

## Lancashire Heeler Club

### Open Show 21/1/17

I was really delighted to accept this appointment, I first judged heelers in 1997 and have always had a keen interest in this smart little breed. It was a long day for both dogs and exhibitors and I would really like to thank everyone who stayed for the club show, my two superb stewards, efficient and cheerful, and the club itself, it is not easy to run a club show in conjunction with a championship show when you are in the hands of 'others' but they did a great job and made me feel very welcome. Finally the dogs, showing their socks off long after everyone else had gone home and such quality in the entry, what a privilege to get my hands on so many very worthy champions and some really exciting youngsters.

#### PD (3,1)

1. Lord's Embages Tom Fool for Foxthyme & 2. Jacque's Foxthyme Mr Tobias I really liked both of these boys very much, both were very typey with good heads, nice proportions and correct balanced angulation, 1 needed to tighten in elbows and was a bit wide coming towards but very sound otherwise and with a nice strong back and loin, 2 was a little narrow in chest and front legs are a little too bowed at the moment but both have lots of promise and bags of time to tighten, mature and settle in to their frames.

#### Junior (2,0)

1. Dawe's Welshmoor Bobbysox this young boy has so much potential and so much charisma, I loved him and am sure he will go far. Nicely balanced with a good flat skull and tapering muzzle on correct planes, dark eye and good ear set, good bone and chest, moderate neck and lovely front, firm back and short coupled, excellent tail set, well-built hindquarters, moved briskly around the large ring, super coat and condition RBD

2. Fairest's Henson Fairest Lad Heavier build but with good proportions, nice flat skull with good eye shape and colour and moderate stop, correct planes, ears a little large, good bone and body with correct front angulation, ribs well sprung, well-muscled rear, moved well holding a good topline.

#### Post Grad (1,0)

1. Gorley's Applefire Buffalo Bill for Willosyam nicely built with a correct skull, stop and muzzle, good eyes and ears, moderate neck in to very nice shoulders and good bone, good chest and rib with firm back and correct coupling, body proportions could be a little better, tail well set on, strong hindquarters, moved smartly just a little wide behind

Limit (2,0)

1. Simpson's Coppercoat's Cruiser among Simonsville Jw (ImP Fin) Another to watch for the future and close up today, very sound, very nicely balanced dog, with a lovely head and alert ears, correct almond eyes and head planes, fair neck to good shoulders, with correct bone and chest for size. Strong back and good ribbing with correct loin and croup, sound quarters, he moved freely and easily.

2. Fairest Henson Markalex another nice boy with good type and proportions, a little shorter in neck but with a good body shape, nice bone, tight feet and good angulation fore and aft, nice firm elbows and good chest and rib, not moving his best today but sound and held himself together well.

OD (7,0)

What a class! Full of super quality dogs and many worthy champions, what a pleasure (and a headache) to judge.

1. Lord's Ch Foxthyme Bradley A really smart dog with the best of tan markings, lovely head in proportion to body and well-shaped with moderate stop and tapering muzzle, eye shape good but colour could be a little darker, good neck, shoulders and chest, well ribbed with close couplings, excellent firm topline, the best of hindquarters with well let down hocks, held a super outline and moved very briskly, sound from all angles, BD & RBIS.

2. Bancroft's Ch Doddsline Duffy ShCM at 12 years old this ultra smart heeler belies his age and showed the younger ones how to do it, so full of breed type and moving so very well, well made all through with an excellent head, dark eye and good ears, lovely neck and front with good chest, firm elbows, ribs well sprung and well ribbed back allow good freedom of movement, correct coupling with a firm topline and well rooted tail, strong hindquarters and moving briskly and freely.

3. Gordon's Ch Troutop Rolo

VD (4,0)

All the veterans, both dogs and bitches were a real credit to their owners, all were presented in top condition, thank you for bringing them.

