

The Ventura Pekingese Club

Open Show

8th October 2011

My thanks to Eileen Maycock, Eddie Hurdle, Terry Nethercott & the rest of the Ventura Committee for looking after me so well at the Club's Open Show in Holyport on 8th October. It was a lovely venue with a most sporting & friendly group of exhibitors. The only slight downside was the smallish entry, possibly not helped by the fact that another Pekingese Breed Club decided to hold its Show on the same day. However, whatever about quantity there was quality there aplenty, particularly from the Pekehuis Kennel of Winifred Mee, whose representatives took all the main honours.

I will list all the main winners, whilst thanking those exhibitors who made the journey & who didn't feature among the prizes.

Best Puppy Dog was Pekamore Mountain Dew to Pekehuis, a spectacular fawn boy--plenty of substance about him & a confident ring presence. Hopefully he has done most of his growing. His kennelmate, Pekehuis Black Orchid, is a beautiful black girl, compact & well-coated with a lot of refinement, more my type & I was pleased to award her **Best Puppy in Show & Reserve Best Bitch**. I shall watch with interest her progress at Championship level. **Best Dog** was a beautiful mini, Pekehuis Sleeve Wonder (what a great name!), a super little red brindle who took over the ring & most of the Hall with his sparkling personality. They say good goods come in small parcels & this little chap was the proof. I was told later that he needs only one more ticket for his Dutch title in spite of competing against the full sized dogs over there. **Reserve Best Dog** was Cisfran Acclamation, a three year old red presented & shown to perfection, as were all the exhibits from this Kennel.

Best Bitch & Best in Show was from the Open Class, Pekehuis Applause, still to reach her 2nd birthday with two Reserve C.C.s to her credit. A lovely, typy light red show bitch who needed to be on her best form to take the honours over her diminutive kennelmate in the final challenge.

Finally, could I say how pleased I was that May Robertshaw, all of 90 years of age, took the trouble to make the trip with her lovely red Lotusgrange Orient Label. So structurally sound, he decided to be on his worst behaviour when asked to move.

The day ended with the arrival of Janette Makin who made the long journey from Porthcawl with her camera in time for lunch. I look forward to seeing the results of her handiwork!

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