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Critiques by Judge: Jason Nicolai

What an honor it was to have the opportunity to judge the final day of our 2019 National Specialty weekend. I know everyone was exhausted, and by Sunday some dogs and owners alike were just thinking about getting back home and resting. I want to extend my tremendous thanks to the Show Committee for putting on such a spectacular event that drew a record entry! You really outdid yourselves. Thank you so much to the membership for putting your faith in me to judge on this most prestigious weekend. I can't tell you how humbled and grateful I am for your votes of confidence to include me among the spectacular panel of judges who officiated this weekend. I extend a very special Thank You to those of you who stuck it out all the way through Sunday and presented your beautiful Staffords to me. The decorum with which my decisions were accepted showing such excellent sportsmanship speaks volumes to the character and dignity of the human element which is central to our Stafford World. When asked what I enjoyed most about my experience at this event my answer is simple: I got to pet 100 Staffords without asking their owners' permission!

In a short synopsis of general observations I will make a couple notes. First and foremost the best of our best have vastly improved over the past 30 years. I truly believe we have improved upon the breed and have started to tighten up breed type to a point where I'd stack our top Staffords up against those of any country in the world. Other breeds have gone through the collective-minded process of eliminating huge variations in breed type and focusing on the one true type the breed standard calls for. While we still have some variety in the styles being shown in the US I can see a movement towards that single, correct type so that judging becomes just a little more about splitting hairs and focusing on soundness than generally asking the question, "Does this look like a proper Staffordshire Bull Terrier or not?" May we continue down this path.

I have also been asked about my observations of reoccurring faults as well. This question is important in helping us improve and move away from issues that may be widespread in the breed. Honestly I expected that either bad bites or being grossly out of balance with the ideal blend of bull and terrier might be the top reoccurring issue among exhibits. While I met some gorgeous dogs who where indeed far out of balance according the standard, and I also observed a high number of flush bites, slight underbites and even wry mouths I was completely caught off guard with the number one, consistently reoccurring fault observed among exhibits, i.e. short sternums. The term "herring gutted" applies here. The ribs may be well sprung and the chest deep, but when the sternum ends just behind the front legs it is leaving a very long "gut" on the dog. The structural importance of the ribcage and sternum is to protect the vital organs and of course to give plenty of room for the lungs to expand and take in oxygen. A sternum that ends too abruptly creates a vulnerability. It lacks the fundamental protection for the vital organs an athlete needs particularly when you take into consideration the original function of the breed. The short sternum was something rarely seen in Staffords 10-15 years ago. I must say I was taken back at the large number of exhibits that I would classify as "herring gutted". This includes some otherwise exceptional Staffords, and many who were in the placements. I mention this because I was asked about common faults, and it's just something to keep an eye on in your own breeding programs. Ideally, you want as much skeletal protection over the vitals as you can get without causing the dog to be too short coupled that it loses flexibility, so please keep it in mind for the future.

The critiques I offer attempt to focus not on faults or deficiencies as mentioned above, but simply upon the virtues as I saw them in each exhibit. This doesn't mean the dogs were without faults, just that when focusing on the virtues here's why I made the selections in the order I did...

6 & Under 9 Months Dogs

1st Craycraft's OZSTAFF'S IN THE MIDNIGHT HOUR

BBr youngster with very good balance of bull and terrier. Strong, typey head. Skull is deep through with proper proportions and distinct stop, tight clean lip, good bite, dark eye forming alert expression. Strong, short neck with nice arch gradually widening into shoulders. Excellent square front with proper bone and tidy, well-padded feet. Well sprung rib. Good tuck at loin. Proper rear angle and musculature with good tail carriage. Should mature very nicely.

2nd Hoopengardner and Caswell's WAVEMAKER SECRET AGENT MAN

Another happy BBr youngster with lovely presence. Not as strong as 1st place. More athletic build without the apparent physical maturity of the class winner. Very good head proportions and proper front end. Moderately short back. Moved soundly. Alert, and full of life, just needs some more time to mature.

