

Decatur Alabama KC

Bull Terrier Confederacy Specialty

November 7, 2009

Judge: David Harris



My first visit to Alabama was a most enjoyable one. There were just two absentees from a pleasing entry, with my variety winners representing the breed really well in the group. My thanks to the Confederacy for their hospitality.

COLORED (3-8-2-6)

Reserve Winners Dog

Wright & Eubank's GLENTON SIMON SAYS (Ch Glentom's Bruce Almighty x Ch Glentom's The Sneak Preview): Attractively marked br/w; strong, nicely turned head, bite fractionally off; straight front plus cat feet; somewhat upright in shoulder; moved well behind, less so in front; well presented.

Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Award of Merit

Frascone's STARSTRUCK FOREBREAK (Starstruck Oberon X Starstruck Colhartdbitch): I reported on this solid red smut in my Detroit critique; excellent make & shape; shoulders really well laid with prominent forechest; deep brisket with good bend of stifle; long strong head that, because of the dark mask, handles better than it appears at first view; his superior movement carried him to BOW & an AOM.

Reserve Winners Bitch

Ibbitson & Cates' BAKER STREET BLACK BUTTERFLY (Ch Baker St Back To Bonanza x Baker St Bloom O'The Rose): Black brindle with very good turn & fill of head; one in-growing canine; ears right up on top; front & feet not her forte; terrific spring of rib; decent topline & tail set; powerful hindquarters; well presented.

Winners Bitch

Wright, Nichols & Graulau's GLENTOM CAMELOT MOON OVER MONACO (Ch Victoria's Grimaldi Windfall x Ch Glentom Camelot Creole Moon N'Stars): Attractive r/w bitch; very nice all around; gently turned feminine head with typical Roman finish; correct bite; good make & shape; moved & showed well.

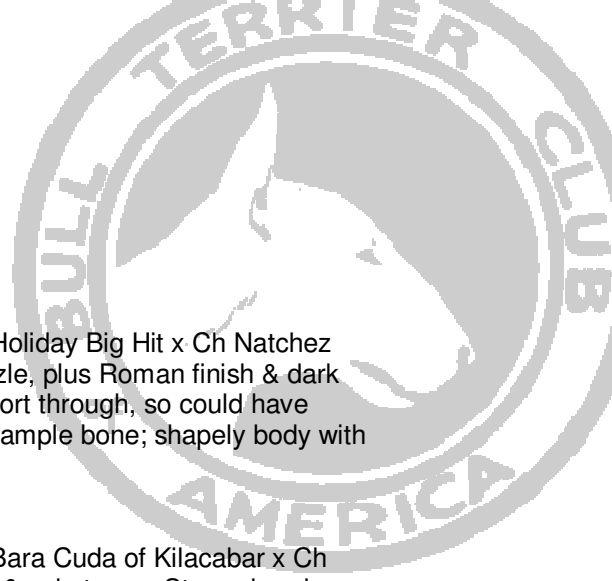
Best of Opposite Sex

Hains, Berez & Evans' CH ACTION DRAMA QUEEN (Action One In A Million x Action Voodoo Princess): Super headed br/w bitch; her head is beautifully turned & filled, with exceptionally strong muzzle; good bone & feet; very good depth of chest & spring of rib; hindquarters could be stronger for such a substantial bitch; pressed for variety but lost out on movement.

Best of Variety

Everett, Chorn, Frantos & Bankus' CH CRESCENT SILMARIL SHADOWFAX (Ch Boromir Quicksilver x Ch Silmaril Scarlet Temptress): Top class tricolor, whom again I reported on recently; upstanding dog with a classical head plus correct bite; good depth of brisket; correct topline & tail set; well let down behind; showed & moved really well to take variety.

WHITE (3-8-1-4)



Reserve Winners Dog

Rourke's NATCHEZ SIRIUS BLACK DIAMOND (Ch Rocky Tops Holiday Big Hit x Ch Natchez Sirius China Doll): Cobby medium sized dog; really well filled muzzle, plus Roman finish & dark eyes with typical triangular appearance; one in-growing canine; short through, so could have better reach of neck; moderate angulation that goes with his type; ample bone; shapely body with decent topline & tail set.

Winners Dog, Best of Winners

Blackwell & Poole's ROCKY TOP'S LEADING MAN (Alecto Kool Bara Cuda of Kilacabar x Ch Rocky Top's Honey 'N Rainbows): Wow, this guy has terrific bone & substance; Strong head, though somewhat "browy"; for male of his size could have a little more fill; correct bite & dark well set eyes; gun barrel front with tight cat feet; good topline & nicely coupled; moved quite cleanly; laid back attitude; an easy winner today.

Reserve Winners Bitch

Bankus & Grecco's ARAGON RUFFIN TUMBLE (Ch Boromir Quicksilver x Ch Corsaire Con Brio): Elegant bitch with bl/br ear patches; good length of muzzle, but somewhat flat & lacking finish; dark eyes; straight front, though rather upright in shoulder; decent body shape; really well let down behind; moved with power going away; well presented.

Winners Bitch

Smith's FIRST CONTACT LUNAR ECLIPSE (First Contact Ace In The Hole x Ch First Sirius Tropical Snow): Four square bitch with a brindle ear patch; nice feminine head with good Roman finish; dark eyes plus correct bite; decent bone; shorter backed than her nearest rivals; moved & showed well to take winners.

Best of Variety

Azeur's CH BULLY MANOR'S CENTURION (Ch Miramax Maximillion x Bullover's Bailey Cream); This well know winner was in sparkling form, moving confidently around the ring & exuding typical BT personality; superior head & expression; ample bone plus a barrel chest; moderate angulation fore & aft; moved with power & much more tidily than when I last judged him; really well presented; I was delighted to award him BOV & later a Group II.

Best of Opposite Sex

Frascone & Ledesma's SINABAR MALIBU BREEZE AT LINRIC (Ch Emred Rum Runner X Sinabar Adrenaline Infusion): Again I reported on this top quality, medium-sized bitch in my Detroit critique & have little to add; lovely head plus keen expression; much better make & shape than is usual these days; shapely body plus good topline; well let down behind; moved cleanly; showed really well to take BOS with some to spare.