Thank you to our 2025 HSBTC Specialty weekend judges for their lovely critiques!
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Thank you all for the wonderful day judging your club's first show, it was a huge honour to be asked. Your presents to the winners were beautiful hand-crafted and the rosettes were amazing. Your committee worked their socks off getting this show off the ground and it shows in a well-run well-organised show. Thank you to my ring steward for his help on the day.
Thank you to Angela who picked us up and fought tooth and nail to get Wynny's case found. She looked after us like royalty and showed us around your lovely countryside.
I'm so sorry the days end was spoilt by a belligerent photographer.
Your club has some fantastic support and very talented people. Thank you for the very thoughtful judge's gift .
You had some lovely dogs for Wynny and I to go over and the winning dogs were of a lovely standard.
Some mouth faults were evident and ears on some could have been better, handling could be better to show your dogs in all their glory giving the judge a better look at them, but with adjustments I got to see the dogs in a better light.
I didn't find any short sternums which is evident in our dogs here. Your dogs by and large have lovely feet and good bone, overall you have good rib and most have correct tail carriage.
Best of Breed / Best of Winners / Winners Bitch / Best Bred-By
48. Lindstrom. LEGACY'S STAR POWER
Beautiful black brindle who looks every inch a Stafford. She has a well proportioned head with lovely large white teeth correctly placed. She has enough muzzle and strong head. She has a good front and shoulder which gave her reach. She has length to her sternum. She has correct rib well sprung and is short coupled and had lovely well muscled hind quarters which she used to drive her forward. Congratulations.
Best of Opposite / Best of Breed Owner Handled
39. Xiong. YEESTAFF I CAME I SAW I CONQUERED
What a lovely pied only criticism his handler tends to stand him a bit wide at the front. He has a lovely clean head with dark round eyes and big strong well placed teeth. He has neat ears which he used to his advantage. He has a good neck which fits well into his shoulders. He has a good length to his sternum with nice spring to his ribs. He is short coupled and has strong hind quarters moved with a level topline and good tail carriage.
Select Dog
5. Strickland & Strickland. CH GRIDIRON'S BRIGADIER GENERAL
Mahogany brindle with white he has a strong head with dark eyes and good length to his muzzle good bone and fore chest. He has length to his sternum. He is well ribbed and short coupled. He was in good condition and moved well.
Select Bitch
6. Strickland. GCH CH GRIDIRON'S NO. 1 HIT-THE WOMAN IN ME CGC BC
Lovely shade of brindle she has a strong yet feminine head with lovely expression. She has a correct bite and dark round eyes. Her neck tapers into her shoulders and she has fore chest.

She has length to her sternum and good spring of rib. Her feet are tight and pasterns turn out. She has good bone. She is short coupled and kept her top line when she moved.
Award of Merit
57. Strong. GCH CH BREWLIN'S SMALL BUT MIGHTY DCAT
Lovely shade of brindle. He has a strong head with pronounced cheek bumps. His eyes are dark and his ears are correct. He has a good neck, shoulders and rib. He is short coupled, would like a better bend of stifle.
Award of Merit
63. Hinojosa & Rodriguez. GCH FREYSTAFFS STRONGER THAN WHISKEY CGC
Black brindle with the neatest of ears and black eyes. Strong headed dog with good bone structure. He has forechest and length to his sternum and enough rib. He is short coupled and has good top line, powerful hind quarters and moved well.
Winners Dog
31. Jacob & Caswell. VARIANT'S CANNONBALL RUN
Mahogany brindle dog who has many virtues. He was made into a champion on the day and well deserved. He has a lovely head shape with enough muzzle. He has dark round eyes and large correct placed teeth. He has neat well placed ears. He has nice neck leading to well placed shoulders. He has forechest and length to his sternum. He has a level topline with well muscled hind quarters. He carried his tail correctly and moved with drive. Congratulations.
Reserve Winners Dog
47. Rolfe. ILLUSIONIST'S REACH FOR THE SKY WITH CORNERSTONE
Red dog with good muscle tone. He has a good bite and dark eyes. He has a good front and depth of brisket. He is short coupled with strong hind quarters moved with drive and carried his tail correctly.
Reserve Winners Bitch
62. Cowley & Rownd. STAR'Z V KEMAC ISN'T SHE LOVELY
This lady stands her bitch too close in front, when I moved her to the correct position she looked a lot better. I would like neater ears. She has a good bite and has dark eyes. She has enough head with pronounced cheek muscles. She has good neck and shoulders. She has a good top line and strong hindquarters. She moved well with drive from her hind quarters and kept her tail correctly and she was in lovely condition.
Best Puppy
58. Strong & Strong. CHARMED RUMOUR HAS IT
Nice type. She has lovely dark eye and sweet expression. She is clean lipped with a good bite. She has neat well placed ears. She has a good front with forechest and is developing nicely. She moved well for a youngster.
Best Veteran
18. Walsh. GCHS CH FLYIN TORPEDO THE ARK CGC
Well what a sweetheart she is. Didn’t look her years old. She was as fit a fiddle. She has dark eyes a lovely expression and neat ears. She moved well and kept her shape on the move. She has good bone and neat feet.
Best Brood Bitch
28. Holmen & Holmen. GCH CH K8'S K9S THE ONE AND ONLY CA BCAT RATO

This little girl certainly produced well for her breeder. It’s the ambition of every breeder to breed better than they have. Striving for that elusive balance between mother and father, putting together two dogs that connect the dots and here she has done just that. Both her pups are a credit to their breeder. Well done and congratulations.
Best Brace
5 & 6. Strickland & Strickland. GCH CH GRIDIRON'S NO. 1 HIT-THE WOMAN IN ME CGC BC with CH GRIDIRON'S BRIGADIER GENERAL
A lovely pair of dogs who moved together like clockwork, matching strides around the ring in unison. Congratulations. They looked lovely together.