

Critique for South of England Airedale Terrier Club Championship Show December 6th 2015

It was an honour and great pleasure to judge the Airedale Terrier Championship Show for The South of England Airedale Terrier Club on December 6th 2015. The excellent entry of 62 (22 males and 31 females) with 53 exhibits provided an excellent opportunity to assess the breed in the UK. And my assessment is a very positive one. The club provided excellent organization, great stewarding, perfect indoor venue and a delightful lunch. I am particularly appreciative of the accommodation provided in beautiful Guildford. In the last two years I have unfortunately sighted too many "spitzzy" tails on Airedales in a number of countries and been concerned for the loss of breed type. Fortunately, I saw sufficient good tails on well set good specimens to be encouraged that in the home of The Airedale Terrier, breeders are selecting away from the Spitz for naturally straight or slightly curled tails that maintain the balance and breed type. It can be done. It is being done. There is no reason to change our breed just because we can no longer dock. In the days of docking we rejected severely curled tails and we still should. Congratulations to the many who appeared here today with correct tails. The best dog and best bitch today, as well as a few others, were of the standard one hopes to see when judging. Congratulations for all for sportsmanship and the wonderful sense of comradeship and good will that abounded at the show (and since).

SPECIAL ASPIRANT DOG OR BITCH. (4 entries)

- 1ST Titchmarsh's **Jokyl Red Dress**: Compact with impressive long head with strong foreface and clean cheeks. Good eyes, ears and mouth. Lighter coat with ample hair. Correct angulation. Well set but curly tail.
- 2nd Holliman's **Hazenaide Carry On Columbus**: Good coat and colour, heavy skull but good foreface, correct shoulders but weak in topline. Close behind.

MINOR PUPPY DOG. (2 entries)

- 1st Jackson and Swash's **Jokyl The General**: Good size, lovely head, well placed shoulders and tail, great hind end and very good mover. Slight roach to topline today.
- 2nd Gregg's **Bambusa Noble Dynasty**: Good balance and well angulated. Close mover behind. Well up to size, leggy and rather too strong in head. Correct tail carriage and OK set on.

PUPPY DOG (3 entries)

- 1st Ablard's **Katherine's Land VIP Lover**: Excellent balance and good size. Correct in head, ears and eyes. Lovely neck, well angulated shoulders and firm compact feet. Correct coat. Tail placement OK and of good carriage.
- 2nd Oates' **Stabuks Mr Bojangles**: Up to size and longer in back. Heavy in head. Good coat, correct mouth and very good angles in shoulder and hindquarter.

JUNIOR DOG. (3 entries)

- 1st Toulson's **Toulsyork King Lincoln**: Correct size, compact, sound and well balanced. Strong level topline. Sound mover, good coat and correct tail. Head planes neither parallel nor flat. Early maturer.
- 2nd Jackson and Swash's **Jokyl Truly Noble**: Amazing head, so good to see. Good balance and well angulated. Happy temperament. Lovely neck and shoulder. Very elegant. Somewhat tied at elbow, but with good hind movement. Profile movement just OK. Very nice tail set and carriage. Hopefully will mature into a very lovely Airedale.

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NOVICE DOG. (1 entry)

1st Holliman's Hazenaide **Carry On Columbus**: See above.

POST GRADUATE DOG. (5 entries)

1st Morris' **Nedella Black Opel**: Very well balanced and sound mover.
Head too heavy, but cheeks clean and flat. Correct eyes, ears and mouth. Good compact feet.
Well set tail but very curled.

2nd Collins' **Colldale Son Of Adventurer**: Very good balance to head but
large hound ears. Correct neck, topline and tail set. Good coat. Crabbed badly when moving
despite being well angulated

LIMIT DOG. (4 entries)

1st Lee's **Basidale Baroque King Of Stargus**: Sound, strong and alert. Rather strong in
head but in balance with this up to size dog. Great neck and shoulder, level topline with well-
placed tail. Excellent hindquarters.

2nd Atkinson's **Jokyl Party Popper**: Lovely head. Strong foreface, clean
cheeks and level planes. Correct eyes, ears and mouth. Good topline and tail placement.
Lacking in neck and shoulder. Correctly turned hindquarter.

