

It was a real pleasure and honour to be invited back by the Miniature Pinscher Club to judge the breed again in the UK. After doing so at the UK Toydog Society back in 2016. Due to the covid situation, the appointment was pushed back one year but now it was time.

I was happy to learn it was a very nice number of entries, and I enjoyed the opportunity to assess this high number of dogs. In general, I found the overall quality to be very good. Nice sizes, overall good body proportions and typical alert temperaments. At the same time, I found there was quite a bit of variety when it came to type. For the UK, the movement of the Min Pin is a point that differs quite a bit from the FCI. The wanted hackney movements calls for a bit different front assembly to allow for the correct lift in front, while at the same time having the right amount of front angulation and sufficient lay back of shoulder. Although nice stability and purposeful movements were on most, there were not many who had the sought for front movement.

A big thank you to the club and the organising committee for inviting me and for putting on a very well-organised show, and also to my ring personnel for making sure everything went really smoothly throughout the day. It was a real pleasure and I really enjoyed my day in the ring.

Dog CC – CH Trenson Flummadiddle Sh CM

Res Dog CC – Danton Whatever You Want For Glenbrows

Best Puppy Dog – Danton Whatever You Want For Glenbrows

Best Veteran Dog – CH Trenson Flummadiddle Sh CM

Minor Puppy Dog – 4

1st Santoriello – Pinicio Twist And Shout. A really nice start to the day having this very promising puppy in the ring. Excellent size and proportions giving a very balanced outline. Still of course very much a puppy, and needs the natural time to develop but really well developed for his age. Nicely elongated head with just enough substance in muzzle. Well-placed small ears, appealing expression. Very promising shape of body with good length of ribcage and a strong topline. Nice tailset but tail could be carried a bit less tight over the back. Very promising movements where the nicely lifted front movements probably will settle a bit more with time.

2nd Parker – Kaypin Happy and You Know It. Another promising puppy. Really nice and promising proportions and overall balance. Not quite as developed in body and substance yet as the first. Masculine head with excellent expression. Good reach of neck nicely flowing into a strong enough topline. Could have had a bit more length of the ribcage to also give a more filled out underline. Everything falls nicely into place on the move and he moves around the ring with a nice attitude.

Puppy Dog – 4

1st Harrison T&H – Danton Do Whatever You Want For Glenbrows. Another very pleasing acquaintance at the beginning of the day. Still young and will do with the bit more substance in body that will come with time, but his balanced and elegant outline made him grab attention at once. Well-shaped head of nice length where the well-placed ears and eyes gives an alert expression. Elegant neck and nicely placed shoulder give a nice flow of the topline. Promising spring and length of ribcage. Not excessively angulated, but the balance of angulation in front and rear gives very balanced and purposeful movement with the wanted lift of front movement. His rich and deep colour suits him well. In the challenge, his outline and showmanship won him a well-deserved RDCC and BP.

2nd Cherry & James – Jaegerson Hendrix. A really smart young gentleman with very promising proportions with already very nice substance and volume of body. Head of substance where the skull still needs time to lengthen a bit more. Good reach of neck. Would prefer a better and higher carriage of tail. Did not quite enjoy being in the ring today and will give a different appearance when he becomes a bit more self-assured.

Junior Dog 2

1st Santoriello Pinicio Red Rebellion. Excellent in size and overall balance and gives a very promising picture standing. Still needs time to settle on the move. Well-shaped head of sufficient length and with an alert expression. Would have liked a bit more strength in muzzle and underjaw. Elegant neck and strong topline. Very promising volume of body and spring of ribs. Moderately angulated front, well angulated rear. Promising sidegait but still needs time to settle coming and going. Excellent tail-carriage. Nice ring presence.

2nd White – Glenbrows Wind of Change. Nice size and already has good volume of body although still a bit leggy. This impression will of course change when the body deepens a bit more. Nicely shaped head. Could have liked a bit less rounded eyes to get a better expression. Nicely shaped and placed ears. Sufficient reach of neck where a better layback of shoulder would have smoothed the transmission between neck and topline. Moderately angulated in front and rear. Shows his qualities really well on the move.