9 & Under 12 Months Dogs

1st Nelson's JAMMNSTAFFS MIDNIGHT SPECIAL

This little brindle guy caught my eye as soon as he entered the ring. Excellent compact package that exhibits a proper blend of bull and terrier. Exceptional head shape brimming with breed type. Skull is deep through with a distinct stop and proper proportions of muzzle to skull. Tight, clean lip and good bite. His dark eye and beautiful rose ear help round out the classic expression. Neck is short but not stuffy, arching with a crest and widening gradually into a properly laid back shoulder. Bone is ideal for his size with straight columns of support, strong pasterns and tidy feet turning out just a bit. Topline is good when stacked. Body is short, close coupled with well-defined waist. Strong rear with well bent stifles and hocks let down. Moved soundly. This youngster was a bit proud of his tail, but his virtues are what's important, and to me they are plentiful. Alert, but well-behaved in the ring, he watched my every move, very curious to see what was next. For this boy it was the class win and ultimately **Reserve Winners Dog** among some tough competition.

2nd West, Berry, Angerer & Motylinkil's WILLABY'S GONE WALKABOUT

Lovely youngster with excellent balance of strength and agility and a classic Stafford head shape that just needs a bit of time to develop. Dark eye, excellent bite, lovely ear and expression. He has proper angles front and rear. What really stood out about this pup was his movement. He covered the ground exceptionally well particularly given his age. Sound as a pound. Handled very well. Expect him to mature nicely.

3rd Burhans PINNACLE'S BLACK MAGIC

4th Torres' JONES-N WALKN THE LINE MAXX TRUCKER

12 & Under 18 Months Dogs

1st Roja's BRITTSTAFF DREAM BOY

Very compact red. Powerful for his size with good shape to the head. Deep skull with distinct stop, dark eye, deep pigmentation. Muzzle is a bit shorter than I like, but the teeth were housed nicely within. Lips were tight that is when not giving me a beautiful Stafford smile rounded off by those

well-formed masseter muscles! Short neck, powerful shoulders, well sprung ribs. Topline and tail were held better on the move than most of his competition. Moved very well. Overall soundness along with the virtues mentioned gained him the class win.

2nd Erickson's L-BELLE'S FIDELIUS CHARM

Proper balance of bull and terrier expressed in this Jr. If there were an award for best head in class this boy would have gotten it. Beautiful, typey head with proper proportions and expression. Dark eye, tight lip, good bite. Nice arch to short, powerful neck. Square front. Well angulated rear. Suspect he may have had it with the long weekend. He was a trooper, but did give his handler a bit of a challenge at times.

3rd Neely's MOURNESTAFF'S ANOTHER CHUBBY DAWG

4th Corun & Heller's MOONSTRUCK INTO THE STORM RN CGC

Amateur-Owner-Handler Dogs

1st West, Berry & Barbour's WILLABY'S HIGH VOLTAGE

Top-sized youngster with extremely sound body and overall proportions. Typey head of correct shape with a bit of maturing left to go. Broad muzzle with plenty of room to house the large, well placed teeth. Excellent ears and dark eye round off his lovely expression. Neck is strong and of proper length, widening nicely into the well laid back shoulder. Ideal bone for his size. Straight columns of support up front with strong pasterns and nice, tidy feet. Proper length of back. Stands 4-square with a level topline and excellent tail shape and good carriage. Moved soundly. Handled very well to show off his virtues.

2nd Silva's FLINTHILLS FINEST PRAIRIE FIRE

Overall a good balance of bull and terrier. Head of proper proportions. Neck exhibits a nice arch at the crest and widens into the well laid back shoulders. Front is square with good, straight bone and tidy feet. Slightly longer in back than class winner, but an exceptional mover. Very sound, and holds his topline better than many on the move. Handled well.

Bred by Exhibitor Dogs

1st Caswell & Kerner's WAVEMAKER THIS CHARMING MAN

Exceptionally sound black brindle dog who has strength, but certainly not at the expense of agility. His head is of overall proper proportions and exhibits good breed type. Muzzle is broad to house the large teeth and excellent bite. Alert ears with lovely expression. Graceful yet strong neck with nice arch blends well into well laid back shoulders. Moderate bone, deep brisket, good spring of rib, length of back and tailset. Moved with drive and purpose. Very fluid and sound. Handled exceptionally well to show off his virtues.

2nd Burwell's PAWGATE'S INTREPID EXPLORER

Red boy with an excellent blend of bull and terrier. A great picture of the proper balance of strength and agility in a compact package. Typical head shape with proper muzzle and skull proportions. Very strong underjaw. Distinct stop, excellent expression and lovely Stafford smile. Strong, short neck blending well into well laid back shoulders. Well-muscled, but not bulky. Straight front with medium bone, proper length of leg, and tidy feet. Very close coupled with a nice tuck up. Best mover in his class. Held his topline and tail carriage at all times.

