

First of all, I would like to thank the committee of IWAGS for having me over judging this lovely specialty.

I also would like to thank my ring stewards who kept me and everything going so smooth. And a big thank you to all the wonderful exhibitors showing their lovely hounds to me and also for showing such great sportsmanship. I had a wonderful two days in the ring. I was been kissed so many times these two days by all these lovely hounds!

I've been treated like an honored guest. This club knows how to take care of their judges! I have to thank Cecil and Marypat Corbett for the great road trip to the show and for taking such good care of me.

I get very emotional when it comes to puppies and veterans, and I had problems keeping the tears back so many times.

Just the playful puppies, so openminded ready to take in the world. And the veterans, looking into their eyes you see all their wisdom, love and lifelong experience. I just love their attitude; all the things they feel they can do just because they are old.

You might react on me picking many different types of hounds. And I do have a picture in my head of my ideal Irish wolfhound. But we must not forget to acknowledge the difference types. You can have a beautiful hounds type, but also a beautiful heavier type, and we need them all to keep the scale not tipping to much one way.

When it comes to my overall view of the hounds, I just have to say you have very good temperament. Some was a little reserved at first, but they did come around when I just gave them some time.

You have some lovely heads and expression on your hounds. It was not many broad skulls and short muzzles. But I would like better small rose ears on them. I know these are small details, but if we just ignore them, we will lose it for good. And ears hanging flat to the side, makes the hound have a completely different expression. Also, I noted many dogs with light colored eyes, again just a detail, and not imported when it comes to what is important, and that is function.

The teeth are a problem, as it is in many countries. But we have to be careful about these narrow under jaws that I did see in so many youngsters. I will forgive it in a young puppy, because it can and will often correct itself. But it is important to have a good bite on a hound that should hunt and kill its prey.

There very some week under jaws and so many with an undershot in 2-4 teeth. I will forgive that in an older dog, but not in young dog. There was also a lot of young dogs that had very worn-down front teeth in the under jaw.

Most dogs had a good layback of shoulders, but I must say I did not see many excellent forequarters because of very straight upper arms. That means that the elbow gets no support, and you get an unstable front movement. And off cause not the reach they should have.

Another problem I noticed is short and straight pasterns. This has become a worldwide problem that we need to take very seriously. A galloping dog needs to have good shoulder, nice layback of upper arm and flexible pasterns, that works as a shock absorber. If they don't have that, it is like driving a car without it's bumpers.

You have very good bodies on most hounds, well ribbed up, with good depth and good spring of ribs. Most tails were good, long and thick.

Good hindquarters with good width to them, and they are not flat, but round and powerful giving strength and power to the move.

There were some great movers, especially when it comes to the sidegate. Covering so much ground in each step.

When it comes to size, you do not have a problem!! My good there were some great big dogs and bitches entered!

Most of the dogs had good coats. But there were some very soft and long once to. As a hunting dog, living I damp cold weather, it needs to be functional. It should be thick to keep warm and crispy and short to be weatherproof.

Overall, I must say apart from some absolutely lovely puppies and some youngsters, it is a little worrying that the veterans were better in general in so many ways. Something to think about.

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Puppy 6-9 months dogs (4 entered, 2 absent)

1st.

Gladstones Can't Wait to Be King (catalog # 5)

A five months old fawn brindle, big long-legged puppy with great outline. Masculine lovely long head with little stop. High set lovely rose ears. Dark eyes, good pigmentation. Scissor bite. Good neck going into a nice topline with a strong loin. Well developed body for his age and well ribbed back. Nice shoulder placements, ok upper arm. Very good croup. Nice angulated hindquarter but would prefer more balance between the length of upper and lower thigh. Lovely bones with long flexible pasterns. Round feet with well arched toes. Nice short and crisp coat. Good tail set, going all the way to the ground, though carries it a little high when on the move. Moved with good drive and reach from the side. A little loose in front and parallel behind. Excellent temperament.

2nd.

Hops-N-Hounds The Oncoming Storm Lugh (catalog # 7)

Also a nice seven month old, grey brindle, long- legged puppy with good outline. Lovely masculine long head, dark pigmentation, flat ears, narrow underjaw with canine going up in the gum. Good neck, topline and hindquarters. Well-developed body for his age, well ribbed back, and strong loin. Good shoulder though would prefer a little better upper arm placement. Good bone, pastern and feet. Nice hindquarters. Moves with good drive from the side. A little close behind and parallel in front. Good coat. Excellent temperament.

Puppy 9-12 months dogs (2 entered, 1 absent)

1st.

R Noble Lucien of Eagle at Elkhorn (catalog #17)

11-month-old, grey brindle tall and rangy male. Masculine, beautiful long and leveled head with lovely dark pigmentation, dark eyes, good scissor bite. High set ears, but a little big and not rosed ears. Very nice neck and good shoulder. Nice developed body for his age. Well ribbed back but would prefer some more spring of rib. Nice topline and a lovely underline with the correct tuck up. Too straight in upper arm, with little support for the elbows. Strong croup and nice set of tail. Very nicely angulated behind. Good bone, a little too straight in pasterns, nice feet. Moves with great power and reach from the side and back. Toes in and loose in front. Good coat. Excellent temperament.

12-15 months Dogs (1 entered)

1st.

Magh Itha's Bragi (catalog #19)

12-month-old, grey brindle, medium sized male. Masculine long beautiful head with dark, nice pigment, dark eyes, but very deep set. A little low set ears, not fully rosed. One canine is going up in the gum on the left side, but I hope it will improve. Good neck. Straight in front, which makes the topline fall towards the croup. Good body, nice underline. A little steep croup. Good angulation behind. Good bone. Straight pasterns and nice feet. Lovely long tail. Moves good from the side. Loose in front and lacks a little power. Nice coat and excellent temperament.

