

Wellingborough & District Canine Society

I would like to thank the committee for offering me the opportunity judge at this show, I was pleased with my entry in both breeds and the opportunity to look over some nice dogs. I find Siberian Huskies challenging to judge because of the differing types in the UK, but I also enjoy this as I need to look beyond appearance to the construction underneath.

Both breeds enjoyed the opportunity to move in a good sized ring. Unfortunately mats were not provided for the floor, which in a sports hall meant lots of sliding feet and dogs that were occasionally unable to demonstrate their true movement. Sadly in one case one dog slipped and had to be withdrawn injured. I would note that standards state the trimming is only acceptable on the feet, some coats had been cut. I do not mention bites in my critiques as all examined had correct scissor bites.

Siberian Husky

Class 260 - Puppy (Abs 1)

1 KOBUK FOXTAIL LILY, Nice looking puppy bitch with balanced overall proportions and appearance. An inquisitive expression and correct head proportions. Good length of neck with moderate front angulation. Chest with room to develop, correct loin length and tuck without being extreme and correct croup slope. Moved soundly, rear muscle driving well. BP and pleased to hear she was placed in the group.

2 DREAMWOLVES HES GOT DAT VIBE, Sweet looking puppy dog, younger and of different type to 1, well muscled in rear, strong pasterns. Nice expression, correct ear placement with slightly boxy muzzle. Slightly straighter in front angulation to 1 and more upright in neck, otherwise well balanced but not the fluid movement of 1.

Class 261 - Junior (Abs 2)

1 ZALTANA KISS MY PAWS AT LOLOTEA (IMP POL) JW, Confident and cheeky with good proportions across both frame and head structure. Moved soundly, sometimes struggling with the floor but held his topline well. Correct depth of chest with decent back end muscle and on compact feet. Good coat

2 POLARCREEK TAIYA Slighter in type than 1 with lighter bone. Well-sprung ribs on a slightly shallow chest and straight shoulder. Would prefer a more-furred ear. Decent rear muscle, moved well but not quite the drive of 1.

3 SNOWQUALMIE CAPTAIN MORGAN AT ARCTICSWIRL

Class 262 - Post Graduate (Abs 1)

1 AZGARD KAPMA FOR ALEPENKY Lovely confident bitch who was fun from the moment she entered the ring. Good head with correct ear and eye placement and an alert expression. Good proportions and moderate shoulder angulation with good muscle tone. Fluid smooth movement from all sides on well sprung pasterns and well bent stifles. Good extension of neck on the move and tail carriage that completed the picture. Won the class and BOB on her movement.

2 POLARCREEK TAIYA

3 INDIGO FOREST IVY AT ARCTICSWIRL

Class 263 - Open (Abs 2)

1 ZALTANA MIDNIGHT EXPRESS AT LOLOTEA (IMP POL) ShCM Three year old dog with good front reach and moderate shoulder angulation. Correct head proportions with a cheeky expression. Coat in good condition. Slightly sloping strong pasterns and held a good topline on the move. RBOB

2 RAJARANI KOKO FOR ALEPENKYE JW Small veteran bitch with an excess of character. Typical well proportioned head and eye placement on a small but perfectly proportioned body. Slightly light on bone, not quite the movement of 1 but nearly demanded the class win.

3 KOBUK SNOW FALL

Alaskan Malamute

Class 245 - Junior (Abs 1)

1 SAMJOE'S THE ONE AND ONLY Standing alone in her class but appreciated the space to move. Moderately sloping shoulders giving good front reach and fluid movement, Nice head structure with good eye placement and ear structure.

Class 256 - Post Graduate (Abs 1)

1 MARAHOOTAY LINX UNDER TATRESIWOK Nice boy nearly 3 years old, strong head of good type with correct ear and eye placement and nice dark pigment. Neck of good length and moderate front angulation with a good depth of chest. Held good topline on the move with slightly straight rear angulation. Good amount of bone and while he still has some maturing to do I thought he was a good example of the breed. BOB and pleased to hear that later on he won the working group.

2 SAMJOE THE DREAM LIVES ON (AI) Two & half year old bitch with a good amount of bone and moderate angulation in both front and rear, would have preferred a slightly longer neck and longer loin. Unfortunately her movement was let down by her nerves in the loud hall and she needs to work on her confidence.

3 SAMJOE'S THE ONE AND ONLY

Class 257 - Open (Abs 1 / Withdrawn 1)

CH HAWKEYE POLARNI USVIT (IMP CZE) Unfortunately exhibit came into the ring, was on his first circuit and moving well but then inadvertently slipped and strained himself. The owner rightly asked to withdraw him before examination as he was clearly starting to favour one leg and needed to be checked out as possibly in pain as well as having damaged himself.