

## NORTH EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BULLCLUB

FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

Firstly, my thanks to the Club and Committee for the invitation to Judge and also to all those who entered and gave me the opportunity to examine their exhibits and to give my opinion based on the AKC Breed Standard.

We all have our in our mind the 'type' we prefer and a mental vision of what we would hope to find; but there is a Breed Standard which we should always remember and that is the blue print which we all strive to interpret well to the best of our ability whether through breeding, exhibiting or Judging. We know and recognise that not everyone has the exact same opinion but nonetheless we should all aim to look for breed type, soundness and construction together with apparently healthy animals examined. It's a contest of exhibition and whilst always aiming to focus on the breed standard, and type, it's a beauty contest - yet some don't seem to include this is the exhibition of their charges; presentation plays a big part and clean coat and condition, clean teeth, trimmed tails and most definitely ring training and handling all play a key role alongside type, conformation and temperament.

I did note the absence of good physical condition in some exhibits who lacked muscle tone and any definition. Being overweight, or perhaps underweight certainly does not enhance your chances in the show ring. I heard the term 'this is a covid puppy' many times almost excusing the fact that their charges lacked confidence or ring presence... we have all been through covid and I personally had litters immediately prior to lock down but mine certainly do not and did not lack socialised personalities so please make the effort to socialise these animals safely and enhance their true inner breed characteristics. A Stafford should be bold, fearless and reliably tenacious – let's not forget that.

Having said all the above, I thoroughly enjoyed my time there and my observations are not meant to be negative but in fact a positive analysis of what can easily be improved to take you that one step further. I wish you all good luck with your future endeavours and again offer my thanks to you all for your entries.

My principal winners are as follows:-

### **BEST OF BREED**

**GCH MANORVIEW'S LUCKY CHARM** This dog ticked so many boxes for me. Standard dog with everything in balance. Beautiful shape of head with good skull. You really have to look deeply at this boy as his brindle face markings can easily distract from his very pleasing expression and well set eyes. Clean in front with good bone, straight, neat feet. Enough width and depth of brisket which balanced his body length and coupling. Level topline. Nice tuck up into a loin area which was well covered and defined. Shapely muscles and toned rear quarters which showed apparent on his ease of movement. A very typey dog with alot to like. Oozes quality. Pleasing outlines viewed from all angles. No exaggeration just clean and classic. Fits the breed standard well and physical examination confirms the first glance your eyes tell you... a class Staffordshire bull terrier! Pleased to award him Best of Breed.

## **BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX**

**GCH WILLABY'S SOUTHERN CROSS TKN** Now this girl is a bitch I'd readily have here in my home! Stunning classic headpiece showing balanced proportions; great eye and ear set which then gives such a pleasing expression. Strong jaw. Good width of chest with enough forechest. Ample bone with straight front and good feet. Lovely depth of brisket and width to her rib. Tucked up nicely into well covered and shapely loin. Her rear quarters showed great muscle bulk with shape and tone which powered her movement along with ease. Topline held level and firm. One sassy and classy bitch who easily took top honours in the ladies competition. She pushed the dog all the way for Best of Breed. In one word QUALITY.

## **WINNERS DOG**

**CIERA THRASHERS SHOOT TO THRILL** Top sized Red and white dog who certainly commanded attention. His overall fitness and physical condition was first class. Classic head, clean with no wrinkle or exaggeration. Defined stop. Good muzzle with ample underjaw. Strong shoulders, straight front, ample bone. Level topline which he held firm when he powered around the ring. Great handler skills here.

**WILLABY'S SINGLE MALT FOR NOTORIOUS (see Best of Winners critique)**

## **BEST OF WINNERS**

**WILLABY'S SINGLE MALT FOR NOTORIOUS** black brindle who caught my eye when I first glanced around the ring. She was typical of breed type having a classic head of ample strength and size but no exaggeration here as she retained her feminine expression. Definition of stop and a lovely head profile. Her front was straight and she has ample bone. Good depth of brisket and good rib cage of correct length to her tucked up loin area. Her outlines were pleasing as she motored around the ring with good movement. Breed type for sure. The handler got the best from her as they worked in harmony.

## **SELECT DOG**

**GCHB WAVEMAKER NONESUCH TKN VHMA CGC TT VSWB** This dog has numerous virtues and many are easily noticed just from a first look. Upon physical examination I found his expression to be very pleasing and typical of the breed from a lovely head piece with good eye placement and neat well placed ears. Clean lipped. Good underjaw. Enough width of chest. Straight front and good well padded feet. Lovely profile to him when viewed on the move. Muscular rear quarters showing power and drive.

## **SELECT BITCH**

**GCHB PINNACLE'S TWICE AS NICE** Black brindle who has multiple attributes to like. Lovely head piece without exaggeration with good width of skull and definition to stop with ample muzzle. Straight front with good bone, neat feet. Level topline held firm stood and on the move. Would prefer a shorter neck. She has a pleasing outline with good shape. Firm rear equipped with ample muscle shaped and firm. Presented and handled well.

## **AWARD OF MERIT**

**GCHS CH TAKEDOWNS NOT HAPPENIN IMAR CA DCAT** Black brindle masculine dog of quality. Pushed for other top honours today. Grand head with ample width and depth. Lovely well boned front with good width and ample forechest. Good rib. Level topline. Powerful dog with many attributes. Well muscled hind quarter. Presented and handled well.

**GCHS CH PINNACLE'S YOU CANT TAKE COMMAND CA CGC TKN** Black brindle. Nice headed dog of good size and shape. Dark eye pleasing expression. Balanced and clean lines. Level and firm topline. Good quarters. His age doesn't show through as he still 'has it' . Showed and handled very well.

**CH MAGICGEM MANHATTAN MAULER** Mahogany brindle dog who is not exaggerated in any department but possess a clean and balanced body and head. Enough bone to compliment his build. Straight front. Appealing expression. Topline ok. Rear quarters were firm but would have preferred him fitter and harder condition overall.. an overall typey dog.

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***Judge***

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