15-18 months Dogs (2 entered)

1st and also my Best of Winners Dog

R Noble Carnasserie Nazar (catalog #21)

16-month-old, black medium size, beautiful dog of excellent type and with lovely lines. Masculine beautiful head with dark eyes and high set ears that are a little big. Scissor bite. Beautiful powerful neck, going smoothly into the withers and a strong topline with a powerful loin. Good wide croup. Lovely layback of shoulder and a good upper arm makes the angulation in front good and functional. Good forechest. Well developed body with a well ribbed back, good depth and spring of ribs. Good bone, long flexible pasterns, nice round feet. Lovely angulated hindquarters, with lovely width and balance between upper and lower thigh. Low set hocks. Nice tail set and lovely length. Moves so easy and elegant, covering a lot of ground in every step. Superb crisp, short good coat. A little reserved at first, but given time, he was fine. Lovely temperament.

2nd.

R Noble Beyond the Horizon (catalog #23)

Also a lovely 16-month-old, tall rangy, grey brindle male, which turns out to be the litter brother to the winner in this class. Beautiful long masculine head, dark eyes, scissor bite. Lovely long powerful neck, and a correct topline and underline. Wasn't as developed as his brother in forechest. Lovely layback of shoulder but a little straight in upper arm. Nice powerful croup. A good angulated rear with a balanced length between upper and lower thigh. Good bone, long and nice flexible pasterns, good feet, Nice set and length of tail. Moves with great power and reach, but a little loose coming towards me. Very good crisp coat. Excellent temperament.

Novice Dogs (4 entered, 3 absent)

1st.

Legacy's Starkeeper Silverado Spirit (catalog #25)

2-year-old, grey brindle, big leggy male. Of very good type. Masculine head with a nice strong underjaw and scissor bite. A little too light eye. Big flat ears. Beautiful long and powerful neck. A little soft in the topline but looks perfect on the move. Nice underline and croup. Would prefer a little better balance between upper and lower thigh. Good body, well ribbed back and depth of chest. Would like his forechest to be more filled in. Good shoulder placement, but a little straight in upper arm. Good bone, long good pasterns, good feet. Long nice tail, but carries it very high, and in a curl when moving. Powerful movement from the side, when he puts his mind to it. A little loose in front. Not in his best coat condition on the day, but what is there, is very crisp and nice. Excellent temperament.

Bred by Exhibitor Dogs (3 entered)

1st.

Lismore Cosmo Topper (catalog #35)

Lovely 2-year-old, grey brindle. Big but still a houndy type. Masculine long head, with very little stop. Dark beautiful eyes. OK ears. Long neck, good shoulder, but a little straight in upper arm which makes the topline fall a little towards the croup. Lovely underline, with

good tuck up. Nicely ribbed back with good depth and spring of rib. Powerful croup. Nice rear angulation, with lovely width to the thigh, and balanced in length. Long tail going to the ground. Lovely long legs, good bone, long and flexible pasterns. OK feet. Moves so easy and active, covering a lot of ground. A little loose coming. Very nice and crisp coat. Excellent temperament.

2nd.

C'Lute Eagle of Elkhorn (catalog #33)

Also a 2-year-old male, dark brindle, strong and of good size. Nice head and expression, some undershot incisors. A little too broad in skull. Rosed ears, that are a little low set. Powerful neck. A little soft in the topline, but much better on the move. Nice underline. Good shoulder placement and angulation of front and rear. Well ribbed back, good depth and spring of rib. Powerful croup. Good bone and feet. Moves very well in all directions. Long thick tail, keeping it a little high on the move. Very good coat. Lovely temperament.

3rd.

Redtops Eoghan II (catalog #37)

4 ½ year old male of good type. Very nice head and expression. Powerful underjaw and scissor bite. Slightly big ears. I would like them to be more tightly rosed. Good strong neck. OK top and underline. Well ribbed back, but a little short in body. Would prefer a better balance between the length of upper and lower thigh. Long, nice tail. Good bone and feet, though a little too stright in pastern. Good coat. He is not willing to move today, which makes it impossible for the handler to show his movement properly.

American Bred Dogs (4 entered)

1st.

Carrickaneena Rooney (catalog # 43)

A lovely 3-year-old, mid-sized dog of very good breed type with a very nice outline. Lovely head and expression, long and level with little stop. High placed rose ears, powerful, underjaw, scissor bite. Too light an eye color but does blend nicely with the coat color. Lovely strong and powerful neck going into a nice topline. A powerful croup with correct tail set and length. Would prefer a better upper arm and a little more angulation at the knee, but he is very balanced and angulated, front and rear. And he uses it to his fullest when it comes to moving. Nice forechest and well ribbed back body with good spring of rib and depth of chest. Nice bone, good pasterns and feet. Excellent crisp coat. Moves with great power, easy and active covering a lot of ground, parallel both front and rear. A little shy at first, but as usual, given time, he was doing excellent.

2nd.

Coleraine's Cathbhadh Incubator Jones (Catalog #39)

A 4-year-old, big, powerful, brindle male of very good breed type. A lovely long head with dark eyes, but his ears are a little too big and flat. Powerful underjaw, scissor bite. Powerful long neck, going smoothly into the withers. A little soft topline but improves in movement. Nice croup, with good tailset, though keeping it a little too high on the move. Very good layback of shoulder, but a little upright in upper arm. Well ribbed back with good depth and

spring of rib. Good bone. A little short and steep in the pasterns. Nice coat. Moves very good side and back, just a little loose in front. Excellent temperament.

3rd.

Shanachie's Hunter Bad Moon Rising Over Vermont (Catalog #45)

Also a big, impressive 2- year- old male of good breed type. Masculine, houndy head with dark eyes and lovely small, high set rosed ears. Powerful neck. Good topline, though a little flat in the croup. Nice underline. Very nice shoulder, good upper arm, nice forechest. Well ribbed back with good depth of body. Moderate angulated in the rear. Good thick tail, but he kept it too high on the move. Good bone and pasterns, however, flat feet. Moved okay from all angles but would like him to move more parallel behind. Excellent crisp coat. Excellent temperament.