Yearling Dog 0

Novice Dog 2

Both of the representatives in this class were winners of previous classes and I was a bit surprised to see them both in this class. I really liked them both after seeing them in their respective classes and I looked forward to seeing them both back again for the challenge, but suddenly I had to make up my mind on them both. Not an easy choice and I still would have like to have seen them both up against the other class winners. Both of them young, both a bit different in development and had different strong points, but splitting hairs the winner had it for being a bit more mature and settled in body and movements.

1st Harrison T&H – Danton Do Whatever You Want For Glenbrows

2nd Santoriello – Pinicio Twist And Shout

Graduate Dog 0

Post Graduate Dog 0

Limit Dog 8

1st Watkins – Pernickety Pace of Danton. Smart outline and of the right size. Compact body of good overall substance. Masculine, nicely elongated head. Alert, well-placed ears. Elegant neck and strong topline ending in a well-placed and carried tail. Parallel and well-angulated rear. Could have had a bit more front angulation and a bit tighter feet. Very nice and self-assured ring presence.

2nd White – Alcum Skyfall. Masculine and well balanced. Excellent volume of body and forechest. Well-chiselled head with very nice ear placement and well-shaped eyes giving the correct alert expression. Strong neck. Could have been a bit shorter in body. Nice placement of tail but it is carried a bit tight over the back. Moves around the ring with a nice confidence.

Open Dog 3

1st Smith – Ch Hamilton Arrow at Tubize. Nice, square body proportions with just the right amount of volume of body and ribcage. Elongated head with nice lines, where I could prefer a bit less rounded eyes to give a better expression. Small, well-shaped ears. Sufficient length of neck leading into moderately angulated front and nicely placed shoulder. Strong topline, also on the move. Rear angulations in balance with front, giving harmonic movements. Nice lift in front movements.

2nd Collinson & Dare – Collypins Supersonic. Square shape of body proportions, but still a bit leggy and could have done with a bit more depth of ribcage to fill out “the frame”. Excellent shape of head with a correct alert expression. Nicely arched neck leading into a strong topline. Correct tail. Could prefer a bit more angulation in front but sufficiently angulated with a nice parallel rear. Not quite the same stability on the move as the first.

3rd Gentle – Dimogen Don’t Cha Know

Champion Dog 4

1st James – Ch Jagerson Dressed to Impress JW. A very appealing model of right size that shows himself with a winning attitude. Excellent headpiece with correct bite. Good length of neck but a bit more laid back shoulder would have given a smoother topline. Nicely sprung ribs and good volume of body. Well angulated rear. Nice feet all around. Moves with confidence and shows himself very well. If anything, he could have had a bit more lift in front movements.

2nd Collinson & Dare – Ch Collypins Klickety Klick. Very well put together shaping a well-balanced outline. Nicely elongated head with nice parallel lines. Could have had a bit more strength in underjaw and a better bite. Excellent neck, topline and tailset and -carriage. Would prefer a bit more substance of body. Moves with pride and a nice attitude.

Veteran Dog 2

1st Harrison J – Ch Trenson Flummadiddle Sh CM. An excellent model where all the details fall nicely into its correct place, giving a very pleasing impression both standing and on the move. Although in veteran, there was nothing “veteran-ish” about him. Moved with youthful energy and with the confidence and purpose expected of the breed, and with the correct lift of front feet. Masculine head that could perhaps do with a bit more length, but where the expression still is what you look for. If I should wish for anything, he could have been a tad lighter in substance all over, but like many they tend to get a bit more substance growing older. His overall qualities and balanced outlook made him stand out in the challenge and I had no problem awarding him the DCC and BV on the day. I was really pleased to learn afterwards that I had awarded him the RDCC last time I judged the breed in the UK.

2nd Eyles – Vardenais C’est Moi. A bit of a lighter build than the first. Where the first could have had a bit more elegance this one could have had a bit more substance. Also one with a well-shaped head and a very pleasing expression but where the tip of the ears now was a bit

softer. He had a good reach of neck and a strong topline, both standing and on the move. Nice tailset. Would have liked a bit more substance and length of ribcage. This would also reduce some of the tuck-up of the underline. Does not need any more angulation behind but moves parallel and with good stability coming and going.

