Wickford, Basildon & District Canine Society, Open Show. 14th May 2022.

Judge: GARETH JOHN (GARTHYBULL)

BOB: ELLAKRU ITS ALL ABOUT ME

(Bilboen Final Conflict X Kescostaff What A Diva)

RBOB: BEAVERDEN HUNKY DORY BULLYVIEW

(Bilboen Icon at Bullyview X CH Ukusa Coronation)

I would like to thank the committee of Wickford, Basildon & District CS for my invitation to judge for the first time. Also a huge thank you to South Eastern Counties Bull Terrier Club for all your support with my entry. I'm very grateful for such a great entry for my first appointment. I really didn't expect such a good turnout. The quality of Bull Terriers was excellent – what a treat! It was great to see a couple of first-time exhibitors too. Hopefully they will be back some club shows soon. It was a scorcher of a day, which had an obvious effect on some of the dogs. I found it tricky judging males and females in the same classes – but gave it my best shot!

PUPPY. Entries 6, Absentees 1

1st. Jasna Dirty Dealer (Mrs D Scott)

11 month old, handsome red and white male. His lovely head won him the class. Good length, turn, fill and well finished. Mouth is good. Well placed eye and small ears gave a decent expression. OK for bone. Would like him a bit shorter in body for balance, which will hopefully come with age and maturity. **BP**

2nd. Laronbelles Serpentine (Mrs A, Mr A & Miss EJ Twyman)

11 month old brindle and white bitch. Head has length, fill and finish. Good eye and ear placement. Good bone. Strong muscular neck into the best shoulders of the day. Would like a little bit more length of leg for balance. Good tailset. Muscular rear end and angulation made her move very well.

3rd. Kinverknight's Romulus (Mr RD & Mrs NS Miller)

Res. Bilboen Pickpocket with Bullwitches (Ms A Gates & Mrs F Dennison)

VHC. Tewkabull Perfect Storm (Mr J Tewksbury)

JUNIOR. Entries 3, Absentees 1

1st. Abenaki Memphis Belle with Bullwitches NAF TAF (Ms A Gates, Mrs F Dennison & Miss L Sheppard)

Solid dark brindle, feminine, terrier type bitch. 18 months old. Dark eye and perfect ears give an excellent expression, which won her the class. Long head is well turned with finish. Tall and well balanced, just needs a little bit more body now. Excellent rear angulation.

2nd. Abenaki Dambuster (Mrs L Curtis)

Masculine brindle and white male, leaning more toward the bull type. Strong, deep head is well finished. Strong muzzle and underjaw. Expression a bit kind. Excellent bone and substance. Well

ribbed. Good tailset and rear angulation. This was my toughest class with a very close decision. I hope to see this boy and his new handler again.

I realised later these two were littermates – they couldn't have been more different!

GRADUATE. Entries 6, Absentees 0

1st. Beaverden Hunky Dory Bullyview (Mr J & Mrs A Young)

19 month old, red and white male. Powerful, masculine boy. Strong head, deep muzzle with excellent finish and strong underjaw. Excellent expression. Very good bone and substance. Tight pasterns and feet. Well muscled and angulated rear-end powered him along – he is a very good mover. Pushed very hard for BOB, it was a really close call. I'm looking forward to seeing this boy in another 6-12 months. I think he'll do very well. **RBOB**

2nd. Treszia Devils Quilla (Mr H Kittle & Miss A Longhurst)

3 year old white bitch. Noisy, full of fire and character. Good length to head, fill OK. She had a good eye and keen expression. I liked her make and shape. Well balanced. Good shoulder, nice forechest and elbows tucked under. Good tailset and rear angulation.

3rd. Rubbise Big Al (Mr A Haas)

Res. Sansarabull Queen of Hearts at Archetype (Ms A Gates)

VHC. Doctor Cooper Opalplast (Mrs I Heley & Mrs E Wegrzynowska)

OPEN. Entries 6, Absentees 0

1st. Ellakru Its All About Me (Mr D Gausden & Miss G Lade)

5 year old, well-known male. Very well marked, rich red brindle and white. Big and substantial, fully mature middle-of-the-road type. Excellent masculine head with awesome width and filled right up. A true egg shape. Good eye and ear placement. Good mouth with big teeth, which helped win him the day. Muscular neck and strong forechest. Good bone and decent feet for a big lad. Deep brisket and tremendous spring of rib. To be picky, would like him a little shorter in the back. Moved very well. He struggled a bit with the heat towards the end. Pity he couldn't stay for the Terrier group but he had to go home to chill, which I thought was totally understandable – I felt the same to be honest! A real pleasure to go over such a beautiful dog and award him **BOB**. Thank you for bringing him.

2nd. Bulldaxit Silly But Its Fun at Bullyview (Mr J & Mrs A Young)

Very pretty, ultra-feminine, terrier type, white bitch. Beautiful head with excellent fill. Beautiful profile with good finish. Piercing black eyes gave a wicked expression. Good shoulder and excellent topline. Decent bone into strong pasterns and lovely tight cat-feet. Would like a lower tailset. My favourite bitch of the day. If there was a BOS award, she would have had it.

3rd. Abenaki Snow Dancer into Laronbelle (Mrs A, Mr A & Miss EJ Twyman)

Res. Polanca Powerslave (Miss LJ Sheppard)

VHC. Doctor Cooper Opalplast (Mrs I Heley & Mrs E Wegrzynowska)