4th.

Carrickaneena Ogilvy Mochroi (catalog #41)

Also a big 3 -year- old, big, brindle male of good breed type. With a masculine level head, which must not get any stronger. Eyes are too light, but they blend in with the coat color. High set rosed ears, that are a little big. Lovely powerful neck, going smoothly into the withers and topline with the correct arch over the loin. Powerful croup, with correct tailset. Thick, long tail, that he keeps carried correctly on the move. Nice underline. Well developed body, with lovely spring of rib and depth. Good shoulder, though too straight in upper arm and elbowing out. The result is with no support to the elbows, he is moving very loose, elbowing out and toeing in, in front. Nice reach and drive from the side. Would prefer a better and crisper coat. Excellent temperament.

Open dog (7 entrees, 5 absents)

1st.

Taliesin Blaze's Buchaill of Wideview (catalog #53)

A 2-year-old, beautiful grey brindle, masculine, medium sized male of very good breed type. Lovely lines. Beautiful head, with dark eyes, lovely pigmentation, and ears that are a little too big. Powerful topline and croup, nice underline. Good tailset. Very good layback of shoulder, but a little upright in upper arm. Well ribbed back with good spring of rib and depth of chest. Good bone. A little too steep in pasterns, but nice round feet. Nice angulation in the rear. With lovely, balanced length between upper and lower thigh. Lovely crisp, short coat. Moves with good reach and drive, covering a lot of ground. A little loose in front movement. Excellent temperament.

2nd.

Carrickaneena Padraig Pearse (catalog #57)

A 2-year-old, big, lovely, long- legged, grey brindle, masculine male of very good breed type. With a beautiful, masculine, old-fashioned head that has dark, nice shaped eyes, but ears that are a bit too big and flat. Nice neck. I'd like a better shoulder and upper arm. Good topline. Well ribbed back and good depth of chest. Strong loin, correct croup and tailset. Nice angulation in the rear with low set hacks. Good bone, nice flexible pasterns, though too flat feet. Lovely Irish spotting but would like a better and crisper coat. This "big happy baby" was just not hanging together in movement. He just needs more time to settle into his big body. Excellent temperament.

Regular Bitch Classes

Puppy 6-9 months Bitches (5 entered, 1 absent)

1st.

Gladstone's Beloved Gift (catalog #12)

A 6- month-old, beautiful black bitch of excellent breed type and with a lovely outline. Beautiful long feminine head, with little stop, dark nicely shaped eyes, and high placed small rosed ears. Lovely long strong neck, going smoothly into beautiful withers and topline. Strong loin, excellent croup and tail set. Well ribbed back, nice forechest, and good developed body for her age. Lovely Shoulder with a good upper arm. Good underline. Nicely angulated hindquarters, with low hocks. Good bone, long flexible pasterns, round, well arched feet. Already a good, crisp coat. Moves very good from all directions, with good drive and reach. Tail too high on the move. Very promising puppy. Excellent temperament.

2nd.

Gladstone's Abby O'Darling (catalog #6)

A litter sister to the number 1 in this class. Also a beautiful brindle, feminine bitch of excellent breed type and with a lovely outline. So like her sister in head and body. Just not as good in movement as the sister today. Lovely side movement, but toing in coming towards me, because of a little straight upper arm and elbowing out in movement. Excellent temperament.

3rd.

Gladstone's Cara Coyne (catalog #14)

Also a litter sister to placement number 1 and 2 in the class. Also a beautiful, feminine bitch of excellent breed type. Lovely head with dark eyes, high set, but slightly big ears. Not as good a shoulder and upper arm as the winner. Lovely coat. Nice long legs. Lovely long pasterns. Toing out a little at the moment, and a little cow-hocked in the rear. Excellent temperament.

Puppy 9-12 months Bitches (7 entered, 4 absent)

This was a strong class with some lovely puppies! All a little different in type, but all so typical and beautiful. I would have taken all three home if I could.

1st.

Starkeeper Calorien Beryl (catalog #24)

A 10- month-old, absolutely, beautiful fawn brindle puppy of excellent breed type, and with lovely lines. Beautiful "old-fashioned" head. Dark almond shaped eyes, slightly big ears, but rosed them occasionally. Beautiful powerful long neck going smoothly into a nice powerful topline. Lovey strong croup, good tailset, with tail going to the ground. Lovely balanced rear angulation. Nice underline. Well-developed body for her age. Well ribbed back, strong loin. Good bone, long pastern, but would like them to be a little more flexible. Lovely round feet. Moved with great drive, and so easy and active. Looked like she could go all day. Excellent temperament. What a promising puppy!

2nd.

O'Lugh Sloane Ranger (catalog #20)

Also a very beautiful, 10- month- old puppy bitch of excellent breed type. Feminine long leveled head, with lovely dark eyes. High set ears that are slightly big and not rosed ears. Strong, beautiful neck. A little soft in topline at the moment. Strong loin, and croup, good tailset. Well-developed body for her age, well ribbed back, and with a strong loin. Lovely shoulder, okay upper arm. Nice developed forechest. Good bone. Long pasterns but would like them to be a little more flexible. Good feet. Good angulated hindquarters. Moves with great drive, easy and active, but carries her tail to high and curly when moving. Crisp, wonderful coat with lovely Irish spotting. A very promising puppy. Excellent temperament.

3rd.

R Noble Lillith of Eagle (catalog #28)

Another beautiful 11- month- old dark brindle puppy of excellent breed type with lovely lines. Beautiful feminine long leveled head with lovely dark eyes. Lovely rosed ears. Lovely long, strong neck. Strong powerful topline and loin. Lovely wide strong croup with correct tailset. Beautiful underline, with the correct tuck up. Well-developed body for her age. Would like a little better layback of shoulder and upper arm. Moderately angulated rear. Good bone, long enough pasterns. Slightly flat feet. Good crisp coat with lovely Irish spotting. Moves very good from the side, but the front movement is unstable because of the front angulation. A promising puppy. Excellent temperament.

