



NESBTC Classic

7th September 2018

Critique – Mary Coble

First of all I would like to sincerely thank the officials of the NESBTC for giving me the opportunity to take part in this well organized show. It was indeed an honour to be invited back to the USA and I was pleased to have some very nice specimens to go over. It is over eight years since I was last in America judging and my observations are that stock has improved somewhat, size and type being more compatible with standard. Hospitality extended to my husband and myself during our visit was excellent and I really enjoyed our few days meeting and speaking to fellow enthusiasts. My compliments to exhibitors for the sporting manner in which they accepted my decisions.

Puppy Dogs

1. Corun & Heller's MOONSTRUCK INTO THE STORM, dark brindle & white, 6 months old developing well for age, with adequate bone. Decent headshape, although muzzle appears to be a tad long, this will most likely be offset once his cheek muscle develops, ear placement is good, as is expression. Front is true, he possesses a level topline, nicely bent stifles and moved quite well.

12 & Under 18 months

1. Pawson & Sorbera Laska's MANORVIEW'S LUCKY CHARM. What a striking dark brindle & white this young dog is, well within standard for size and put together nicely overall. Head is super shape, deep through with dark round eyes, correct mouth housing large white teeth & neat ears which he uses to enhance his expression. Body development is good, enough rib, short coupled, level topline, strong backend with good bend of stifle, nicely finished off with correct pump handle tail. Presents an impressive outline from all angles and moved OK, although I would have liked to see more drive on the rear end.

American Bred

1. Aliaga's TANK CGC RN TKA, brindle & white with a pleasing head of good proportions, well developed cheek muscle, clean large teeth, eye could be a little darker but quite acceptable to coat colour. Good shapely body, however, his tail would have looked nicer if it had been lightly trimmed into shape.

Open

1. Ringle's MY ABSOLUTE DEFENDER, substantial black brindle, well boned but not overdone, his front could be a little wider but his shoulder placement is good, short backed & brisket is deep with well sprung ribs. Head is strong and clean cut, good ratio of muzzle to skull, pronounced stop, neat ears correctly placed, nice & alert. Liked his tight feet and dark pigmentation. Needed firm handling but moved OK.
2. Irwin & DeAcostas's EARTHQUAKE STAFFS QUENTIN TARANTINO. Powerfully built top-sized white of good construction, well off for bone & nicely rounded ribs, level topline & muscled hindquarters. Headpiece is strong, nice shape with a wicked eye giving an appealing expression. Moved freely.
3. Leithly & Tiangco's FOUNTAINHEAD'S SYMPATHY FOR THE DEVIL.
4. Gross & Dinely's CLANDARA'S ANOTHER VICE.

Puppy Bitches

1. Yeagle & Cromwell's BALLYHOO ALL ON BLACK, as name would suggest, a black brindle bitch, of decent size, no exaggerations and plenty to like. Promising feminine head, good mouth housing nice large teeth, dark well placed eyes, complemented by neat rose ears. Body coming along nicely for age, straight in front, nice feet with black nails & shapely rear quarters with well bent stifles. Moved and handled OK.
2. Irwin's BARRACHINO ARGENTINA THE CREW ROMAN HOLIDAY, another pleasing young bitch with similar qualities to first, just a little less mature.
3. Hornberg-Wilson & Harrison@s TRAWDEN ICELAND.
4. Irwin's NEUPART STAFFS NORDIC DREAM OF SPRING.

12 & under 18 months

1. Oraschin's ALCHEMIST'S BLACK OPAL. Really liked this black brindle girl, who to my mind has a lot going for her. A very balanced bitch with a lovely front leading into well placed shoulders & a level topline, with strong rear end and excellent pigmentation. Attractive head, strong but retaining the desired feminine look, correct bite, clean



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lipped, possessing dark eyes & neat thin ears which she holds and uses well to give super expression. Moved well when in stride, handler worked hard in getting her to walk at the correct pace.

Bred by Exhibitor

1. Cromwell's BALLYHOO BEWITCHED. Smallish compact black brindle of good type, well put together and as hard as nails. Head has great appeal, broad skull, correct bite, darkest of piercing eyes & well placed ears. Bodied up nicely, ample bone, short in back and ample tuck up. On her toes and handled well, moving with purpose.
2. West & Berry's WILLABY'S LITTLE CREATURE. Smart black brindle, slightly bigger in size than 1 but possessing many of the same virtues, just lost out today on maturity and the fact that she really wasn't at all interested in showing herself. Has a true front, well boned front legs, enough rib & good muscle tone. Shapely head, clean lipped, good bite & dark expressive eyes. Handled well but simply lacked sparkle. Another day, placing may have been reversed.
3. Johnson & Johnson's TAKEDOWNS SWEET NITTANY LION.
4. Irwin & DeAcosta's BONNAIR N Eclips HOW YOU GET SO FLY.

Veteran

1. Johnson & Johnson's CH 10FAKINDS NO SLEEP TILL BROOKLYNN, black brindle aged 7 and still in pretty good condition overall, with well defined hindquarters & straight topline standing and retained on the move, seemed to enjoy her day out, Nice shapely feminine head, eyes dark enough with desired expression.

Best of Breed

Heller's GCH MOONSTRUCK LUCK BE A LADY, standard size red bitch, with white marking on head & a dark mask. She is as good as she looks, no disappointments when you get your hands on her & it is easy to see why this bitch is a grand champion. Classic example of strength without coarseness or exaggeration. Lovely head, blunt foreface, strong underjaw, correct bite, super dark eyes and nicely positioned rose ears. Front is straight leading into well placed shoulders, good rib, evident tuck up and strong well muscled hindquarters, which enabled her to move parallel on the backend, holding a level topline. Her coat texture is exceptional, shiny & in excellent condition, an absolute credit to her owner. Showed and handled well, movement being good both ways. Thank you for exhibiting and giving me the opportunity to go over her.

Best of Opposite:

Cromwell & Matusiak's CH MAT-STAFF HOWLING COMMANDO RA CGC. Substantial black brindle in great shape, well off for bone, scores in powerful head, deep through skull, blocky muzzle & correct bite. Nicely muscled hindquarters. Moved & handled to advantage.

Select Dog:

Diaz & Kilkenny's CH BROHEZ BREAKER OF CHAINS. Smart looking compact black brindle, white mark on chest, well within standard, lovely head, broad skull, strong muzzle with tight lips, alert expression, presented in fit & hard condition. At one with his handler, moved well.

Select Bitch:

Irwin & DeAcosta's GCH BONNAIR N ECLIPS TIME TO WAIT FOR TOMORROW

Best of Winners & Winners Dog: Pawson & Sorbera Laska's MANORVIEW'S LUCKY CHARM

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