1. Gordon's Ch Troutop Rolo this l/t is an old favourite of mine and still in top condition, sturdy and well boned and bodied, good head planes with strong tapering muzzle, flat skull and good ears and eye, strong front, good ribbing and topline, short coupled with sturdy rear, moved well holding his topline and still a force to be reckoned with BVIS

2. Bancroft's Ch Doddsline Biscuits by Cheinban ShCM at 13 this dog is still very smart and super sound and shows the longevity of the breed, good well shaped head with correct ears and dark eyes, nice shoulders with good forelegs and very good body shape, lovely firm topline with tail well set, presented in excellent condition both in coat condition and muscle, super brisk movement.

3. Sigger's Foxthyme Jenson

PB (2,1)

Lord's Foxthyme True Colour Brisk and on her toes, this lovely young puppy was very smart with good proportions and lots of type, lovely balanced head with flat skull, moderate stop, good eye colour and alert ears, good medium neck in to well laid shoulders and straight well boned legs, chest developing, good rib and coupling with strong hindquarters, moved straight and true with good freedom of action BPIS

JB (5,1)

1. Jones's Welshmoor Boobysgirl, litter sister to the JD winner and like him another with so much potential, she also had a lot of character which shone through today, loved her clean and shapely outline, well built with good bone and feet, lovely balanced head with correct breed features, good neck and front, well ribbed with firm back and good coupling, strong hindquarters and excellent tail set, super mover, will watch her future with interest RBB.

2. Thompson's Foxthyme Billie Jean still a puppy and pushed 1 hard, I really liked her, super breed type with an excellent skull, stop and muzzle, very nice front with good neck and well sprung ribs, firm topline and well proportioned, sound hindquarters with good hocks, moved out very well, another with much promise.

3. Davies Black Rose in Ronleydon

PG (3,0)

1 Lord's Foxthyme Mocha Millettia this l/t had left her coat at home but what she had was a super texture, Lovely feminine head with correct shaped eyes and good alert ears, good balance of skull to muzzle and nice stop, moderate reach of neck into good strong shoulders and legs. Good chest and rib cage, nice top line held well on the move, strong rear quarters nice tail set. Moved very freely.

2. Duxbury's Ronleydon Tillys Gold heavier build and she likes her dinner but very nice overall type, well balanced all through, very nicely shaped body and moving soundly on strong legs holding a nice outline, presented in excellent coat and a lovely character.

3. Holligan's Applefire's Dark Desire

L (5,3)

1. Sigger's Foxthyme Dream On a very nice bitch who was close up for top awards and should easily title, quality girl with clean lines to the head with good almond eye, could be a touch darker, parallel planes to head with correct stop and tapering muzzle, very nice neck line into good shoulders and forelegs. Nice chest and rib cage, tight elbows, good top line, good strong rear quarters, good tail set, excellent mover with super freedom of action, lovely coat and condition.

2. Ronleydon Little Minx and she is one, if there was an award for best cheeky character she would win, what a delightful personality, she likes her dinner but that said she is very sound and typical with a lot to like and has all the breed essentials, she was lovely and sound, held a firm topline and projected so much personality, well handled and in lovely coat.

OB (4,0)

Another top quality class and they could easily change places on another day.

1. Huck's Ch Lyeside Miss Bonnie, my notes simply say 'what a stunner'! Just right in all departments and teeming with quality, super for size, substance and free moving, put down in excellent body condition and coat and with all the breed essentials, for me she was just perfect today BB, BIS.

2. Jones's Ch Welshmoor Hell Hath No Fury another gorgeous girl who pushed hard, slightly smaller build but very stocky and hardy and more than fit for her job, shown in perfect condition and excellent coat lovely head in balance with her body, correct ears, lovely dark almond eyes. Nice length of neck to very good shoulder placement, good straight bone to forelegs and nice tight feet, enough chest and lovely length of rib with short loin and excellent hind quarters, gave very easy action from all angles.

3. Tester's Ch Mrs Bell Higgins Ar Ogof

VB (4,0)

Super class again

1. Gordon's Troutop Lottie & 2. Troutop Norma these two were so similar and I see they are bred the same way, both were presented in excellent condition and were very well balanced, sound and typical, both holding lovely outlines on the move, a credit to the breeder and owners.

3. Bancroft's Hotpot Kiddie Cate by Cheinban

Judge Terrie Cousins-Brown