12-15 months Bitches (1 entered)

1st

Carrickaneena Si Fein (catalog #30).

A beautiful 14- month- old bitch of excellent breed type. Beautiful feminine, long leveled head, lovely dark eyes. Lovely rosed ears. Level bite. Beautiful strong, powerful neck going into a strong topline, but with an arch that starts before the loin. Very nice croup and tailset. A lovely correct layback of shoulder and lovely angulated upper arm, making good support for the elbows. Good body, well ribbed back with good depth. Nice loin. Long flexible pasterns, to flat feet. Nice angulated rear with good balanced length to upper and lower thigh. Would like a better short and crisp coat. This bitch could move! Easy and active, covering so much ground in every step. And it looked like she could have been going all day long with ease. A little shy at first but given time she was going good. Nice temperament.

15-18 months Bitches (6 entered, 1 absent)

This was also a very strong class where I especially had difficulties deciding between #1 and #2.

1st.

New Girl in Town at R Noble (catalog #38)

A 15- month- old beautiful, black feminine bitch of excellent type, with a lovely outline. Turns out to be a litter sister to my winners dog. Beautiful long feminine head with little stop. Lovely dark almond shaped eyes. Lovely rosed ears. Beautiful long powerful neck, going smoothly into the withers and topline. Lovely powerful wide croup, with correct

tailset. Beautiful shoulder, though still a little upright in upper arm. Very nice body for her age, with a well ribbed back and strong loin. Lovely underline with the correct tuckup. Nice angulated rear, with nice balanced length between upper and lower thigh. Nice bone. Long pasterns but would like more flexibility. Nice feet. Excellent crisp, short coat. Moves with great drive and reach from all directions. Still a little loose in front. Excellent temperament.

2nd.

R Noble Carnasserie Nevada (catalog #42)

Also a 15 month, beautiful brindle bitch, that is a litter sister to the winner of this class. She has the same lovely lines as her sister. And it was a difficult to pick between these two. She also had a beautiful head, rosed ears (when it suited her), dark eyes. Lovely body, top and underline. Very nice shoulder, a little upright in upper arm. Lovey powerful hindquarter with good angulation and balance. Low hocks. Nice bone. Slightly straight pasterns. Nice feet. Moves with great power and reach. A little loose in front. Excellent short, crisp coat. Excellent temperament.

3rd.

Renwyck's Tiger Lily (catalog #32)

A 15- month-old lovely, powerful wheaten bitch of excellent type and with lovely lines. Strong, yet still feminine head. Lovely dark pigmentation. Light eyes, but it goes well with her coat color. Strong underjaw. Scissor bite. Very well-developed body, with a well ribbed back, good depth of chest, nice forechest, and strong loin. Wide powerful croup. Nice angulated rear with good width to the thighs. Correct tailset. Lovey shoulder and good upper arm. Good bone. Long, flexible pasterns. Good feet. Very good crisp coat, and that can be hard to find in a wheaten. Moves parallel from all angles, but I would like some more power and drive, because she is built for it. Excellent temperament.

4th

O'Lugh Lismore Bunnahabhain (catalog #36)

Another beautiful 17-month-old fawn brindle bitch. Lovely strong lines. Beautiful long feminine head with lovely dark eyes and with very good pigmentation. Scissor bite. Lovey strong long neck. Very nice topline. Good underline. Lovely body for her age. Well ribbed back. Good filled out chest. Powerful wide croup with correct tailset. Lovely angulated rear, with good balance between length of upper and lower thigh. Nice shoulder, but too straight in upper arm. Excellent temperament. Good bone, long flexible pasterns. Moves with very good drive, but a little loose in front. A little shy at first but ended up being very good. Lovely temperament

Novice Bitches (5 entered, 1 moved to open)

1st.

Carrickaneena CUmman Na Mban (catalog # 48)

A beautiful 2- year-old grey brindle, long legged bitch of great breed type with very good lines. Feminine very long old-fashioned head with little stop. Lovely dark eyes. High set rosed ears, (when it suited her), but would prefer them a little smaller if I'm being picky. Scissor bite. Lovely long strong neck, going into a correct topline with correct arch over the loin. Powerful wide croup. Correct tailset. Tail going to the ground. Lovely shoulder placement. A little straight in upper arm. Good filled in forechest. Well ribbed back with

good spring of rib and depth of chest. Nice underline. Nice angulated rear with balanced length to upper and lower thigh. Good bone. A little short and straight in pasterns. Nice round feet. Would like a better crisp, short coat. Moves with great reach and power, parallel from all angles. Excellent temperament

2nd.

Taliesin's Boudicca at Sceolan (catalog #50)

Another lovely 2- year- old houndy, grey brindle bitch. Lovely feminine long head with lovely pigmentation and dark eyes. High set, lovely rosed ears. Long powerful neck. Good withers, lovely top and underline. Very nice body, well ribbed back. Very well-placed shoulders, though a little straight in the upper arm. Good loin and strong powerful croup with correct tailset. Lovely angulated rear with good width and balance length between upper and lower thigh. Good bone, pasterns and feet. Lovely short, crisp coat. Moves very well from all angles. Excellent temperament.

3rd.

Starkeeper Aoibheann Ailis (catalog #44)

A big impressive 22- month-old grey brindle, long legged bitch. Feminine lovely head, dark eyes. A little low set, flat ears. Very long neck, that I would prefer stronger. A little flat in topline, very good underline. Very well-developed body, well ribbed back with good depth of chest. Croup is very strong and wide, but a little steep. Good tailset. Would prefer a better balance between the length of upper and lower thigh. Good shoulder placement, a little straight in upper arm. Good bone, lovely long flexible pasterns. Good feet. Lovely crisp coat. Moves with good drive and reach, but too loose in front. Excellent temperament.

