

**Bull Terrier Club of Metro Detroit  
Specialty  
September 26, 2009  
Judge: David Harris**

Standing in for my long time friend David Harrison, who was undergoing surgery, I was greeted by a super entry of 62 with only one absentee! Competition for the top spots was intense, with a number of top class specials plus youngsters who came through to win the varieties. My colored bitch classes were the largest and also the most challenging to judge – with a strong mix of virtues and faults among the entry. I was delighted by the entry in the movement class, with at least six of them moving really well, but I had only the one prize.

My thanks to the Metro Detroit club, which as always put on a great weekend.

**COLORED (6-18-1-(3-6)-2)**

**Reserve Winners Dog**

Frascone's **STARSTRUCK FOREBREAK** (Starstruck Oberon ex Starstruck Colhartdbitch) Shapely solid red smut; good length of muzzle, could have more fill; bite fractionally off; excels in make & shape, with really well laid shoulders (so rare these days), well bent stifles; brisket deep but ribs need to spring; covered the ground with free easy strides with super reach in front; given the upright shoulders and short upper arms of so many of our BTs today, this dog could be a valuable asset at stud.

**Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best of Variety, Best of Breed**

Berez & Perrot's **ACTION HEAD GAMES** (Ch. Action Headed For Fame ex Ch. Dajan Classy Dame) This br/w youngster offers exceptional quality, type & scope; superb head – long, great strength of muzzle, beautifully turned; correct bite; ramrod front with gorgeous “round” bone; already shapely in body though obviously needs to spring in rib; shapely though somewhat light hindquarters; covers the ground well, though with typical puppy looseness; happy, outgoing temperament; my only slight criticism of this terrific puppy – I would like better reach of neck, but then how many long necks do we see these days?

**Reserve Winners Bitch**

Myers & Parker's **NUANCE NIGHT MOVES** (Ch. Old Forge Tug McGraw at Chevalier ex Nuance Night and Day) Medium sized bitch with a rich brindle and white jacket; nice profile, but could have more strength of muzzle; bite just off; keen expression, uses her ears well; shapely with correct topline; showed & presented really well.

**Winners Bitch**

Draher's **ELVENHOMES LUCY IN THE SKY** (Ch. Aragon's Heads I Win ex Ch. Ruffins Rabble Rouser) Typy, attractive br/w; very good head, turned and filled

with super expression; bite off; decent bone and body; well let down behind; moved pretty, holding her topline much better than many of her rivals.

**Best of Opposite Sex**

Parker's **CH. NUANCE NONSENSE** (Ch. Silmaril Scarlet Knight ex Nuance Non Conformance) Well known r/w in her usual sparkling form; a very neat, typy package all around; nice head, uses her ears really well; straight front, good topline, exceptionally good hindquarters; moved extremely well, especially going away; beautifully presented.

### **Award of Merit**

Ibbitson & Bennett's **CH. BAKER ST BACK AT THE RANCH** (Ch. Baker St Blaze of Glory ex Ch. Corsaire Kachina of Baker St) It was a pleasure going over r/w dog; he is a broth of a boy, all Bull Terrier; terrific substance; super sweep of head with a dramatic Roman finish; great spring of rib; moderate but balanced angulation fore and aft; today he was having fun, deciding to pace rather than walk around the ring; typical outgoing personality.

### **Award of Merit**

Everett, Chorn, Frantos & Bankus' **CH. CRESCENT SILMARIL SHADOWFAX** (Ch. Boromir Quicksilver ex Ch. Silmaril Scarlet Temptress) Superbly trained & presented tricolor; good length of head with gently turned profile; ramrod straight front, good topline, well let down behind; a tad on the leg & I would like better spring of rib; covered the ground well, with excellent drive behind, a little loose in front; a very good dog all around.

### **WHITE (5-13-2-(2-4))**

### **Reserve Winners Dog**

Bankus & Grecco's **ARAGON'S RUFFIN LOCK N' LOAD** (Ch. Baker St Back to Bonanza ex Ch. Horizon's Harmony of Aragon) What a terrific expression this guy has; medium sized, terrier end of the spectrum, still needs to fill out some; nicely turned and finished head; short upper arm, decent topline; moved pretty well once he settled down & got going.

### **Winners Dog, Award of Merit**

McGee & Lecki's **BEDLAM'S CHANGING TIMES** (Bedlam's Dashing Dude ex Ch. Bedlam's Sweet November) Medium sized male by today's standards; excellent type and balance; four square in build with super spring of rib; strong masculine head with good strength and depth; dark piercing eyes with small ears adding to the expression; bite a tad off; strong hindquarters with wide thighs enabling to move away with power and drive; showed really well to take winners with some to spare.

### **Reserve Winners Bitch**

Frascone & Ledesma's **SINABAR MALIBU BREEZE AT LINRIC** (Ch. Emred Red Rum ex Sinabar Adrenaline Infusion) A quality package with typical feminine head; dark eyes, well placed ears plus correct bite; good spring of rib & hindquarters; holds her topline on the move; showed well; unlucky to meet today's winner in top form.

### **Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Variety**

Stafford & Poole's **ROCKY TOP'S SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE** (Alecto Kool Barra Cuda of Kilacabar ex Rocky Top's Honey 'N Rainbows) Substantial bitch with bl/tan eye patch; came into ring disinterested, then suddenly came alive; lovely long head, nicely turned and finish; good depth of muzzle plus well set dark eyes; correct bite; decent bone, shapely body, holds her topline; ideally I would like a tad shorter back; super hindquarters, which she used to good effect, moving around the ring with reach and drive; took a close decision for variety on her overall type and quality.

### **Best of Opposite Sex**

Altman & Berez' **CH. ACTION DREAM COME TRUE** (Ch. Old Forge Tug McGraw at Chevalier ex Ch Action Moonbeam Dream) Excels in overall type & balance; strong head with good Roman finish & keen expression, though somewhat lacking in fill; scissors bite with one in-growing canine; gun barrel front, rather upright in shoulder; superb hindquarters, tail set; moved exceptionally well going away, fore and aft legs absolutely parallel -- won the movement prize.

**Award of Merit**

Robards & Frascione's **SINABAR EXOTIC AT VALENTINO** (Ch. Bestavull Razor Ready Cut ex Ch. Sinabar Aphrodisiac) What a beautiful type, active package; small to medium in size; lovely unbroken profile, correct bite plus super dark eyes; well balanced with good make & shape; straight front, enough bone; moved well; a top class bitch.

**Award of Merit**

McGee & Lecki's **BEDLAM'S CHANGING TIMES**: I was delighted to be able to recognize this dog's correct type, short back & other honest, unexaggerated virtues.