

Tibetan Spaniel Club of Scotland – April 16th, 2023

All my thanks to the Club and the members for their invitation to judge, the officers & committee for their welcome on the day and to my efficient steward.

This was an interesting entry in that it showed that we still have a depth of quality, a plurality of colours, a longevity with many of the older exhibits still able to challenge for top positions and finally that we have retained many of the breed specific characteristics such as hare feet, oval eye, muzzle cushioning, depth of chin. A few points to watch for: bites should be undershot, shoulders well laid, fronts only “slightly bowed”, heads small in proportion to body. In general, I was very pleased with my winners and found in particular that the dog line up was strong, which is great for the breed as bitches have generally tended to have more depth of quality.

VD (4/1):

1. Breeze & Styles' CH Paralde Little Bredy with Hilsar – a 12 y/o very classic male, lovely silhouette, in good coat condition with top coat being silky and lying flat. Moderate in all respects, with a blunt muzzle, correct bite, lovely oval eye shape & dark colour. He has lovely hare feet and moved very steadily around the ring. BVIS.
2. DeRizzio's Oldcharm Galaxy of Love – 10 y/o with a good head, lovely eye shape, good blunt muzzle, correct ear set. He is well balanced and another one with lovely hare feet. In good coat condition, not quite the lay of shoulders of 1.

MPD (3/0):

1. Smith's Torfness Gamekeepers Vigil – Light gold who has a lovely shape and good substance for age. Excellent front construction, his neck gracefully flows into a level topline ending in a high tailset. Attractive head with good earset, correct muzzle shape, length and bite, lovely dark eye colour. Balanced movement and keeping his shape at all times. BPD
2. Pilsburys' Kernow Tagliatelle – Black & tan boy who was quite a handful for his handler but with a good lay of shoulders, correct tailset & good angulation front & rear. A little plain in head for me but his bite is correctly undershot, he has a lovely eye shape & colour, and his ears are well set & carried. A little untidy on the move today but nothing a little more training cannot deal with.

PD (1/0):

1. EJ Thomson's Tibbiestars Time Lord – Red gold who presents a lovely overall shape, correct skull size, correct length of muzzle, the darkest of eyes which are of correct oval shape. A little more depth of chin would finish the picture. Good ribcage, level topline & high set tail. Shoulder could be slightly more laid back, but he has a good forearm with the correct amount of bow and good pasterns. Lovely silky topcoat & good undercoat.

YD (5/0):

1. McLean's Glencoul Magical Dust – Gold with small head in proportion to body, lovely eye shape & colour, good earset, lovely length of muzzle & correct undershot bite. Good neckline flowing into level topline & correct high tailset with good carriage. Could have slightly longer ribcage and lay of shoulder to compliment the picture. Lovely hare feet & moved in a balanced fashion.

- Christies' Betranna Athos – Smaller dog with masculine head, good length of muzzle, correct eye shape with the darkest of colour. Good overall balance & lovely high tailset. Liked his ear fringes, a lovely breed feature! Not quite as clean in front movement as 1.

GD (4/1):

- Cooper & Obrien's Susu More Than A Prince – Very attractive gold dog with a lovely outline, lovely small head with good eye shape & colour, lovely length of muzzle with good shape, good earset. He is well constructed and balanced, with a good spring of ribs, lovely high tailset, level topline, correct hare feet. Handled to get the most out of him, he could not be denied the class due to his sheer type.
- Birkett, McDowell & Harlow's Souska Nothin But The best – 22y/o sable with good body proportions, good ribcage, good moderate turn of stifles, tailset could be higher, correct hare feet. Masculine head with correct bite, would prefer more oval eye. Good fringing. Not quite as positive in movement as 1.

PGD (9/1):

- Campbell's Teindland Benromach – lovely moderate male who presents a good overall balance & outline, lovely high set to his well carried tail, level topline. Good skull shape & size. Liked his oval eye shape & dark colour, lovely earset, correct bite. Lovely silky coat, good hare feet. His movement is balanced & positive. A dog that is very correct & shouldn't be ignored.
- Bruce's Betranna Aramis – A well balanced dog with a lovely outline and well-constructed. He shows himself on the move. Lovely hare feet and in good coat. Masculine in head, correct length of muzzle, good eye shape & colour. Just preferred the slightly more refined skull of 1.

LD (9/1):

- Ferguson's Torfness Kissed by Fire – A handsome gold dog with lovely overall outline, he has an attractive masculine but still soft expression. Lovely eye, perfect earset, size & carriage, good muzzle with correct amount of cushioning. He has a level topline, good front construction, good tailset & carriage. He moves well and presents a lovely shape on the stand. Pushed the two ticket winners very hard.
- Campbell Teindland Macduff – slightly smaller dog than 1, but again, one with a masculine yet soft expression. Lovely ear set & carriage with attractive fringes, lovely dark pigment, good bite & dentition. He is well balanced, with moderate angulation front & rear and in good coat. Lovely hare feet.

