

Mel Darragh – Australia Critiques

Firstly, I would like to say to the Staffsquatch Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club what an honour and a privilege it was to be invited to judge your 2026 show. I had an absolute ball and a huge thank you to the committee on running a successful show. Everything ran smoothly and this being my first time in the states judging, the support and help from everyone was wonderful. I would also like to thank all the exhibitors for their entries and the sportsmanship they demonstrated in accepting my decisions. I hope I may return one day to see you all again.

Puppy Dogs – 6 mths & under 9 mths

1st Maylin's Operation Epic Fury – black/brindle with a lovely clean head and a good bite, nice dark eye with small rose ear, good bone, straight front, level topline which he held on the move, handled well.

2nd J Jax's Street Fighting Man – black/brindle, another lovely well boned puppy, very much could of taken 1st place today, with not much between either of them. Nice head, straight in front with a good depth of chest, level topline, nice rear angles, moved and handled well.

Bred by Exhibitor Puppy Dog

1st Roustaff's My Dark Passenger – Brindle with white, this little guy took my eye as soon as I saw him. Lovely proportioned head, good mouth, strong muzzle, has a nice round dark eye, small rose ears, Well placed shoulder, good straight front and sufficient depth of Chest, slight turn out of front feet, level topline, Nice rear angles. Moved and handled well. Awarded W/BW/BP/BOBBBE. Wishing you all the best with his future.

Bred by Exhibitor Adult Dog

1st Hardknox Pick 6 – Black/Brindle, Lovely balanced boy, Strong head with good cheek muscle, Clean Scissor bite, round dark eye, good length of neck into nice shoulder placement, lovely straight front, well sprung ribs, with good rear angles with lovely muscle tone, moved with level top line and handled well. Awarded RW

2nd. Felizstaff's Your Man BCAT – Black/Brindle Nice size dog, with good head, mouth good, strong in neck, nice prominent pro sternum with good depth of chest, very slight rise over back but moved well. Sufficient rear angles. Lovely tight feet.

Bitches

Puppy Bitch 9 mths & under 12 mths

No. 6 - 1st Felizstaff Brazier's Tupelo Honey – Lovely standard red female, clean lines, nice feminine head with lovely expression, short neck into well laid shoulders, nice compact body, level topline, good angulations, moved well.

Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Bitches

No 8 - 1st Roustaff's I Rule the Night - Black with White, Lovely head of correct proportions, very feminine with nice expression, slightly arched neck leading down to well laid shoulders, good front, would of preferred a little more depth of chest, level topline with nice angles in rear and good tail set which was kept low on the move.

No 10 – 2nd Roustaff Felizstaff's Sweet Indulgence – Black with white, what can I say there was nothing between 1st and 2nd litter sisters and similar in all ways. I could of gone either way with these two and feel I would be just repeating myself. Good luck with both these girls.

Bred by Exhibitor Adult Bitches

No. 18 1st – Felizstaffs Brazier Oops I did it again – Red, Beautiful standard girl of good proportions. Great pigment which shows in her masking around her muzzle and eyes. Lovely strong head but with a feminine expression, good bite, well set rose ears, good length of neck, good straight front and well boned. Short body well sprung ribs, level topline into well angulated hind quarters. Moved and Handled well. Awarded W/JAM

No. 12 2nd – Funagin's Spill the Tea of Trugrip ACT1 ACT1J – another lovely standard girl, Nice clean head with round dark eye strong muzzle, Good mouth, good length of neck and nice lay of shoulder, straight front, level top line to slight slope in croup, good tail set, nice muscled hind quarters, good spring of rib. Moved and handled well. Awarded RW

American Bred Bitches

No. 22 1st – Mound City's They Say I'm Different, AALIYAH – Black/brindle, Strong head well balanced with a lovely dark round eye , med neck, slightly upright in shoulder, nice straight front, slight rise over back, Good rear angles. Moved ok, Handled well.