4th.

Carrickaneena Sailchuach Swm Cgca Tki (catalog #52)

Also a lovely 2 year-old black brindle, bitch of excellent type. Lovely old-fashioned long head with dark eyes, and high set but flat ears. Very powerful strong neck. Strong body, well ribbed back. Powerful loin, very powerful croup with good tail placement. Lovely angulated rear, good shoulder, but straight in the upper arm. Unfortunately, a little too heavy today, so her movement is heavy and without the good reach that she is built to have.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitches (11 entered, 4 absent)

1st.

Renwyck's Marigold (catalog #56)

The more I looked at her, the more I liked her!

15- month-old medium sized lovely, light grey brindle bitch of excellent breed type.

A lovely feminine bitch head, strong wide underjaw, scissor bite. Big teeth. Would prefer darker eyes, but they blend with the coat color. High set ears, that she will keep rosed up when it pleases her. Lovely strong neck, going into a strong withers and topline. Strong loin. Lovely curved powerful croup with correct tailset. Lovely underline, with correct tuckup. Lovely strong body, well ribbed back, with the correct depth and spring of ribs. Good filled in forechest. Lovely layback of shoulder, but I would like a little better upper arm. Good angulation in rear, would prefer a little better balance between length of upper and lower thigh. Good hocks. Good bone. Lovely long flexible pasterns. Beautiful strong round feet.

Excellent short, crisp coat. She moves beautifully with great reach and drive, parallel from all angles. Covering a lot of ground in every step she takes. And she looks like she could go and do a full day's work. Excellent temperament.

2nd.

Ard Rhi's Summer Solace (catalog #74)

A lovely 2- year- old grey brindle, medium sized bitch of great breed type. Lovely feminine head, dark eyes, beautiful pigmented, strong underjaw, wide scissor bite, good high set ears that could be tighter rosed. Lovely strong neck. Good topline, that could be slightly stronger, but is kept correct while on the move. Powerful croup, correct set tail. Well-developed body, well ribbed back with good depth and spring of rib. Well filled in forechest. Strong loin. Lovely underline. Good layback of shoulder and upper arm. Good angulated rear with good width and balance in length of upper and lower thigh. Good bone. Too straight in the pasterns, good feet. Lovely crisp, short coat. Moves with great drive and reach from the side, but a little close in rear. Toing in, in front. Excellent temperament.

3rd.

Carrickaneena Countess Markievicz (catalog #60)

A lovely 2- year- old, dark brindle, medium sized bitch of good breed type. An absolutely, stunning head on this bitch! Old fashioned, with great strong, long muzzle. Beautiful dark eyes. Strong underjaw and broad scissor bite. Lovely high set, small rosed ears. Dark pigmentation. Lovely strong neck. Good topline and croup with correct tailset. Long in body. I would like her to have better depth and a longer ribcage. A little too long in loin. Okay underline. Lovely shoulder, but a little too steep in upper arm. Would like a better balance between upper and lower thigh. Low hocks. Good bone, lovely strong round feet. Lovely crisp, coat with lovely Irish spotting. Moves with good reach and drive. Parallel in rear, but a bit loose in front, and toing in. Excellent temperament.

4th.

Dun Myrica R Noble Nuala of Eagle (catalog #70)

A lovely, medium sized 4- year- old bitch of great type and with a lovely silhouette. Lovely feminine, long head with little stop. Dark eyes. High set ears that could be carried better. Scissor bite. Lovely long neck that flows into a lovely topline. Good underline, with the correct tuckup. Long body. Well ribbed back with good depth and spring of rib. Good croup and nice angulated rear. Good hock. Good shoulder, but too steep in upper arm. Good bone. Too straight in pasterns. Good feet. Lovely short, crisp coat. Missing a bit of the tail due to an injury. Moves with very good drive and reach. A bit loose in front, parallel in rear. Excellent temperament.

American Bred Bitches (10 entered, 3 absent)

1st.

Kellykerry Eabha of Warwick (catalog #76)

A lovely, 3 year- old, big impressive, powerful wheaten bitch of great breed type. Beautiful long, level strong feminine head with fabulous dark pigmentation. Dark eyes. High set black

ears that could be tighter rosed. Strong wide underjaw and scissor bite. Lovely long, strong neck. Would prefer a stronger topline when stacked, but it does look good on the move. Strong loin, powerful croup with a good tailset. Tail to the ground. Lovely strong built body, well ribbed back, with good depth and spring of rib. Nice underline. Lovely layback of shoulder, good upper arm, and nice forechest. Lovely angulated rear, with good balanced length to upper and lower thigh. Low hocks. Good bone. Long flexible pasterns, rear feet are a little flat. Lovely short, crisp coat. Moves parallel and sound from all angles. Lovely reach and drive, covering a lot of ground in every step. Excellent temperament.

2nd.

R Noble Bebula of Eagle (catalog #80)

A 3 year- old, medium sized, grey brindle bitch of great breed type. Lovely long, feminine bitch head with fabulous dark pigmentation and lovely dark eyes. High set rosed ears. Strong underjaw and wide scissor bite. Powerful long neck, going into a good topline. Would prefer a better tuckup in underline. Long body with good depth, well ribbed back and good spring of rib. Strong loin. Good croup with nice tailset. Lovely layback of shoulder, good upper arm, and nice forechest. Lovely angulated rear, with good width and balanced length to upper and lower thighs. Good bone, nice pastern, good paws. Crisp coat. Moves with good reach and drive from the side. Going away she throws the rear legs out to the side. In front, elbows going out and toing in. Excellent temperament.

3rd.