3rd Jacob's VARIANT'S NEW AMERICANA

American-Bred Dogs

1st Jacob's VARIANT'S HOLD ME DOWN

Compact, but nicely balanced athletic and strong pied. Very nice head shape. Admittedly, it was a bit difficult to tell from a distance due to the placement of the white markings, but proportions of muzzle and skull are good, skull is deep through, and stop is distinct. Good bite. You really have to get up close and get your hands on this dog see many of these things, but the virtue is certainly there. The nice dark eye with dark eye rims and neat rose ears create a classic Stafford expression. Short, strong neck flows seamlessly into the well laid back shoulders. Moderate bone with straight front and tidy feet. Deep brisket, well sprung ribs, close coupled, distinct waistline, well-bent stifle. Handled and moved very well today.

2nd

Caswell & Degener's WAVEMAKER TRIPLE CROWN

Athletic BBr who appears to have a bit of filling out to do in order to come into better balance with his frame, but he's certainly heading in the right direction. Very typical head shape. Distinct stop. Excellent expression with tidy rose ear and nice dark eye. Proper length of neck. Good angles up front with excellent length of upper arm. Topline is good when stacked. Slightly taller and longer than the class winner, but covered the ground exceptionally well. A very sound Stafford.

Open Dogs

1st Zagraniczny & Urbanski's WINDYCITY HARPALUS

As soon as this striking pied walked into the ring he demanded my attention. His overall balance is an ideal blend of bull and terrier. Strength and agility coexist remarkably well in this dog. His powerful, masculine head is of ideal muzzle to skull proportions with a deep skull, distinct stop, and a classic furrow down the center of the skull formed by the well-developed temporal muscles on either side. His lip is tight and clean, underjaw is strong, and his muzzle is ideal in housing the well placed teeth. The strong masseter muscles are present creating "cheek bumps" and his "Stafford Smile". Dark eye and thin rose ear help round out the keen expression. Neck is strong and rather short, flowing seamlessly into the well laid back shoulder with excellent angle and length of upper arm. His bone is ideal for his flesh. Front is straight with very strong pasterns and tidy feet. Deep brisket with well-sprung ribs and a sternum of proper length. His back is short with a level topline. He is very close-coupled but still athletic and agile, well-conditioned and hard to the touch with a defined waistline and tuck under the loin. Well bent stifle with strongly muscled rear. Excellent tail set and carriage. Moved with great purpose, covering the ground with economy of effort while holding his topline as level as if he were standing, and with his tail in perfect position. Shown in fit condition, and handled extremely well to show off his every virtue. An easy stand out in his class. He was only pushed hard when it

came down to very top honors, but today I was proud to award this outstanding Stafford **Winners Dog, Best Of Winners, and Best Of Breed (New Champion)**

2nd Hargis, Bryant, & Carter's SHORTYROCKS SIR HENRY OF STONECUTTER RI FDC CGC

Beautifully athletic red who still has enough strength to maintain balance. Very typey head shape with classic muzzle to skull proportions, distinct stop and keen expression highlighted by the dark eye and lovely rose ears. Short neck blending nicely into front assembly with proper angles. Ideal bone for his flesh. Straight columns of support up front with feet turning out a little. Deep chest, level topline, held nicely when he moved which was executed cleanly and with purpose. Very sound. Hindquarters match the athletic build of the forequarters. Tail is set and carried properly. Made his handler work for it a little today, but a solid showing in very tough competition.

3rd Dineley's CLANDARA'S THE FUGITIVE

4th Tucker's PASSION'S CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

6 & Under 9 Months Bitches

1st Khlaponina's BLOCKBUSTER INFINITY

Red pup with excellent overall structure. Compact with a nice balance of bull and terrier. Feminine head with good proportions, dark eye and good bite. Short neck graduating into a nicely laid back front assembly with straight columns of support, strong pasterns and tidy feet. Moderately short back with level topline, well bent stifle and lovely pump handle tail with dark pigment contrasting her body color. Great attitude on this youngster. She was happy and outgoing in the ring. When her feet settled they were planted 4-square revealing her lovely structure. Quite sound for her age. Should mature nicely.

