is set off by her clean crested neck, flowing from her withers is a strong short back to a correct tailset, sound front and good spring of rib, good front and rear angulation. Showed very well to win Best Bitch and Reserve Best in Show. 2. Spencer's Ashronsha Sweet Dreams, compact br/w shown in hard condition, head of good proportions with clean cheeks, appealing eye and well-padded muzzle, good height of foreleg and cat-like feet, short back and good tailset. 3. Fay-Smith's Lorrosa Lusty Pleasure.

James Whitfield (Farfield) Judge