Carrickaneena Bronntanas (catalog #82)

Lovely 3- year-old medium sized, black bitch of great type with good length to her body. Lovely feminine head. Scissor bite. Dark eyes. High set ears, but big and flat. Lovely strong long neck. Good topline, a little long in loin and a little flat in croup. Nice tail carriage but I'd like a bit longer tail. Good body, would I'd prefer her back better ribbed. Good depth and spring of rib. Good underline. Nice layback of shoulder, but too straight in upper arm. Good bone, nice flexible pasterns and good feet. Would like a little more width to the thigh and a better balanced length of upper and lower thigh. Low hocks. Good long reach and drive from the side. Going away, she throws her feet out to the side. Toeing in, in front. Crisp good coat. Excellent temperament.

4th.

Lismore Ard Rhi's Little Night Music (catalog #78)

20- month-old medium sized, black bitch of great breed type. Feminine head with dark eyes. Scissor bite. High set ears that should be more tightly rosed. Good long neck. Nice topline, loin and croup. Good tailset and length of tail. Nice underline. Well developed body, well ribbed back with good spring of rib and good depth. Good shoulder, but too straight in upper arm, leaving no support for the elbows. Would like some more angulation in rear. Good bone, little short in pastern. Nice feet. Crisp coat. Moves good, and with good reach and drive from the side. Toeing in in front and parallel in rear. Excellent temperament.

Open bitch (11 entered, 7 absent)

1st.

Mythic's Phinney Branwen (catalog #104)

3 ½ year- old, dark brindle long bitch of excellent breed type. Lovely feminine head, little narrow bite. Dark lovely eyes, with nice pigment, and high placed ears. I'd like her ears more rosed. Lovely long neck, going into a strong long topline, good loin, powerful lovely croup, and nice tailset and length of tail. Good shoulder and upper arm. Good body, well ribbed back with good depth and spring of rib. Good bone. Too straight in the pasterns. Good feet. Crisp coat. Good thigh and angulated rear. Moves with very good reach and drive from the side, but a little close in rear. Lovely parallel in front. Excellent temperament.

2nd.

R Noble Nainsi (catalog #4)

15- month old, lovely black old-fashioned bitch of excellent breed type. Beautiful long feminine head with dark eyes. High set ears, not perfectly rosed. Strong underjaw. Scissor bite. Lovely strong neck, lovely topline, and underline with nice tuckup. Powerful croup with good tailset and length of tail. Lovely body, well ribbed back, good depth and spring of rib. Good shoulder placement, but a little straight in the upper arm. Lovely angulated rear, with good width and balanced length of upper and lower thigh. Good bone. Good length of pasterns, but a little too straight. Very good feet. Short, crisp coat. Moves with lovely reach and drive from the side. Still a little loose in front. Parallel from behind. Excellent temperament.

3rd.

Shancarrick's Daring Devnet (catalog #96)

2 ½ year- old, grey brindle bitch of great type. Lovely feminine head, with dark pigments, dark eyes, and high set lovely, rosed ears. Scissor bite. Lovely strong neck. Good topline, lovely strong loin. Nice tailset and length of tail. Good shoulder, but a little too straight in upper arm. I'd like a better-balanced length of upper and lower thigh. Low hocks. Good bone. Nice flexible pasterns. Would like better feet. Lovely, crisp coat. Moves with good reach and drive from the side, but a little too close behind. Toeing in, in front. Excellent temperament.

4th.

Feorish Taicligh (catalog #98)

17-month-old, grey brindle bitch of very good breed type. Long leveled feminine head, dark eyes, and high set ears that could be better rosed. Scissor bite. Lovely neck. A little soft in the topline but does improve some on the move. Strong loin. Lovely croup. Good tailset, but I'd like it a little longer tail. Good tail carriage on the move. Nice underline. Good developed body for her age. Well ribbed back, with good spring of rib. Good shoulder, but too straight in the upper arm. Would like more angulation in rear. Good bone, but a little too straight in pastern. Good feet. Crisp, good coat. Moved with good reach and drive from the side. Still a little too loose in front and wide in rear. But she needs time to settle. Excellent temperament.

Non regular Classes

Veteran Bronze, 6years & under 8 Years Dogs

I think you all noticed that I got emotional judging these lovely veterans. I was trying my best not to cry. Thank you all for entering and bringing these wonderful hounds to me! And credit to all of you for keeping them all in such good condition. I did not find any in bad condition.

1st.

GCH Carrickaneena Eoghan Ruadh (catalog # 65)

What a beautiful big, brindle dog this was. A little over 6 years, a wonderful type and with lovely lines. Lovely masculine long leveled head, with little stop, high set ears, not completely rose. Lovely dark eyes. Strong wide underjaw. Lovely strong, powerful neck going into a lovely strong topline with the correct arch over the loin. A little steep but very powerful croup. Lovely strong, well ribbed back body with good depth and spring of rib. Nice underline. Nice tailset and keeps his tail correct while moving. Lovely shoulder placement, but a little too straight in upper arm. Lovely angulated behind, with good width and balance to the upper and lower thigh. Good bone. Lovely long flexible pasterns. Lovely round feet. Very good, crisp coat. In excellent condition. So well muscled. Moved parallel front and rear, and still easy and active with great reach and drive. Excellent temperament.

2nd.

Ch Gladstone's Thunder Road (catalog #63)

Another stunning grey brindle veteran, almost 7 years. Lovely head with dark eyes. Very good bite for his age. High set, flat ears. Lovely long strong neck, going into a lovely strong topline, that he also keeps on the move. Good strong, but a little flat, in the croup. Nice underline. Lovely strong body, well ribbed back with good depth and spring of rib. Lovely rear angulation with very good width and balanced length to the upper and lower thigh. Somewhat high tailset, but keeps his tail correct on the move. Lovely shoulder placement, with okay upper arm. Good bone. Flexible pasterns and nice feet. Very good crisp coat. In excellent condition. Still moves with good reach and drive, parallel in rear. Excellent temperament.

3rd.