No. 24 2nd – Theatric Olive or Twist FDC BCAT ATT – Black/Brindle. slightly finer than 1st, lovely head good strong muzzle and dark round eye, good length of neck, straight narrower front, narrower than 1st, topline ok rising up slightly towards croup, longer in hocks. Moved ok, Handled well.

Veteran Dogs 7 yrs & Older

No. 25 1st – GCHS CH Jammnstaffs Midnight Special – Black/Brindle, stood very well for his young age, strong head and muzzle, lovely dark eyes with spark, correct mouth. Strong short neck. Good shoulder placement and lovely depth of chest, good spring of rib, level topline into well set tail, good hindquarters. Moved and handled well.

No. 23 2nd – GCHP Ch Shasta's Easy River - Red, Another beautiful older boy. Was hard to choose between these two. Lovely compact body, great pigment with just a few age hairs coming through, but beautiful to see, strong muzzle and fairly dark eye, nice rose ears. Stood wider in front than first, with slight turn out of tight feet. Level topline well muscled and angled hindquarters. Stood square, moved and handled well.

Veteran Bitches 7 yrs & Older

No. 30 1st – GCHB Ch Shasta's River of Love BCAT – Red/White What a beautiful Ole girl. Lovely clean head with great pigment around eyes, strong muzzle, good mouth. Lovely length of neck flowing into well laid shoulders, straight in front and good bone, good depth of chest with well sprung ribs, great topline with slight slope of croup to well set off tail. Nice rear angles and nicely muscled all over. Happy to award her with BVET.

No. 32 2nd – Ch Redline Out of the Ashes at Rasstaff – Black/Brindle. Lovely girl slightly finer in bone than 1st with a gleaming coat, clean head and lovely expression, mouth good, straight front. Topline ok, would of preferred more angulation in rear. Move ok. Handled well.

Best of Breed Competition

No. 46 – GCH CH Tarbhgorm Winx – Black/Brindle Bitch. A very nice Stafford girl all round. Lovely strong head with a feminine appeal, dark eyes which only added to her expression. Good mouth with strong underjaw. Lovely rose ears. Short muscular neck, good lay of shoulder, prominent pro sternum, straight front, lovely tight feet and well boned, nice spring of rib, level top line to sloping croup and correct tail set, nice rear angulations. Moved and Handled well, Congratulations to be awarded B/BOBOH

No. 43 – GCH CH Rasstaff Flags of Our Fathers CGC – Red Dog. Lovely typey dog, squarely built. Nice masculine head with good depth and with good pigment, good mouth, nice rose ears. Short neck, nice lay of shoulders, good straight front with clean feet and well boned. Good depth of chest, well sprung ribs with level top line and nice tail set. Well angled rear and nice muscle tone all over. Moved and handled nicely. Congratulations on BOS.

Select Dog

No. 35 – GCHB Trugrip Jet By Moonspinner – Brindle , a touch heavier but a Lovely compact brindle boy, good head, nice depth, round dark eye, good mouth, short neck, nice lay of shoulder, good front, nicely boned, level topline and well sprung ribs, well angled rear, moved and handle well.

Select Bitch

No. 38 – GCH Keepastaff Fire To The Rain BCAT –White – There is a lot to like about this girl, Lovely head with good pigment, good depth of skull, good mouth, strong muzzle with open nares. Nice rose ears. Nice length of neck into well laid shoulders, straight front, well boned, good spring of rib, level topline, nice rear angles. In tip top condition. Moved and handled well.

Judges Award of Merit

No. 34 – CH Felizastaffs I Got A New Attitude – Red, Nice expression on this girl, good overall balance, nice headshape with a dark eye and great pigmentation, good mouth, straight front and nice width of chest, nice level topline and good rear angles, in good condition, moved and handled well.

No. 42 – GCHB CH Shortyrocks Sand N Shells – Black/Brindle, Lovely standard Bitch, Feminine head with correct proportions, dark eye and nice ear set. Short neck to well laid shoulders, straight in front, nice level topline to slightly sloping croup with correct tail set, good rear angles, Moved and handled well.

No. 18 – Felizstaffs Brazier Oops I did it Again - See above also awarded Winners Bitch