9 & Under 12 Months Bitches

1st Rodriguez's JAMMNSTAFFS I PUT A SPELL ON YOU

Nicely balanced Bindle pup with decidedly feminine expression and features. Typey little head of appropriate shape proportions for her age. Dark eye, clean lip, good scissor bite. Elegant arch to the neck flowing into very well-muscled shoulders. Ample bone, tidy feet, nice short back, good tuck up. Appropriate set to her happy tail. Good rear angulation with well-muscled hams. Overall, a very nice powerful, yet feminine bitch.

12 & Under 18 Months Bitches

1st Yeagle & Cromwell's BALLYHOO ALL ON BLACK

Balance is toward athleticism with ample strength to remind you she's a young female with a bit more maturing left to go. Gorgeous, feminine head just oozing with breed type. Ideal proportions, tight lips, good bite, tidy rose ears, and the darkest of eye that followed my every move in the ring. Simply beautiful expression. Her neck is sort with a gentle arch to it flowing into well laid back shoulders and a very good length of upper arm. Bone is straight and ample for her flesh. Pasterns strong, and feet

tidy. Short back, good tuck under loin, well bent stifle. Sound bitch who moved very well when her head was up. On many occasions in the ring she used that beautiful expression of hers to lock eyes with me and "ask" for the class win. In my book, she certainly deserved it.

2nd Neely's ANOTHER GURLEY DAWG

Compact red bitch with more strength in the space she occupies than the class winner, but still maintaining a good dose of athleticism and feminine character. Lovely head shape, proportion, and expression when her ears were up. Short neck, powerful front with ample bone and well-padded feet. Good spring of rib, close coupled with apparent waist and level topline. Strong hams with defined 2nd thigh covering well bent stifle created powerful drive from the rear when on the move.

3rd Jivan's RED ROCKS SIA'S THE GREATEST

4th Jayne-Arnold & Crawford's TWILIGHT SOUTHERN COMFORT LASHELL

Amateur-Owner-Handler Bitches

1st McCullough's CHEERNIKA DAENERYS TARGARYEN CGC TKN

Black brindle with excellent balance of bull and terrier. Classic, typey head with very good proportions, good bite, low set rose ears, and dark eye making for a beautiful feminine expression. Proper length to the neck with slight arch seamlessly blending into the well laid back shoulders. Proper bone for her flesh. Moderately short back with nice tuck up. Well-muscled rear propelling her extremely well on the move. Excellent mover. Handled well.

2nd

Dunkin, Cournoyer, & Wright's GLENTOM THRILL OF VICTORY FROM ECO CA RATN CGC TKN

Red bitch who also has a nice balance of bull and terrier. Good depth of skull. Muzzle tapers a bit more than class winner, but the ratio to skull is good. A nice rose ear completes the picture. Her short neck arches nicely and widens into the forequarters. Proper bone, straight front with slight turn out of feet. Moderately short back with level topline when stacked. Another excellent mover. Handled well.

Bred by Exhibitor Bitches

1st Rice's NEVERLAND G2 NOTHING BUT THE RAIN MX MXJ MFB T2B

Lovely Red bitch with a powerful blend of Bull and Terrier, yet still maintaining an overall athletic quality in part due to the fit condition in which she was presented. Strong head with very typical shape and proportions. Very good bite, deep pigmentation, properly placed eye, and neat rose ears round out the beautiful keen expression. Short neck, well laid back shoulder and proper length of upper arm. Ample bone, straight front, well-padded feet. Deep brisket, short back with apparent tuck under the loin. Excellent rear angulation. Powerful hams with visible 2nd thigh provided discernible thrust for this excellent mover.

2nd Edward's L-BELLE'S HEROINE OF HOGWARTS

BBr bitch with a fine balance of bull and terrier. Head shape is very typey with excellent ratio of muzzle to skull, well defined stop, clean lip, good bite, dark well-placed eye and decidedly feminine expression. Short neck blending into well angled front assembly, square front with ample bone, strong pasterns, well-padded feet turning out slightly. Very deep brisket with good tuck up. Well-bent stifles in the rear. Challenged her handler a bit today at the end of this long weekend, but still managed to move well.