OD (7/0): Pleased to say this was a good class.

- McDonald's Balgay Dru Ma JW – Sable parti who has a lovely overall balanced outline, good substance, small but masculine head, good muzzle length & correct bite, good eye shape & colour, lovely earset and ears have attractive fringes. His ribcage is of correct length & depth, good medium short neck, level topline, well angulated, good tailset & lovely feet. Lovely shape standing, coat of good quality, lovely hare feet. RCC in a very competitive line-up.
- Asquiths' Never say Goodbye Lucy's secret of Baarnayotms (imp CZE) – Black & Tan with lovely balance, high tailset, lovely neckline, small head in proportion to body, with lovely eye shape & colour, good length of muzzle, correct bite. A little more cushioning would complete the picture of what is a very classic & typical head. His movement is balanced & assured.

Spec Bred by Exh. D (3/0):

1. Campbell's Teindland Benromaach
2. Breeze & Styles' Ch Hilsar Little Venn – 9 y/o male with a lovely outline, good lay of shoulders and correct moderate turn of stifles. Lovely hare feet. He has a good head which is small in proportion to body lovely dark oval eyes, correct bite, although with age some teeth have gone missing. Carries quite some weight at the moment, which must be meaning he is enjoying life!

Special Not Bred by Exh. D (4/0):

1. Breeze & Styles' Ch Paralde Little Bredy with Hilsar
2. Birkett, McDowell & Harlow's Souska Nothin But The best

Colour "A" D (1/0):

1. Irvines' Susu Life Of The Parti – Lemon & white parti with a good outline, correct hare feet, small head with small ears, good eye colour, nose pigment could be darker. Would prefer more depth & width of chine. Shown in a lovely silky coat.

Colour "B" D (5/1):

1. Asquiths' Never say Goodbye Lucy's secret of Baarnayotms (imp CZE)
2. McDonald's Balgay First Foot – Lovely size & shape, correct level topline & correct high set tail. Masculine head with correct bite, good eye shape, could have slightly more length of muzzle. Lovely hare feet. Moved well, but not quite as clean in front as 1.

CHD (1/0):

1. Hamiltons' CH Torfness Prince Harry Of Galetibbian – A gold masculine dog of lovely size & shape nearing his 7th birthday. Level topline, lovely lay of shoulders, good return of upper arm, correct turn of stifles, correct high tailset. His movement is simply perfect, effortless, positive and you get the impression he could walk for hours without losing his attractive shape. Correct oval dark eye, good muzzle for length & cushioning, correct bite. I have judged him as a junior and awarded him the Res CC and he seems to be the type of dog who has gone on to keep improving with age and I've no doubt has many years in the ring still. Just could not be denied the DCC and later BIS.

VB (10/1): a very strong class and a pleasure to judge

1. Short's CH Malia Yuan Zhi – a 12 y/o bitch of lovely size. Small attractive head in proportion to body, good muzzle with cushioning, fabulous earset & fringes. She has lovely feet & a presented in good coat condition. Level topline, nice tailset. Carries a little bit too much weight at the moment, but who could blame her, and this doesn't detract from her lovely outline. Full of breed features which reminded me why I gave her the CC last time.
2. Smith's CH Torfness Scarlet Phancy – 9 y/o bitch who is slightly taller than one. She has an attractive feminine head, small skull, lovely oval eye of correct size and placement and with the darkest of colour. Good earset & fringes and she uses the, to advantage. Well-constructed, level topline, she moves well around the ring. Just top quality.

MPB (4/0):

1. Short's Malia Miss Dior – a feminine gold bitch of lovely size & shape, attractive oval eye of good dark colour, lovely ear set, size & carriage, nicely shaped muzzle & correct bite. She is

well angulated, has a level topline & high tailset & carriage. Lovely coat texture. Very pretty.
BPB & BPIS

2. Hamilton Torfness Hollie Day Romance of Galetibbian – another pretty headed bitch, still quite raw in comparison to the finish of 1 & needs to body up but she has a lovely eye shape & dark colour and good bite. Level topline, moderate angulation front & rear & high tailset.

PB (1/0):

1. S. Thomson's Tamrae Parti With The Stars – 11m/o Lemon particolour with a lovely body shape, level topline, good tailset & carriage. Dark pigment, lovely dark eye, correct blunt muzzle & good bite. Totally sound on the move & carries a lovely silky coat.

JB (5/2):

1. Abercrombie's Tibwood She Tells Our Story JW – Sable bitch of good height at withers, well constructed with a level topline & a good tailset. Her head is small in proportion to her body with attractive oval dark eyes and a lovely earset. She is presented in lovely muscle & coat condition and moves with purpose.
2. Gilling's Princess Mulan Ilharess of Talocan (Imp POL) – Gold bitch with a dark mask, she has a correct eye shape & dark colour, good balanced head with muzzle of good length, black nose & good pigment. Level topline & high tailset, lovely hare feet. Needs more training to show herself off on the move, but a typey girl.