GCH Carrickaneena An Suir (catalog #69)

Another great big brindle 6 -year-old male. Litter brother to the winner in this class. With a lovely masculine head, but I'd prefer darker eyes. Strong underjaw, with a good wide bite. Lovely high set rosed ears. Lovely long and powerful neck, going smoothly into the withers and topline. Good strong croup with a nice tailset. He keeps the tail carried correctly while moving. Lovely layback of shoulder with an okay upper arm. Lovely strong body, well ribbed back, with good depth and spring of rib. Nice underline. I'd prefer a little more angulation in the rear, and some more width to the thigh. Crisp coat. Still moves easy and active, toeing in a little in front. Excellent temperament

4th

Carrickaneena Lough Ree (catalog #67)

Another litter brother to #1 and #3 in this class! A big, impressive 6- year- old, grey brindle male. Strong masculine head, but a little broad in the skull. Would like a little darker eye. Lovely strong underjaw, with a good wide scissor bite. High set ears, roses his ears when he feels like it. Very good powerful neck going into good strong powerful withers, topline and croup. Nice tailset, and keeps his tail correct on the move. Lovely underline. Lovely layback of shoulder, just a little straight in the upper arm. Would prefer a little more angulation in rear. Good bone. Long but a little straight in pasterns, round good feet. Still moves with good reach and drive, parallel from all angles. Good coat. Excellent temperament

Veteran Silver, 8 years & under 9 years dogs (2 entered)

1st.

Taliesin's Realta Gheal I Bodach BN THDX CGC TKI GRC (catalog #75)

This handsome veteran wheaten male caught my eye the minute he entered the ring. He had such a commanding appearance, and he absolutely loved to show himself off. Turns out looking back at the catalog, he was 8 year and 7 month old, the oldest one showed that day. Not only did he win best veteran, but also BOB.

Big impressive wheaten masculine male, of absolutely, beautiful breed type and with floating lines from his nose to the end of his tail.

Masculine long powerful head, with dark almond shaped eyes, high set ears, that was rosed almost all the time. Lovely strong underjaw, with strong big teeth, scissor bite. Lovely pigmentation. Lovely long and powerful neck, going into a strong whither and topline, strong loin, beautiful strong curved croup with a correct tailset. Beautiful underline, with a correct tuck up. Lovely long body, well ribbed back, with good depth and lovely spring of rib. Good filled in forechest. Lovely shoulder and good upper arm, making good support for the elbows. Long legged, good bone, lovely long flexible pasterns, round strong feet. Good balanced angulation in upper and lower thigh. Lovely short crisp coat, which is hard to find in a wheaten. Moved with so much power, easy and active. And covering a lot of ground in every step. He still looks like a youngster. Keeping his silhouette beautifully while moving. Excellent temperament. I salute the owner for keeping him in such great condition.

2nd.

Mise Eire Callan at Kenmore (catalog #73)

Also a lovely 8 ½ year- old, veteran in great condition. A big masculine, gray brindle male of lovely breed type. Long masculine head with little stop and lovely dark eyes. High set, flat ears. Strong underjaw and scissor bite. Powerful strong long neck. Nice topline, with an arch over the loin. A little steep in croup. Nice tail set, which goes all the way to the ground. He carries it correctly on the move. Nice underline. Lovely lay back of shoulder and upper arm. Lovely forechest. Well ribbed back body with good depth and spring of rib. Nicely angulated hindquarter with good width to the thighs. Good bone. A little steep in the pasterns. Slightly flat feet. Would prefer a better crisp coat. Still moves with a great reach and drive, parallel from all angles. Excellent temperament. A credit to the owner for keeping him in such good condition.

Veteran Bronze, 6years & under 8 Years bitches (9 entered, 2 absent)

1st.

Ch Dun Myrica Nova of Eagle (catalog #132)

Almost 8 years old, lovely, grey brindle, medium sized veteran bitch. With a lovely outline and beautiful breed type. Lovely long feminine head with almond shaped eyes that I would prefer darker. Lovely dark pigmentation. Lovely high set, rosed ears. Strong underjaw, big strong teeth. Powerful long neck, lovely topline, powerful croup. Nice tailset. Good body, well ribbed back, with good depth and spring of rib. Good forechest, Nice underline. Lovely shoulder, nice angulated upper arm. Good bone, flexible pasterns, good feet. Nice angulated hindquarter with the correct balance between length of upper and lower thigh. Lovely crisp, short coat. Moves fantastic, covering a lot of ground in every step. Parallel from all angles. In excellent condition. Excellent temperament.

2nd.

GCH Lismore Stoneybrook Roxie Hart (Catalog #120)

Another beautiful, veteran bitch. 6 ½ year old, black big, impressive, feminine bitch of great breed type. Beautiful long head, with little stop, dark eyes, high set, flat ears. Strong underjaw and a scissor bite. Lovely long powerful neck. Lovely topline with the correct arch over the loin. Okay underline for her age. Lovely body, well ribbed back, with good depth and spring of rib. A little steep croup. Good tailset. Tail going to the ground and kept nice on the move. I'd prefer a better balance between upper and lower thigh. Low hocks. Beautiful layback of shoulder and good angulated upper arm. Good forechest. Good bone. Nice flexible pasterns and good feet. Moves beautifully with reach and drive. Parallel in rear. Lifting front legs a little high. Nice coat. In excellent condition. Excellent temperament.

3rd.

GCHB Gladstone's Irish Mist (catalog # 126)

Another beautiful veteran bitch, almost 7 years old grey brindle. Of lovely breed type. Lovely long feminine head. I'd prefer less stop. Dark eyes. I'd prefer a stronger underjaw. Narrow bite. Long powerful neck, going into a good, strong topline. Little long in loin. I'd prefer a longer ribcage. Strong body, with good depth, and spring of ribs. Good croup. Okay underline for her age. Lovely shoulder placement and upper arm angulation. Good filled in forechest. Would prefer her a little higher on her legs. Good bone, flexible pasterns. Okay feet in front, though too flat in the rear. Would like better balance between length of upper and lower thigh. Low hocks. Moved parallel from all angles -- very easy and active. In excellent condition. Excellent temperament.

