

Duncombe Park Show Report 2014.

A sunny day and a beautiful setting were the backdrop for the NL &RC Duncombe Park Lurcher Show on Bank holiday Monday. A good crowd of competitors and spectators settled down to watch the show starting with the first classes for children. Judge Hanna Carling chose Billie Hackings with Xena as winner of the under 10's class. Billie went on to become the Junior Handler Champion, qualifying for the NL&RC and Cock of the North Young Handler's finals. Alfie Barker with Candy, winner of the 10 to 15 years class, was a creditable reserve and Harriet Alderson with Gypsy, winner of the NL&RC junior members class took third place.

John Briggs judged the Bedlington Cross class, choosing Garry O'Neil's Bell as winner; this was followed by the veterans class where he awarded Mel Watts' Tyke first place. The next class, for the best pair of lurchers, was won by Blue and Rosie owned by D. Robson. The NL & RC members class had five good dogs competing for a place in the Member's Championship; judge Colin Baker chose Bridie owned by Rod Clark as winner to go forward to the National Members championship. Next, the bull cross dog class judged by John Briggs, was won by William Spur with Mal and the Bull cross Bitch class was awarded to Xena owned by S. Hakings, both qualified for the EDRD final. The Working lurcher class attracted a good entry of 19 dogs and after great deliberation, Lily owned by C. Snowden was chosen for first place and also received a trophy and game bag.

Graham Massey judged the show's main classes; he began with the puppy classes starting with the under 6 months puppy. This was won by Paula Carling's lively little pup, Inca. The smooth puppy class was won by Ted owned by Gary O'Neil and first place in the rough puppy class was awarded to Pippin owned by Christine Clark. These two puppies went forward to the puppy final and the judge awarded the Puppy Championship to Christine Clark's Pippin and Reserve Champion went to Gary O'Neil's Ted. An extra class for sight hounds was won by Dan White's Skylar.

The adult classes followed with Graham Massey judging some quality dogs over the course of the afternoon. His final line up was carefully selected and following a thorough examination of all the dogs, he chose a William Mc Keown's smooth brindle greyhound, whippet, deerhound bitch Brook as a worthy winner of the Supreme Championship with Daniel Wood's smooth black whippet, greyhound, bull bitch Sky, taking Reserve Champion. Mr Mc Keown was absolutely delighted and amazed with his win and receive sporting applause from spectators and competitors alike.

The organisers would like to say a big thank you all those who attended the show, the judges, who did a tremendously professional job and to everyone who helped to make it an enjoyable day for everyone, we hope to see you all next year .