

An absolute pleasure to judge this good entry of 127. Some tough decisions to be made especially in both Limit and Open classes. Height and pigment still looks to be an issue. Some of my winners were on the taller side, but I found their construction to be of the highest order with beautiful breed attributes. I want to feel basic good construction on a dog and finer points have to be put in perspective. As I'm yet to find the perfect Apso, something has to give, but I hope height will be looked at by future breeders.

On a plus side presentation was of the highest order. Generally most had good muscle tone although some needed work in this area. To have the sturdiness in body, they need to have adequate exercise. This shouldn't be sacrificed for the sake of a glamorous coat.

VD (3) 1 Gillman's Mytilene Midnight Cowboy JW Sh CM. At the age of 8 years this boy is still in top condition. If anything he looked better today than when I last judged and awarded him the RCC in 2010. Love his shape and balance, good coat texture and condition. Strong sturdy body. Moved well, still a great showman. BVIS. 2 Reynold's Lisimo Now I'm Here. 7 year pale gold in top condition. Nicely made throughout. Didn't hold his shape on the move as well as I would like to see. Beautifully presented. 3 Carter's Vowchurch Chico Time.

MP (7) 1 Kindness Hopeinns Beyond Limits with Kelankin. Gold with nice coat texture. Beautiful head. Balanced with nice shape. Good front assembly. Lovely on the move with nice stride. Holds his shape when stacked and moving. Well presented. 2 Dungate & Minton Forochel Fjord B/W just 6 months. Beautifully presented. Good construction & size. Lovely expression with darkest of pigment. Good mouth. A little too well bodied. Nice mover. 3 Yaxley Dardanelles Mars Volta

P (4) 1 Clutterbuck Strike A Light for Kutani. Beautiful gold boy. Love his head with good pigment. Strong arched neck. Nice lay of shoulder. Good length of body with strong loin. Tail carried well over his back. A joy to watch him on the move. Holds his shape when moving and naturally on the stack. RBPIS 2 Davis Narmoak Buzz Light Year. B/W in good coat with nice texture. Well assembled front & nicely made throughout. Really wanted that bit more from him on the move. There is more to this dog, just needs to be shown to his full potential. 3 Jones Tarendes Tis That Bear

J (5) 1 Cain's Kutani Skyfall. Easy winner of this class. Nothing to not like about this boy. So beautiful stacked and not disappointed when going over him. Great on the move and would happily watch him all day. His body and coat in top strong condition. On my list of dogs I wanted to take home. 2 Blakes Fengolas Simply Wonderful at Claelamir. Gold. Body and coat also in great condition. Longer in leg than one. Moved well. Beautifully presented. 3 Sutcliffe Newcliffe Rameses

Y (4) 1 Sutcliffe's Newcliffe Rameses. Good mover and holds his shape. Longer in leg than would prefer. Presentation of the highest order. 2 Quelch Deelayne Pharare Ardquin. Looks like coat maybe at the in-between stage. Will look a pretty picture in a few months time. Good pigment. Nice size. Moved well.

N (3) 1 Clutterbucks Strike A Light for Kutani. 2 Dye Deelaynee Lett Loose.

G (4) 1 Blakes Fengolas Simply Wonderful at Claelamir. 2 Langford Quaytown Hear It For The Boys. In good coat. Good mover, just not quite holding his shape as well as on the stack. Well presented. 3 Sutcliffe's Newcliffe Rameses.

PG (6) 1 Seward & Poole Elleonia Rick O'Shay Tu Domensa G/W. So easy to go over. Flowing angles, clean lines. Best of heads in this class. Strong well arched neck. Strong in body, good muscle. Great coat texture and plenty of it. Took a little while to get into his stride but wonderful to watch when he did. So mature for his age. Hard to believe he is just under 2 years. When it came to the challenge, this is when he came into his own. Couldn't deny him the CC of which there must be plenty more to come. BOS. 2 Bell's Vallena Varo. B/W also in top condition. Beautiful head and expression. Nothing exaggerated about him. Good honest Apso. Very little to choose between these two boys. Another 2 dogs on my list to take home. 3 DeVeaux Elleonia Stand N'Stare at Pieldi JW

ML (1) Watts Larool Brandy Snap for Kenida JW Cream in good coat and presented beautifully. Nice shape, good head flowing into well arched neck. Good length of rib. Wanted more from him on the move.

L Philips Bentarsna Waking Ned Divine. This dog screams everything I love about the Apso. Love his shape & size. Beautiful head with good pigment. Good length of neck with strong arch. Level topline. Carries his tail well over his back. Beautiful on the stack and move. Moved better as the class went on, over the top with excitement at the start of the class, but that's not a negative. Quite the showman. Now I've looked into his pedigree I understand why I love so much about this boy. 2 Scarll's Timazinti Danio G/W. Beautiful head with the sweetest expression. Good arched neck into good lay of shoulder. Good length of rib, would like them deeper. Strong loin and hindquarters. Effortless, stylish mover. Great shape & balance. 3 Harmer Deelayne Mister Magnum at Remrah

O (9) 1 Bell's Ch. Vallena Almeida. Every ounce a champion. Another dog full of total beauty. Looks great on the stack and not disappointed when going over him. Great on the move looking quite the picture. Body and coat in top condition. So nicely handled & presented. RCC. 2 Lewis Ch Deelayne Zaar Too Busy. Another credible champion. Different type to 1. Good mover, elegant shape. Like his head with the beautiful chin. 3 Bromley Cossy's Chocolate Chip at Jardene. Still a fan of this boy. He has matured since I last saw him. These top 3 males are of a great credit to the breed.

