

Morris & Essex
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Judging at the elite revival of the prestigious Morris and Essex show has been a definite highlight in my judging career. I have been very fortunate to have judged there on a few occasions since my approval. To judge the breeds I hold near and dear makes it even more special. It is no secret that the bull terriers grabbed my late husband and my hearts immediately after we retired from breeding Cairns and Wires and purchased our first Bully, Sport. If Sandy said it once he said it two dozen times, "I wish we would have discovered this breed sooner." Although the entry was small, especially in the classes the quality was deep. Bites continue to improve. So happy that on one, including me, didn't twist their ankle navigating the acorns. The dogs sure thought they were fun. I want to thank the BTCA with the honor of becoming a ROM judge and granting me this very prestigious assignment.

Colored Bull Terriers:

Winners Bitch: Ginny Wendland & Alex W Kulesa & Sam Quinn. **Castlerea Play Your Cards Tuffnutz** by Ch Castlerea Forest Magic Crecent Moon out of GCH CH Tuffnutz Cutie Patootie. Red and white puppy bitch with a lot of promise. Perfect bite, good length of head with good fill at this age. Strong in topline and correct tailset and carriage. Good proportions and lovely bone and feet. She moved a bit close behind.

Reserve Winners Bitch: Therese Weiner & Jane Messineo Lindquist & Mark Lindquist. By Ch Madcap Jump The Pond out of GCH Ch Madcap Tilabooi-Joy's Advocate. A brindle bitch with plenty of substance. She too had a perfect bite and pleasing head with correct eye, curve and fill. She was a bit hocky behind.

Best of Variety: Lori Kibler, Rebecca Poole, William Poole's **Ch Rocky Top's Dream Chaser** by GCHS Hawthorn Dragons Heart out of GCH CH Rocky Top's Sweetest Dream. A favorite of mine. A lovely brindle male strongly built, rugged and compact. Beautiful proportions, good bone, strong in head and keen small eye. Good bite. Moves well with a jaunty air and attitude.

Best Opposite Sex: Lori Kibler, Wm Rebecca Poole. **Rocky Top's Cherish Your Dreams** By: GCHS CH Hawthorn Dragons Heart out of GCH CH Rocky Top's Sweetest Dream. Dark brindle bitch with good proportions and lovely size. Good bone and feet and a good bite.

Select Dog: Melissa Searles & Victoria Corse. **GCH Requiem Stay Khrome Pony ATT** by Ch Patterned Head Bull Boot out of Ch Khromeheart Corsaire From Provokacja. Another good mouth on this brindle and white male. Good length of head with keen little eyes. Strong in bone and good feet. Nicely balanced.

Select Bitch: Anna Cremeans & Jackson Leonard & Grace Thomas & Robert Thomas. **Grabo Strike a Pose at Irukandji** by Rabram Rock Star out of Grabo Bahama Moon. Lovely sized brindle and white with good bone and substance. Short in back and good reach of neck. Good length of head with gentle curve and keen little eyes. Slightly undershot, good canines.

White Bull Terriers:

Winners Bitch: Ginny Wendland. **Castlerea's Long Night Moon** by BrookbullyAvenger out of GCH Ch. Acucar Castlerea De Canisgrowth. A bitch of good substance and bone. A bit long in body and weak in topline. Good canines but slightly undershot.

Best of Variety: Patricia Murphy. **GCH Bally's Winter Winner Chicken Dinner** by Ch Bally's Squiggy Wheel Gets the Grease of of Ch Bally's Jezebel of The Ball. The class was strong in white bitches. This particular bitch was strongly built and a lovely size, strong in bone and good feet. Lovely balance and proportions. Everything blended into each part smoothly. She was well covered with short flat harsh coat. Excellent bite. There were 4 bitches that could easily win on another day.

Best Opposite Sex: Anna Cremeans & Jackson Leonard. **Ch Mighty Crew Patriot** by Napiers Mighty Crew out of Emred Lucky Lucy. Strongly built dog of good substance and bone. Good length of head with small keen eye. A bit longer in body than I feel the standard calls for.

Select Dog: Anna Cremeans & Jackson Leonard. **GCHB Ch Rasels Bull** by Rasals Bull Elvis out of Rasels Bull True. Nicely sized dog with correct head properties. Good bone and feet. A bit long in body and weak in topline.

Select Bitch: Gregory Armstrong & Victoria Sottile. **GCHB Ch Alaric Star Spangled Sister** by CH Malajo's Formula For A Dream Devil out of Ch Alaric Wish Upon A Star. Much like my variety winner. Correct size and proportions. She has always been a favorite of mine. I thought these two were peas in a pod, she succumbed on bite only.