YB (9/1):

1. Campbell's Tulibell Bad Habits – Small feminine bitch, lovely eyes, fabulous chin, lovely blunt muzzle and good earset. She is nicely angulated, with a good outline & tailset & moved well.
2. Smith's Torfness Phancy Kisses – Gold bitch who like 1 exudes femininity, she has a little more body but otherwise a lot of the same attributes. Lovely dark oval eye, lovely silky topcoat. I wrote "a bit of a livewire" in my notes...!

GB (4/0):

1. Johnstone's Tuyet Flissa – Gold/Red Sable, a very honest bitch with lots to like, she has a typical head & expression with the darkest of eye, good earset & carriage with fringes, correct undershot bite, good cushioning and blunt muzzle. Level topline, good tail carriage and a steady mover.
2. Clements' Tulibell Diva Pawtrol – A slightly taller bitch but with lovely breed specific attributes, oval dark eyes, good earset & carriage, lovely hare feet. Would prefer darker pigment & tighter lips but she has a correct undershot mouth. Reasonably well angulated front & rear.

PGB (8/2):

1. EJ Thomson's Tibbiestars Shady Lady – Red bitch with a lovely overall shape, correct neckline flowing into a level topline, well-constructed, good spring & length of ribcage, lovely hare feet. She has an attractive face-on expression with lovely dark eye, good blunt muzzle and correct bite. Moves very soundly. Hyperactive!
2. Smith's Torfness Fire & Blood – A pretty bitch of similar shape, slightly lighter overall, lovely blunt muzzle, good earset, pigment not quite as strong as 1. Another one with lovely hare feet and moving soundly with lovely high tailset & carriage.

LB (12/2): Probably the most challenging class of the day.

1. McDonald's Balgay Gya Thuk – an honest, sound bitch with a head that is small in relation to her body. She has a level topline, good tailset, is moderately angulated front & rear just like the standard calls for and balanced on the move, keeping her shape at all times. Good oval eye shape, correct shape & length of muzzle. Presented in good coat.
2. Asquith's Baarnayotms Minnie Drachen – Black & White with a lovely overall outline, level topline & high tailset. Correct hare feet and in lovely coat condition. Would like to tighter elbows. Head is small with a lovely width & depth of underjaw, eye shape could be more oval, but good eye colour.

OB (6/0):

1. Adams' Balgay Okurimono- this sable bitch has a lovely shape & size. Feminine with a small head, dark oval eyes, good high earset, correct mouth & good width & depth of chin. Lovely hare feet, so well constructed, good spring of ribs which extend well back, level topline, moves soundly. Presented in lovely silky coat, she won in good company. BCC, BOS & RBIS
2. Place & Halliday's CH Susu Wears Prada in Lockdown at Aarminias – a lovely feminine bitch with the darkest of eye, I like her blunt muzzle and that typical disdainful expression. Level topline, lovely tail carriage, fabulous hare feet and so settled on the move. RCC

Spec. Bred by Exh B(5/1):

1. EJ Thomson's Tibbiestars Shady Lady
2. Breeze & Styles' Hilsar UCant Ignore A Nora – 6y/o rich gold girl, good outline spoilt a little by the extra weight she carries. Lovely classical head with dark oval eyes, good muzzle with some cushioning, correct width of underjaw. Level topline & good tailset although carriage could be better. Lovely hare feet.

Spec. not Bred by Exh B (2/0):

1. Gilling's Princess Mulan Ilharess of Talocan (Imp POL)
2. Abercrombie's Ravenways Don't let It Go For Tibwood – Very showy bitch with level topline & lovely high tailset & carriage. Good length of muzzle but would prefer darker pigment & thinner ears. Well constructed but a little long and could be more refined throughout.

Colour "A" B. (3/0):

1. Cooper & O'Brien's Susu Princess Spice Parti JW – Small lemon parti-colour girl, she has a good overall shape, small head, good ear shape, size & set. Nice dark eye, good pigment, lovely overall carriage & moves well.
2. S. Thomson's Tamrae Parti With The Stars

Colour "B" B. (5/0):

1. McDonald's Betranna Au-Rora Over Balgay – Black bitch with white patches, a little more "solid" than I normally go for but she presents a good outline, lovely neckline, good lay of shoulders. Good head qualities with correct oval eyeshape & good dark colour, full dentition with slight undershot. Moves well.
2. DeRizzio's Parloueve All That Jazz – A pretty little B&T with attitude. Liked her size. Good earset & carriage, lovely underjaw, good eye shape & colour, lovely head markings. Good ribcage, would prefer slightly better angulation in front. Lovely hare feet.

CH B. (1/0):

1. Short's Ch Malia Summer Memories – a very pretty & feminine gold bitch, lovely outline, lovely dark oval eye, correct blunt muzzle with cushioning, correct ear set, size & carriage with attractive fringing. Excellent front construction, lovely hare feet, good high tailset. Would prefer a little more width in hind action. Lovely coat texture and pushed hard for the RCC.