4th.

CH Carrickaneena Anna Liffey CGC (catalog #128)

Again, another lovely veteran bitch. 6 ½ year old, beautiful feminine bitch. With an absolutely, beautiful, long level feminine head, beautiful dark almond shaped eyes, high set small rose ears, strong underjaw, with good wide scissor bite. Lovely dark pigmentation. Long powerful neck, good topline with correct arch over the loin. Good croup. Nice tailset. Correct tail carriage on the move. Good bone. To straight in the pasterns. Good coat. The

front assembly is set a bit to forward, making her move with elbows out, toeing in, parallel in rear. Has good drive. In excellent condition. Excellent temperament.

Veteran Silver, 8 years & under 9 years bitches (2 entered)

1st.

Bellarosa's Caoimhe of Mise Eire (catalog # 138)

What a lovely 8 ½ year old veteran. Long legged bitch of excellent breed type and with lovely lines. Lovely feminine head, with high set, rosed ears. Strong underjaw. Scissor bite. Dark eyes. Lovely strong neck. Nice topline, with a strong loin and croup. Good tailset, with the tail going all the way to the ground. Lovely body, well ribbed back with good depth and spring of rib. Lovely layback of shoulder, but I'd like a little better angulated upper arm. Good forechest. Lovely angulated hindquarter, with good width of thigh. Low hocks. Good bone. A little straight in the pasterns. Good feet. Lovely short, crisp coat with lovely Irish spotting. A little heavy on the day, but does move with very good reach and drive. A little untidy in the rear. In excellent muscle condition. Excellent temperament.

2nd.

Mandala's Keltie of Shancarrick (catalog #136)

Another lovely 8 ½ year old, veteran of lovely breed type. Lovely feminine head with lovely pigmentation. Dark eyes. Strong underjaw with a strong wide scissor bite. High set ears, that are almost completely rosed. Lovely long strong neck. A little soft topline, that looks soft on the move as well. Good croup with nice tailset. Would like the tail to be longer. Okay underline for her age. Good body, well ribbed back with good spring of rib. Good shoulder, little straight upper arm. Nice angulated hindquarter with good balance and width to the thighs. Good bone. A little steep in the pasterns. Good feet. Moves parallel from all angles with good reach and drive. In excellent muscle condition. Excellent temperament.

From Best of breed bitch, my BOS winner

GCH Wildisle Brie Good Golly Ms Molly (catalog #142)

A beautiful 3 year-old, grey brindle bitch of excellent breed type. With a beautiful feminine head and expression, with lovely dark eyes, excellent pigmentation, high set rosed ears, and a scissor bite. Lovely strong neck, going smoothly into strong withers and topline. Powerful loin, lovely powerful croup. Good tailset and length of tail. Lovely developed body, with good spring of rib and depth of chest. Good shoulder and upper arm, Nice filled in forechest. Good underline. Lovely angulated rear, giving power to the movement. Lovely balanced upper and lower thigh, with nice wide thighs, and low hocks. Good bone. Nice flexible pasterns. Round, but little small feet. Lovely short, crisp coat. Her lovely attributes show on the move. So beautiful sidegate, easy and active and covering a lot of ground. Looks like she could run all day. A little narrow, but parallel in the rear. Excellent temperament.

Select dog

Ch Carricaneena Dearthair JC (catalog nr. 81)

3 year- old, lovely big, impressive grey brindle masculine, long legged male of great breed type. Masculine, lovely long head, but eyes a little light though they blend in with the coat color. Scissor bite. High set rosed ears. Beautiful powerful neck going smoothly into a strong topline with correct arch over the loin. Strong loin. Lovely placement of shoulder but would like a little better upper arm. Powerful croup with correct tailset. Good angulated hindquarter with good width in thigh. Low hocks. Good body with good depth and spring of rib. Well ribbed back. Good bone. Okay pasterns and good feet. Would like a better short, crisp coat. He moves with correct tail carriage. Parallel from all angles. Very easy and active, covering a lot of ground in every step. Looks like he could run all day long. Excellent temperament.

Award of Merit

Ch Gladstone's Call me Kelt (catalog #152)

3-year-old, lovely big, impressive grey brindle, long legged bitch of lovely breed type with nice lines. Long feminine head with lovely dark eyes, good pigmentation, high set rosed ears, that could be smaller and with a tighter rose. Scissor bite. Lovely long strong neck, going into a strong and lovely topline with the correct arch over the loin. Strong loin, excellent croup with correct tailset, and a tail which goes to the ground. Well-developed body with good spring of rib and depth to chest. Lovely layback of shoulder, okay upper arm. Nice filled in forechest. Lovely width and balanced length to upper and lower thigh. Good hocks. Good bone. Lovely, long flexible pasterns, with strong round paws. Ok coat. Moves parallel from all angles, with good reach and drive. Impressive for such a big lady. Excellent temperament.

Ch Ard Rhi's Summer Skipper (catalog #156)

2 ½ year old, lovely long-legged bitch with lovely lines. Lovely feminine long head with lovely dark eyes, nice pigmentation, a wide scissor bite. Little low set of flat ears. Lovely powerful neck, going into a nice topline, strong loin, good croup with correct tailset and length of tail. Good developed body with good depth, well ribbed back. I'd like a little more spring of rib. Nice underline, with good tuckup. Lovely placed shoulder, good upper arm, nice filled in forechest. Good angulated rear, with good width and balanced length in upper and lower thigh. Good hocks. Good bone. Flexible pasterns and good paws. Moves with correct tail carriage and is parallel from all angles. Moves with great reach and drive, covering a lot of ground in every step. Excellent temperament.