3rd Barkey's ROLONA'S PLAYMATE

4th Darwish's DAMARHOFF'S TEARDROPS ON MY GUITAR

American-Bred Bitches

1st Tirpak & Matusiak's MAT-STAFF HOW YOU LIKE ME NOW

BBr with an excellent balance of strength and agility. Just the right amount of each. Excellent head. Very typey with proper shape, depth of skull and muzzle to skull ratios. Tight lip, good bite, distinct stop, nice dark eye, neat rose ear and beautiful feminine expression. Short neck with graceful arch widens into well laid back shoulders. Proper bone for her flesh, square front with tight feet. Deep brisket. Short back with good tuck up and waist. Angles in the hindquarters match those up front. Well bent stifles propel this bitch with discernible drive. Very sound mover. Won out today on

2nd Jacob's VARIANT'S ANGEL ON FIRE

Striking pied bitch with similarly excellent balance of bull and terrier as class winner. Very good head with proper proportions, good bite, dark pigmentation, well set eyes and ears making for a nice feminine expression as well. Short neck, good angles in the forequarters, with ample bone. Moderate brisket, level topline, good tuck up at waist. Well bent stifles. Moved well.

Open Bitches

1st Cromwell's BALLYHOO BEWITCHED

The epitome of a graceful blend of feminine strength and athleticism. Ideal head and expression on this bitch. Deep skull, well defined stop, proper length of muzzle with tight clean lips and strong underjaw housing a perfect bite. Dark round eye and perfect rose ears round off the decidedly feminine expression. Gracefully arching neck gradually widens into well laid back shoulders. Her bone provides just enough structure for her well-muscled front. Which is straight with feet turning out slightly. Deep brisket. Moderately short back, light under loin with a good tuck up. Hindquarters balancing the angles up front with a well bent stifle, good tail set and very sound running gear that allowed this bitch to move with both purpose and fluidity. Happy to award her **Winners Bitch (new Champion)**

2nd Oraschin's ALCHEMIST'S BLACK OPAL

An exceptionally good balance of bull and terrier in this bitch. Head is very typical in shape and from the deep skull to the dark eye and neat rose ears creating an excellent overall expression. However, the body is really where she shines with just the right amount of strength and athleticism she appears fit for function. Lovely square front with the ideal amount of bone to support her hard, well-muscled

forequarters. Level topline, short back, good tuck up, excellent angles at the pelvis and strong rear assembly with proper tail set and carriage. Just an exceptional body shown in hard, fit condition. I will say this bitch gave her handler quite a challenge today being just as naughty as she could. Still, the quality shined through, and she gave the class winner a very hard go. Had she shown herself more to her advantage...who knows? Today, I was proud to award her **Reserve Winners Bitch**.

3rd Summerly, Dineley, & Gross' CLANDARA DELTORO FAIR WARNING

4th Jacob's VARIANT'S BAD AT LOVE

7 Years & Under 10 Years Bitches

1st Rice's CH SERENITY FOOT LOOSE & FANCY FREE CA RATN BCAT

What a lovely soul. This was day 4 of a very long weekend, and you'd never know it when this veteran stepped into the ring. She was spry and happy to show off for the crowd. Owning the ring as she went around for her golden laps and even offering me a kiss on the hand. A true testament to the endearing qualities of our breed, she was a pleasure to meet.

Best Of Breed/Best of Winners

Zagraniczny & Urbanski's WINDYCITY HARPALUS

See Open Dog Critique

Best Of Opposite Sex

Keetch's GCHB DYNASTAFFS DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT

This stunning BBr bitch represents the ideal blend of bull and terrier with just the right amounts of strength and agility for a female. Her clean, classic head just oozes breed type as well. Everything from her deep skull, ideal proportions, distinct stop, tight lip, strong underjaw, perfect bite, rose ear, and dark eye with the most keen of expressions; it all just screams "Stafford". Her well-muscled neck is strong, but fluid in tying together the headpiece with the front assembly. Shoulders are well laid back with good length of upper arm. Her bone is of ideal substance to support her flesh with straight columns of support up front leading to tidy well-padded feet. Deep brisket with short back and level topline that never broke whether standing or moving. Proper tuck under loin. Well bent stifle, good tail set and carriage. Shown hard as a rock in very fit show condition. Moved with the utmost determination exhibiting exceptional soundness. Handled to perfection. Today she pushed neck and neck for top honors all the way to the very end. Confident and proud to awarding this outstanding Stafford **Best Of Opposite Sex**.

