

## NESBTC Classic 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Critique – Michelle Bryant

The judges were restricted this year from providing full critiques by AKC reps that were on-site. Thank you so much Michelle Bryant for taking the time to send us critiques for your main winners.

Great show with a wonderful atmosphere, as always. Thanks to everyone that makes this show the "One" not to miss. A pleasure and honor to judge this show and these dogs today. I would like to thank the Exhibitors for the excellent entry and their sportsmanship with the way they accepted my decisions on this day. Very pleased with the quality of the dogs, with very few animals having major faults. But where have the correct tail-sets gone? Pump-Handle found in very few! Movement was varied and being poor did affect some placements and toplines need attention. Inverted canines also popped up in a few individuals. I felt my BOB and BOS were good examples of the breed, being a blend of Bull and Terrier, smooth coated, well balanced and of great strength for his/her size. Nothing exaggerated.

BOB/BOHGCH Manorview's Lucky Charm – Perfectly balanced brindle and white dog with no exaggeration, strong head with well defined stop, dark eyes and the neatest of ears give him a pleasing expression. Stood four- square with strong muscular neck leading to well- placed shoulders, good spring of rib, short coupled and level topline on the move. Strong hindquarters with well defined muscles, nice tight feet, and proper tail set. Dark pigmentation and nice short gleaming coat. Excellent condition, a true blend of Bull and Terrier exhibiting great strength for size. Expertly handled as always and obviously doted on by his proud owner, that got the best from him. "Showed" every minute he was in the ring.

BOW Manorview's Are You Ready for the Sequel? - Smart red with white bitch has cracking head shape, large round eyes, proper scissor bite with strong underjaw and correct ear set. A straight well boned front, feet are good, nice tuck up, short back with nice spring of rib. Good depth of brisket. Overall, well developed body with good muscle for age. Moved OK for one so young. A promising future is a certainty. "Honest" bitch all around.

BOS CH Blockbuster Jamaica Sunshine – Judging this bitch before, she did not disappoint me today. A standard size red bitch with white that exhibits strength and ability of purpose. Although I would prefer a cleaner facial expression, she has correct round eyes, neat ears and scissor bite. She possesses a straight well boned front, well angulated hindquarters, proper tail set on the move and great outline, especially when looking down on her. Presented in rock hard condition. Handled to perfection, she stands four square and demands attention.

SD GCHS Pinnacle's You Can't Take Command – This brindle dog is a good balance of bull and terrier with a beautiful head and expression, correct ear carriage, good stop. One of the best moving dogs seen all dog. Topline OK, ample rear and good spring of rib. Presented and handled well. Close decision with my BOB.

SB CH Ballyhoo Bewitched – A very typey and well balanced black brindle bitch with adequate skull, round dark eyes, tidy lips, and correct bite. Her overall structure is sound with a good front. Moved well and was in good condition. Later discovered that she just left the whelping box a few weeks ago.

AOM CH Willaby's Southern Cross - Black Brindle Bitch of top size, but good proportion throughout. Prefect bite, dark eye – although would have preferred rounder shape, neat ears, and strong hindquarters. Moved and shown in excellent show condition.

AOM GCHS Brittstaff Dream Boy – Proper size red dog, well balanced with super round dark eyes, neat ears, good bite, but would have preferred overall cleaner face. Structurally sound, needs to work on conditioning and develop fitness. Too soft for my taste.