Parson Russell Terrier Club Championship Show
18th July 2021
Colton Village Hall
Rugeley

I was delighted to be invited to judge the Parson Russell Championship show. The extensive road closures, due to an Iron Man event around Colton, delayed the start and unfortunately meant some exhibitors could not make it. Perfectly understood on possibly the hottest day of the year.

Since I last judged the breed some aspects of the dogs are better but there are points that I think are worth considering. The entry, even before the Iron Man closures, was heavily biased towards bitches. Dogs need to be exhibited to ensure the future of the breed and whilst I understand that some have a preference of one sex over the other work perhaps needs to be done encourage the dog entry. The higher bitch classes were exceptional. Overall heads have generally improved as has the movement. The fox terrier influences on these aspects seem to have receded. The dogs on the day were all well shown and overall balance seems to have improved. However, some exhibits were difficult to span and height was perhaps over the 14 inches expected. The Kennel club is very keen to ensure dogs are fit for function. Given the Parson is meant to be a working dog, a big chest and a long leg length would make that difficult for the original task. Many of the dogs were not as well muscled behind, obviously the last year has been difficult, but roadwork is needed to keep the Parson fit enough to follow the hounds. The other point that needs to be kept an eye on is back length, as long loins meant some were too long in back. “slightly longer than height…” is there for a reason. The stress being on slightly.
Thanks again to the Parson club and in particular my stewards for an interesting and enjoyable day.

Minor Puppy No entries
Puppy Dog 1st McCluskey’s Chadbrook Luthien a puppy who moved with balance of nice shape and size. Spanned. Good run of neck to shoulder Pleasing head and eye. B P D, BPIS

Junior Dog (1 entry Moved to Open late arrival)

Yearling Dog No Entries

Novice Dog No entries

Graduate Dog No entries

Post Graduate Dog 1st Chaffe’s Bourbon Beatific Beast A head that was slightly longer in muzzle. Deeper in chest than I would have liked but had a good back line and angulation when stood needed to settle on the move.

Limit Dog 1st Newport’s Cudweed’s Master of the Hounds JW Good head eye and ear nice shape moved with balance. Good angulation and drive. Straight front

2nd McCluskey's Chadbrook Sunfire Straight front good drive behind not as well balanced as 1, excellent outline.
Open Dog (6,1A) 1st Collis's Ripplington See Your Dreams. A bigger dog of excellent shape, good ear and eye, just spannable. Moved positively with good angulation behind.
2nd Bigland's Heythrop Taggert Smaller type of good size, moved well. Head not as pleasing as 1, good outline.
3rd Hooley's Johnny Guitar Would have preferred a better head. Did not settle on the move being a little close in front and lacking in rear drive

Champion Dog (3) 1st Smith's Ch Heythrop Task Master for Alncroft DCC BOS. Well balanced dog who moved well, good run of neck to shoulder good back line everything a champion should be.
2nd Bigland's Ch Heythrop Trickshot For Alncroft. Moved well with good reach and drive, head and ears as one would expect. Body and outline balanced RDCC
3rd Roberts and Murray's Ch IR Ch Foxthorn Tomahawk Lost out today to two excellent examples the difference for me was a slightly less pleasing head and a very slightly deeper chest. Moved well

Veteren Dog No Entries

Minor Puppy Bitch 1Absent
Puppy Bitch (2) 1st Young's Chadbrook Affirmation. Head ear and eye nicely put together. Spanned Ok. Nice outline perhaps a little longer in back than some. Good angulation behind and moved positively when settled.
2nd McCluskey's Chadbrook Islay. Exciting young bitch who was excited to be out and about. Once she learns her trade think the potential is there to go far.

Junior Bitch (1) 1st Bigland's Heythrop Topsyturvey. Nice sized, easily spannable, moved well with good drive. Adequate angulation behind.

Yearling Bitch (2) 1st Newport's Digaden Spill The Beans. Feminine bitch with pleasing head well placed ear and a good eye. Spanned nicely, straight in front, reasonable angulation behind. Moved well with drive and reach.
2nd Chaffe's Mollilli Simply Zelda Lighter bitch that did not settle on the move. Straight in front. Would have preferred a better head.

Novice Bitch (2,1) 1st Kannagra's Pringers She's a Queen. Spanned well, moved with reach and drive behind, finer in head than some, nice run in of neck, shorter in rib.

Graduate Bitch (3,1) 1st Chaffe's Pacolito Rumourmonger. Good shape and size with pleasing head and well placed ear, could be shorter in back, straight in front, good angulation behind. Movement was adequate.
2nd Kannagra's Sherosco Christmas Rose. Finer head with the grey whiskers of a veteran Moved well for her age but outclassed by youth.

Post Graduate Bitch (8,3) 1st Robert and Murray's Mindlen Mic Mac at Heythrop. Good shape, size and pleasing outline, excellent head, straight in front with good angulation behind. Moved well.
2nd Bigland's Heythrop Tangletop. Finer in head than 1 but great shape, straight in front, would prefer more angulation to rear, moved well
3rd Young's Chadbrook Sphynx. Good head, moved well. Outline not as pleasing.

Limit Bitch (7,1) Nixon's Gonetoground I Have a Dream. Smaller bitch of great shape and size. excellent head, perhaps a little elegant in neck but overall well balanced. Straight in front good angulation behind moved well.
2nd Newport's Digaden Miss Marigold Bitch with an excellent head, good shape and outline. Good angulation behind moved well
3rd McCluskey's Chadbook Elka

Open Bitch (5) 1st Roberts and Murray's Mindlen Moccassin. Good shape and size, easily spanned, well-formed head with an excellent ear. Straight front, good angulation, moved well A balanced bitch that outclassed the excellent opposition.
2nd Young's Ch Chadbrook Electra. Great shape and size, spans well, not as good in head as one. Moved well but has a tendency to over extend at the rear when standing
3rd Smith's Ch Alncroft Tussle Pleasing shape and outline a little longer in the back than 1 and 2

Champion Bitch (4,1) 1st Dayman and Cole's Ch Pacolito Phinal Edition. Excellent head, ear and eye, good outline, nice run in of neck to shoulder with no exaggeration. Straight in front with a rear that provided drive on the move. RBIS, RBB,
2nd Young's Ch Chadbrook Electra
3rd Hooley's Ch Hoolmark Belle Starr. Excellent bitch was just a little longer in the back and on the day was not as strong in movement as her fellow Champions

Veteren Bitch (7,2) 1st Smith and Moon's Ch Alncroft I Spy. What can be said about this bitch that as not already been written before, I joined her fanclub way back in 2013, and what was written then "moderate bitch who is excellent in such moderation, there is no extreme at all, everything breathes Parson Russell & she moves with free reach & drive" still applies.
BIS,BB,BVIS
2nd Hooley's Ch Hoolmark Boppin Robyn JW. Well formed bitch of good size that moved well
3rd Biglands Heythrop Tiffin A smaller bitch of lovely type. Straight in front, good run of neck to shoulder. Angulation good be better, still moved well

Brace Class (1,1) Chalkley's Forge fox brace A well balanced couple, who once settled after their hurried arrival, made on admirable brace

The Barry Jone Special Progeny Class (1,1) Bigland's Progeny from Heythop Tiffin. Progeny classes are always interesting. To see what has flowed down a breeding line is always good and this collection from Heythrop Tiffen did not disappoint.

HAROLD GAY (Judge)