Bitch CC – Galkerah’s Antonia to Kreiger

Res Bitch CC – Pinicio Pirouette

Best Puppy Bitch – Pinicio Pirouette

Best Veteran Bitch – CH Kreiger’s Bubble Butt JW

Minor Puppy Bitch 2

1st French – Pinicio Pirouette. Still young and under development but so well put together! The different details fits so well together and create a very balanced outline. Very feminine. Elegant head with nice details and a very appealing and alert expression. The size of the head in nice proportion to body. Excellent reach of neck leading into a well-angulated front and shoulder placement. Firm topline, ending in a well-placed, well-carried tail. Suitable substance of bone to fit the body. Really promising and coordinated movements. With a bit more substance, which naturally comes with time, I guess she will have a very promising future ahead of her. She came into the ring with a winning attitude and spirited presence, and the handler allowed her to play to her strengths at all times. Although young, her promising balance and winning ring presence won her a well-deserved RBCC and BP.

2nd Harrison T&H – Glenbrows Aurora. Another promising puppy, nicely developed for her age. Promising, square body proportions. Nicely triangulated shape of head. Would like to see a bit more strength and substance of muzzle with time. Good reach of neck. Would have liked a bit more angulation in front assembly. Excellent substance of body for her age. Parallel hindquarters with sufficient angulations. Would have liked to see the tail carried a bit higher on the move. Promising movements, but still needs a bit of time to settle in front.

Puppy Bitch 4 (3)

1st Harrison T&H – Glenbrows Aurora. Seen before.

Junior Bitch 6 (3)

1st Stracey – Galkerah’s Antonia to Kreiger. So well balanced in head and body proportions. Feminine and elegant, yet with just the right compact and sturdy body you would like to see on a bitch at this age. Feminine, nicely triangulated head with strong muzzle. Well placed, small ears framing the wanted alert expression. Nicely arched neck, well fitted into clean shoulders, continuing into a strong topline sloping nicely towards rear. Already well filled out in forechest, giving her a very pleasing outline. Well-constructed hindquarters with hocks well let down. Stands in natural balance, alert and with a confident presence. This, combined with her precise and purposeful movements around the ring, won her the top spot on the day. Very pleased to award her BCC and BOB today. A well-deserved win and Best In Show.

2nd Coull – Vardenais Petite Noir. Another very nice and well-balanced model. A bit lighter in body still and could do with a bit more substance overall. Not quite the head of the first, but well-shaped ears and eyes still give an appealing expression. Good neck. Could have had a bit better lay-back of front assembly, but nicely balanced angulations in front and rear resulting in well-balanced movements. A bit more volume and depth of body will fill out the picture nicely.

Yearling Bitch 6 (3)

1st Coull – Vardenais Petite Noir. Seen before. Her overall balance won her this class.

2nd Stracey’s – Kreiger’s Ghetto Booty JW. Excellent in size and a really nice show temperament gave her a very appealing ring presence. Feminine head that still need some more time to smoothen the lines of skull. Well placed ears of correct size. Excellent strong, lightly sloping topline. Although, I would prefer a little better lay-back of shoulder. Nice volume of body but with time would like to see a bit more length of ribcage. Well-angulated and strong hindquarters. Moves around the ring with very nice attitude and energy.

Novice Bitch 2 (1)

1st Park’s – Rayjen Cupcake. Very charming attitude and ring presence. Nice size and well-balanced model where head and body proportions fit well together. Very promising shape of head. Well-shaped eyes. Good substance of muzzle. Ears well set on but still a bit soft in the tip. Good length of neck and firm topline. Already well developed in body and ribcage. Could have had a bit better lay back of shoulder and on the move she could have had a bit more lift in front movements. Nice stability in rear movements.