V (2) Both little gems and looking great. 1 Carter's Vowchurch The Wonder of You. Best length of neck and lay of shoulder. Sweet expression. Moved well. 2 Plumstead's Simark Lucy Lockette of Showa. Coat in good condition. Liked her size. Sweet expression. Moved well.

MP (13) Dimara Dollylicious. What a little super star. Lovely head with such pretty expression. Good length of neck into nice lay of shoulder. Good chest. Well ribbed up. Very strong in hindquarters. Nice tail set. Very strong in holding her shape on

the stack and move. Sired by LD winner. BPIS. 2 Bedford Sangchenla Hoppipolla B/W. Certainly lots to like about this little girl as well. Nicely made throughout. Nothing exaggerated about her a true Apso. Lovely on the move. 3 Lewis Deelayne Demerara

P (8) 1 Hollands Vaderlands Feel The Fashion. Feminine gold. Pretty head and expression. Liked her size and substance. Really shows herself off on the move. Level top line. 2 Paradise Wrenwrox Mum's The Word for Shardlow Grey brindle. Another pretty feminine bitch. In good coat and texture. Nicely made and carries tail well over her back. 3 Birch's Wrenwrox's Gwendoline Anne

J (13) 1 Waghorn's Sukisha Guilty Pleasure B/W. So much to like about this bitch. Great shape, very elegant. Good length of neck into good lay of shoulder. Nice head with pretty expression. Well ribbed up. Good tail set. Wanted more from her on the move, not working with her handler. I had hoped for more from her in the challenge, but not today. 2 Birch Wrenwrox Sweet Emotion B/W. Nice size more compact than 1. Correct ration for head and nose. Arched neck, would like it just a little longer. Moved well. 3 Paradise Wrenwrox Mum's The Word for Shardlow.

Y (6) 1 Watts-Catley Zanamop Truly Scrumsiou. Gold. Nice shape. Quit rangy and more refined through out. Nice head with good proportions. Long neck. Good coat texture. Good tail carriage. Would benefit from a hair cut. 2 Paradise Wrenwrox Three Times A Lady with Shardlow B/C. Very pretty and feminine. Good pigment. Nice shaped head and eye. Would like more from her on the move. In good coat. 3 Allen Quaymore Second Chance.

N (6) 1 Birch Gwendoline Anne Pretty head with good pigment. Well arched neck. Nice size and well proportioned. Sound mover, good coming and going. 2 Dimara Babydoll. Beautiful head and shape. Good length, arched neck. Well ribbed, strong hindquarters. If only she could have put more steps together. 3 Roach Anjesics Beaulieu

G (7) 1 Birch Wrenwrox Sweet Emotion 2 Watts-Catley Zanamop Truly Scrumsiou 3 Clutterbuck & Paju Simline Glorious Chic Anatoria

PG (3) 1 Walker Chtaura This Love with Shigatse pale gold, coat yet to mature. Level top line. Nice head. Would like her shoulders a little more laid back. Good length of rib, strong loin. Moved well. 2 Carter Vowchurch Viva La Diva. Nice head & good pigment. Nice size and well proportioned. Good coat texture. Showed well.

ML (6) 1 Allen's Deelayne Etoile Russe with Quaymore JW Sh Cm. Pretty head and expression. In good coat with nice texture. Nicely made. Would like tail set to be higher. Moved well. Very well presented. 2 Bell's Vallena Marla. G/W Well made and sound mover. Lovely expression. In good coat. Carrying a little too much weight, just slightly losing the elegance in her shape. 3 Richardson Belazieth Smartie's Red Gem

L (7) 1 Scarll's Timazinti Liberty. Top quality from head to toe. Well proportioned. Lovely head. Good length of neck. Strong top line. Good angles front and back. Sound mover. Looks beautiful on the stack and moving. 2 Roach's Anjesics Dream

Maker JW. Another quality bitch. Cream in good coat. Looks nice on the stand but much more pleasing when you get your hands on her. Strong body in good condition. Beautifully presented. 3 Waghorn's Sukisha Fire 'N' Ice. These 3 bitches really were of great quality. Great for the breed's future if they are to be producers. Would be more than happy to take any of these bitches home.

O (6) The top 3 in this class really gave me goose bumps. They certainly are a credit to the breed. Congratulations to their breeders and owners. The whole class was presented in the highest order. 1 Cain handling for Ivanova. I could write a never ending critique on this beautiful bitch but I'm not sure the dog papers would appreciate it. For me, Multi Ch Whisborne Tia Maria, ticks all the boxes. Beautiful, elegant shape. Exquisite head and expression. This is how I remember Apso's to be when I was growing up. Such a delight to go over. A little unsettled on the move to start, but the more she moved, she got better and better. A true joy to watch CC & BIS. 2 Bell's Ch Vallena Adelia G/W Another beauty from this kennel. Lovely head and expression. Long arched neck. Good front. Great in body with strength. Wonderful to watch on the move. Top condition. Vallena obviously is consistent in producing top quality Apso's, congratulations. RCC & RBIS 3 Horne's Ch Hopeinn's Playing With Fire JW. Such a worthy champion in top condition. Credit to her breeder/owner.

Judge Jo House