Select Dog

Pawson & Sorbera's CH MANORVIEW'S LUCKY CHARM

Excellent blend of bull and terrier in this compact pied with strikingly impressionable markings. The headpiece on this boy is something that is difficult to evaluate accurately without having it in your hands. His powerful masculine head consists of a skull that is deep through with excellent proportions and a strong muzzle to house his perfect scissor bite. Distinct stop, dark eye, neat rose ear and powerful temporal muscles creating the classic furrow down the center of the skull. The neck is short and powerful, but not too cobby. It blends well into the powerful front assembly of proper angle and structure. Bone is appropriate for his flesh. Front is square and feet are tidy and well padded. Deep brisket. Level topline, tuck under loin. Well-bent stifle with powerful hindquarters helped this boy move with drive and determination. Shown in fit condition and handled excellently. Today's **Select Dog**

Select Bitch

Caswell's CH WAVEMAKER BRINY BREEZES DM DS CGCA CGCU TKN

Graceful blend of bull and terrier on this very athletic bitch. Feminine in every regard. Clean, classic typey head with deep skull, distinct stop and proper proportions. Tight lips on the functional muzzle housing a perfect scissor bite. She has a neat rose ear, well placed eyes and pleasing, feminine expression. Neck is graceful, but muscular and hard to the touch blending nicely into the well laid back shoulders, square front assembly with just enough bone to support her flesh. No exaggerations. No Waste. Deep brisket, athletic body with proper tuck under loin, well angled rear quarters, agile but powerful propelling her to move like she's floating. Not just "economy of effort" as called for in the standard, but seemingly no effort at all. Won out on typey head, soundness, and exceptional movement. Today's **Select Bitch**.

AOM

Keetch's CH SAMROSS AMERICAN DREAM

Striking BBr male with an excellent overall picture of balance between Strength and agility. Looking his best when he's up on his toes. Very typical head shape with classic form. Deep skull, distinct stop, ideal proportion with muzzle housing a proper bite. Dark eye and thin rose ear to finish out the clean, classy expression. Neck is short. Shoulders well laid back with proper bone to support his flesh. Straight front with very tidy, well-padded feet. Deep brisket, good spring of rib, level topline. Nice tuck under loin. Proper tail set and carriage. Well angulated rear providing ample drive. Moved and handled well, particularly when his head was up and alert to show off that handsome Stafford expression. Deserving of today's **1st Award Of Merit**

AOM

Pawson & Jack's GCH MANORVIEW'S MISTER, IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY

Handsome brindle boy without exaggerations. Overall, a very good balance between strength and agility. Head is moderate with proper depth and proportions, distinct stop, dark eye, keen expression, and strong underjaw with good bite. Neck is strong, but of proper length forming a nice arch at the crest and widening into the powerful front assembly. Appropriate bone provides a sound structure and straight columns of support up front leading into strong pasterns and tidy feet. Brisket is deep

with undercarriage tapering to a good tuck under the loin. Well sprung ribs. Short back with level topline. Proper tailset with pronounced "thumbprint" above the tail that was carried well both standing and when on the move. His powerful, fluid movement showed economy of effort which was a deciding factor that advanced him into final consideration and today's **Award of Merit**.

AOM

Aguillard & Manship's GCH SITUATION'S ONE MAN SHOW

Compact Bbr showing great strength for his size. Head is very typey with a punishing expression. Skull is deep through with well-developed temporal muscles on top creating that classic Stafford furrow down the center with accompanying "cheek bumps" from the masseter muscles flanking the jaw. Foreface is quite short housing a perfect bite. The properly set dark eye and small rose ears also accompany to finish off the keen, piercing gaze. Neck is muscular and hard, gradually widening into the well laid back shoulders. Deep brisket with well sprung rib and nice tuck under the loin. Short back with level topline and close coupling leading into powerful, well-muscled hindquarters with proper tailset and carriage. Overall, a lot of dog in a small package. Show in fit condition, handled very well, and moved extremely sound earning him an **Award Of Merit**.

AOM

Jacob's CH VARIANT'S STRANGE LOVE

Beautiful pied representing a nice blend of bull and terrier without extremes. Head is very typey with overall proper shape, depth, ratios and proportions. Good bite, dark eye and well placed ears make for a pleasing expression when alert. Neck is of proper length, strong and flexible leading well into powerful forequarters with strong, straight bone of proper substance to support his flesh. Square front showing no weakness at pasterns. Ribs are well sprung. Brisket is deep. Short back, close coupled with a level topline. Shown in fit condition such that there is definition to the topline with a noticeable cleft down the spine and hard muscle on either side. Powerful hams helped drive the dog during movement. Handled very well, particular for the last class of a long weekend. When the dog began to tire the handler asked just a little more from him at the right moments and together, the team pulled through with a very respectable **Award Of Merit**.