

Critique – Ruth Deardon

The Birmingham & District Gundog and Terrier Club

Twin Group Open Show

Saturday 19 October 2019

Glen Of Imaal Terrier

I've known the breed since the late 1970s when I'd been introduced to some Glens at one of the Dublin Shows. Since then, I'd always been interested in these little hardy, warrior terriers. I was honoured to judge them at this Show. Although it was a small turn out, the high quality of the dogs, the presentation and showmanship was evident in every class. The breed has come a long way.

Class 199 – Puppy Dog or Bitch

1st and Best Puppy in Breed – O'Grady's Amhard Quick Sand – A charming 6 month old wheaten bitch. Sweet expression and beautiful dark eye. She moves very freely when she settles down. Nicely put together - she should grow into a nicely proportioned Glen.

Class 200 – Junior Dog or Bitch – No Entries

Class 201 – Post Graduate Dog or Bitch

1st and Reserve Best of Breed - Mrs L Samuel's - Jeonty Yippe Kiaye - A grey brindle chap with lots of personality and spirit. He is a well-proportioned muscular young male, nice reach of neck, keen expression and sparky expressive eye.

2nd – Mrs Smiths – Borderglens Michaelmas - Younger than the class winner and not as mature in construction or attitude. However, he moved well, he has a nice scissor bite and with a neat front. His coat needs taken back to force new coat through.

Class 202 – Open Dog or Bitch

1st and Best of Breed – Mrs C Kirkwood's - Jeonty Letty Be Magic – Great little brindle bitch with tons of ring presence. She moved to perfection – leaving you in no doubt she could do a day's work. She's a good example of a lovely feminine Glen bitch with true terrier expression, a nicely proportioned head with good foreface and ear placement. Very well presented.

2nd – Withers' - Ch. Pajantick Razamataz – A beautiful brindle male Glen – well muscled – good in proportion of loin to ribcage. Excellent coat and a lovely expression. On show day he was keen to examine the floor but he could definitely push into his place when he decides.

Best of Breed : Kirkwood's Jeonty Letty Be Magic

Reserve Best of Breed : Samuel's - Jeonty Yippe Kiaye

Best Puppy : O'Grady's Amhard Quick Sand