OPEN DOG. (6 entries)

1st Gregg's **CH/IR/INT CH Bambusa Most Noble**: Useful size and wonderful balance.
Delightful neck, topline and tail set. Strong legs and feet, well angulated and good mover. Very
long strong head in correct proportions with good eyes, ears and mouth. Pure show
temperament and exhibiting quality. Harsh grizzle coat. Eventually my choice for Dog CC and
Best in Show.

2nd Averis and Barker's **INT Ch Saredon From A Jack To A King**: Wonderful balance
but grooming quite severe and distorting the dog somewhat (particularly the head) Correct
head with level planes and clean cheeks. Correct neck, topline and tail placement. Good coat
and sound mover. Not strong in temperament but could put it together well when required.

VETERAN DOG OR BITCH. (2 entries)

1st Jackson and Swash's **CH Jokyl Star Flash**: Lovely make and
shape. Correct head, neck, topline. Well balanced. Lazy with tail.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH. (4 entries)

1st Johnstone's **Jecadie Gosh That's Spicy**: Good size and balance. Lovely
profile mover with striking reach and drive. Very good coat. Correct eyes, ears and mouth.

2nd Gregg's **Bambusa Fashion Model**: Small but just six months old .Head
should be finer but does have flat skull and clean cheeks. Has a strong foreface. Great
shoulders, neck, topline and tail. Sound and balanced.

PUPPY BITCH.

1st no entries

JUNIOR BITCH. (4 entries)

1st Turner's **Jokyl Star Struck**: Good type, well balanced. Sound and with
good temperament. Great head planes. Correct coat. Good angles both ends. Strong compact
feet. Correct tail and tail set.

2nd Brown's **Jokyl Noble Princess**: Very well balanced. Excellent in
neck, shoulders, topline and hindquarters. Good tail but set low. Level head planes but a bit
cheeky.

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NOVICE BITCH. (3 entries)

1st Jackson and Swash's **Jokyl Her Ladyship**: Great balance, size and substance. Lovely head with good planes, clean cheeks and desirable length. Good legs and feet. Level topline with correct tail. Very good coat.

2nd Day's **Vivavick Viva Voce**: Correct ears, eyes, mouth and coat. Too long in body with curly tail. Weak in pastern and feet. Correctly angulated shoulders and hind quarters.

POST GRADUATE BITCH. (8 entries)

1st Titchmarsh's **Jokyl Red Dress**: Compact with impressive long head with strong foreface and clean cheeks. Good eyes, ears and mouth. Lighter coat with ample hair. Correct angulation. Well set but curly tail.

2nd Eastall's **Brisline's Born In The USA For Daedel**: Very similar to the class winner in many ways but lacking the head. Rather down faced. However, very good expression, good ears, eyes and mouth. Balanced and firm body with short back, good shoulders and hindquarters and good feet. Unfortunate curly tail which is well set.

LIMIT BITCH. (8 entries)

1st Lee's **Basidale Blythe Spirit Of Stargus**: Classy, substantial and showy with a good coat. Her very good head could be finer for me but on this girl it suits. Good angles both ends, sound legs and feet. Good set and carriage of tail.

2nd Keay's **Jaymitch Jaunty Panachon**: Lovely head. Great coat and well groomed. Sound and showy. Very well handled. Good legs and feet. Lovely in so many ways but tail too curly.

OPEN BITCH. (5 entries)

1st Turner's **Crillee Carry On Baby**: Stunning bitch of correct feminine type and excellent balance. Really nice size and with quality. Great head, eyes, ears and mouth. Good neck, shoulders, topline and hindquarters. Correct tail carriage and set. Very good coat well presented. Sound compact feet. Challenge Bitch and runner up best of breed which I note is not listed in my Judging Book.

2nd Turner's **Crillee Cool Scarlet**: A typey match for the class winner but heavier in skull. Good head planes and great ears and expression. Well balanced and typey. Great coat. Quality neck, topline tail and set on. Reserve Challenge bitch.

I wish to mention another exhibit (Fernandez and Purnell's **Jokyl Gold Star**) that stunned me upon first site and I felt sure that I had a winner. However, she was not able to be handled by me on the day so was left at the end of the line in the Junior class of four. However, she is one that I would take home with me if the temperament can be settled. I saw her a week later at LKA and loved her every bit as much. She showed well, was appreciated by the judge and seemed to be over whatever the trauma was. I hope that it wasn't me and apologise if it was.

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