

Otterhound Club
2nd April 2017

I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge. As always, a happy, welcoming atmosphere.

Temperaments were good, but, on the downside, mouths were very poor, Otterhounds need a good strong jaw with big, teeth; small stumpy teeth and incorrect bites were the majority. Fronts have got rather narrow, with very little forechest which carries through into a lack of depth of chest and fill through the elbow.

Special Open Working (2, 1ab)

1st Griffith's PCOH Quebec, balanced dog all round, with strong backend, harsh coat, and covered the ground as he moved.

Veteran (3,1ab) super class.

1st Jones & Dryden's Ch Teckelgarth Charity, top quality 8 year old bitch of excellent type. Presents a very balanced outline combining femininity with substance. Correct feminine head, perfect mouth, well set leathers of good length, although could have more drape. Strong neck into well laid shoulders, good bone and feet. Excellent depth of chest, and spring of rib, correct rear angulation, lets down really well in hock. On the move her excellent muscle tone showed in her very sound movement, carrying her stern well. Presented in excellent coat. **Best Bitch** and later **Best in show**.

2nd Ganna's Ch Ir Ch Keepcott Cherish, 11 year old who is a credit to her owner, in excellent condition, and out moved many of the youngsters. Another top quality bitch, with a feminine head of correct proportions, ideal construction all through, and covered with a correct coat. Loved her, and was sorry not to have two firsts in this class, just preferred the extra substance of 1.

Puppy (1)

1st Lerego's Teckelgarth Virtue. 10 month bitch of excellent type. Well grown youngster who stands on excellent legs and feet. Correct mouth, good neck into good shoulders, body developing well, straight backed, and well set stern. Moved soundly carrying her stern correctly. Very promising youngster who i am sure will have a great future. **BPIS**

Junior Dog or Bitch (1)

Ruston's Keepcott Invincible, hound of good size, Masculine head, with good leathers, body developing, needs to drop into his backend a little more to balance him up, and give him more power on the move.

Post Graduate Dog (3,1ab)

1st Ganna's PCOH Ernest at Keepcott. Masculine headed hound, decent body, very short coupled, balanced angulation gives him sound movement but a little more angulation and scope would give him more ground covering ability.

2nd Ashworth & McConville Ottaryx Cortyon Kingstree. Pleasing headed hound with good leathers, Decent front, and body developing but still needs to fill. Very well handled and in good coat. Just needs to settle in backend to push for higher placings.

Limit Dog (4,1ab)

1st Finch Ottaryx Marshall. Good head and mouth, correct length leathers, good mouth, well laid shoulders, strong backend.

2nd McConville's Ottaryx Ouzel, Lovely type, preferred his head, and has more substance than 1, but not the mouth and didn't move quite so positively.

3rd Gough & Rickett's Ottaryx Magnum

Open Dog (5, 1ab) excellent class, the first 3 all excellent examples of the breed..

1st Bunker's Ch Teckelgarth Mercury. Not an attractive hound but is so correct to go over. Very good outline, masculine head, with good length of leather, correct mouth. Straight, strong front. Good for body and rear angulation. On the move comes into his own, could have watched him move all day- effortless, foot perfect gait, carrying his stern correctly. **Best Dog and RBIS**

2nd McConville's Ch Ottaryx Moreton, a more attractive hound, loved his type, majestic head, good leathers, well developed body, correct angulation both ends, excellent coat, just preferred the slightly more positive rear movement of 1. RBD

3rd Clark & Eagles Kingstree Vanguard

Post Graduate Bitch (4, 1ab)

1st Griffith's PCOH Gloria, balanced overall shape, and good enough for size, good bone and feet, moved ok

2nd Lewis Phaedra, decent overall shape, decent body, moved ok, but lacks size.

3rd Brotchie's Keepcott Heather.

Open Bitch (3)

1st Lerego & Scott's Teckelgarth Mabel, I see is litter sister to the best dog. Feminine head, with good leathers, bite and dark eye. Well made throughout with correct shoulders, body and short coupled. Good backend which showed in her movement. **RBB**

2nd McConville's Ottaryx Mulberry, another excellent bitch, with attractive head, good bone, depth and spring of rib, short coupled, correct bend of stifle. Moved well but not quite as positive as 1 behind.

3rd Brotchie's Keepcott Heather.

Simon Pitts (Judge)