Graduate Bitch 1

1st Wilson – Jaegerson Kiss’N Tell. Feminine of nice size with promising body proportions. Head with nice muzzle but skull could still be a bit more elongated and chiselled to give the desired shape. Well-placed neck, sufficient substance of body. Moderately angulated in front and rear. Moves with attitude, but needs a bit more stability in front and topline with time. Just needs a bit more time to develop.

Post Graduate Bitch 2 (1)

1st Wilson – Jaegerson Kiss’N Tell. Seen before.

Limit Bitch 2

1st Gentle – Dimogen River Witch. From the first round around the ring she showed off her really nice movements. Purposeful, steadfast and with that precision in the movements one would like to see. The movements were accompanied by a very good outline and balance, although she could perhaps have been a tad shorter in body. Well-shaped head with excellent placement of ears, giving an alert expression. Elegant, arched neck. Moderate but balanced in angulation in front and rear. Would perhaps like a bit more length of croup to get some more width in upper thigh.

2nd Dunn – Valetta Cleopatra. Excellent in size and with that compact square body so characteristic for the breed. Nice headpiece but I would have liked to see a bit more elongated skull and foreface with a bit more substance in muzzle. Well-angulated front with good width and a nice fill of forechest. Strong shape of body. Moderately angulated rear. Could have had a bit more stability in topline on the move. Could have had somewhat richer colouring. Cheeky, appealing temperament with a very nice ring presence.

Open Bitch 6 (1)

1st James – Jaegerson Code Red. Outstanding headpiece where all the details fitted so well together, giving the most appealing alert expression. Head carried proudly on a neck of good reach. Well-angulated front, giving a very nice and stable hackney movement, but the shoulder could have been a bit more laid back to give a better transition from neck to topline. Excellent tailset and carriage. Show a really nice attitude and self-confidence on the move.

2nd Kirby – Vardenais Limini with Kirbsea. Another pleasing bitch with very nice body proportions. Not quite the same quality details in the head as the first, but still has a nice expression. Somewhat round eyeshape does not quite give the same alert expression. Excellent length of neck. Would have liked a bit more angulation in front assembly but she uses her angulation very well on the move. Excellent shape of body and spring of ribs. Carries her tail very nicely standing and on the move. Her balanced construction makes her look very well put together on the move.

Champion Bitch 4 (1)

1st Stracey – Ch Kreiger's Dark 'N' Delicious JW Sh CM SCEX Winner of a class with 3 quality bitches. Very feminine and smart in outline. Really nicely shaped head with the correct length and shape. Perhaps a tad round in eye shape but her attitude gave her a very alert and appealing look and ring presence. Well-arched neck of the right length, proudly carrying the head on the move. Moderately angulated front, well angulated rear. Strong topline both standing and on the move. Moves around the ring with a very nice balance and winning attitude.

2nd James – Ch Jagerson Cracks the Code. Another quality breed representative, with the wanted square body shape. Stands in a very nice and natural balance. Very good shape and details of head. Would have liked a bit better lay-back of front assembly, but has although a very nice neck- and topline. Very good spring of ribs but the length of ribcage could have been a bit longer to give less tuck-up of underline. Moves with purpose and nice stability all around.

Veteran Bitch 3

1st Stracey's – CH Kreiger's Bubble Butt JW Another smart model of the correct size, not showing her age at all. Would have liked a bit more length of head but the well-shaped eyes and correctly shaped and placed ears gives a very nice expression. Good reach of neck and strong body of correct substance. Could have had a bit better layback of front but very nicely balanced in angulation in front and rear. Moves with nice stability coming and going. Moves with youthful energy around the ring.

2nd Smith – Tubize Kathy's Kisses. Of a bit lighter build than the first and somewhat longer in body. Nice ring-presence and attention to her handler. Very nice shape of head but would have liked to see a bit more substance all over. Good length of forehead but would have liked a bit more room for the bite. Excellent placement of ear giving a very alert expression. Nicely arched and elegant neck. Well angulated front and rear. Would have liked a bit more substance of body and bone. Balanced angulated in front and rear. Uses her tail very well both standing and on the move. Shows herself with lot of energy.

