

## **BTC 2023 Specialty Conformation Results with Critiques**

### **From our judge: Amanda**

Thank you to the Border Terrier Canada club for inviting me to judge their 2023 National Specialty. The committee, members, and exhibitors made it a wonderful day. I was extra honoured to learn this was your largest entry to date.

Special thanks to Erin, Pearl, Pam, Bev, Marion & Mel, Casey, and Duane for their various contributions to this weekend.

As I mentioned at the banquet, the grass length in our ring left something to be desired, and I suspect some dogs would do better in shorter grass. The bites were good, except for one. Teeth size was at least sufficient on all entries, and a couple who really pleased me.

My final decisions were made on type and silhouette. I was always seeking and rewarding correct underlines, toplines maintained on the move, and well-balanced necks widening into correct shoulders. Similarly, muscular rears with well-bent stifles and correct set on of tail helped propel my winners to the top.

### **Dogs**

#### **Juvenile Male (1 entered, 1 shown)**

**1st #612 Jansim Blue Collar Man** – owners: Elizabeth and Tony Hunt

Blue and tan, up to size, not in his best jacket. Typical head. Entered in the appropriate class as still looking young.

#### **Canadian Bred Male (1 entered, 1 shown)**

**1st #613 Versaterre's March of Johnny Rose** – owners: Megan Crane and Cynthia Bernier  
Balanced entry. He was not impressed with the grass length but did well despite it. Sufficient coat to determine correct. Lovely teeth. On to **Winners Dog/Best of Winners**.

In the Winners class, he was the most complete package.

#### **Bred By Exhibitor Male (1 entered, 1 shown)**

**1st #624 Rivermerre's You Can't Take It With You** – owner: Mary Cole

Many of the traits I liked in the WD are also found in this dog. Onto **Reserve Winners Dog**, bowing to WD today on flexibility. His movement took him above the other entries to the Reserve spot.

#### **Open Male (2 entered, 1 move up, 1 shown)**

**1st # 625 Castle Guard Perfect Optimism** – owner: Megan Rai Ferguson

Up to size, but not in his best jacket. Typical head and expression.

#### **Veteran 7 to 10-year-old Male (2 entered, 1 shown, 1 absent)**

**1st # 626 CH Otley's When Lightening Strikes** – owner: Beverley Embley

My notes say "makes me happy!" This boy was in coat, quality head, lovely hide, and could still go out and move correctly. In Best of Breed lineup, ended up with an **Award of Merit**.

#### **Veteran over 12-year-old Male (1 entered, 1 shown)**

**1st #627 Cherubkin Arundel CGN** – owner: Megan Rai Ferguson

You would not know this boy was over 12 years old. There was not only a joie de vivre about his attitude, but he could still move correctly. Coat and hide had all of what I was looking for.

Slightly less flexible than ideal but he's over 12 years old, so really not unexpected, I have a big :-)) in my notes for this boy, and he held up in Best of Breed and went on to **First Award of Merit and Best Veteran**.

## **Bitches**

### **Junior Puppy (1 entered, 1 shown)**

**1st # 615 Glebeheath Olivia** – owner: Debbie Miyashita

A blue and tan in a lovely deep coat, a very promising puppy. She was not impressed by the grass and it reflected slightly in her movement. Sent her on to **Best Puppy**.

### **Juvenile Female (3 entered, 3 shown)**

**1st #617 Glenbarr Miss Money Penny** – owner: Joe Bryan

2nd #628 Oreos Casablanca PSI Mysteria – owner: Brigitta Waller

First place bitch over the second on movement, including top line and tail set. Second held her own above the third-place bitch in movement, which may have been influenced by the grass length. First went on to **Winners Bitch**, taking that award on her silhouette and movement.

### **Canadian Bred Female (1 entered, 1 shown)**

**1st #629 Irish Lilt's Dreamfyre** – owner: Megan Rai Ferguson

Blue and tan bitch, not in her best jacket. Did not appreciate the grass length either.

### **Bred By Exhibitor Female (1 entered, 1 shown)**

**1st #630 Playmoor It Has To Be Shasta** – owner: Richard, Terry and Rebecca Richey

Another blue and tan girl, typical coat and hide.

### **Open Female (6 entered, 1 move up, 1 absent)**

**1st #634 Castle Guard Tanqueray's Neq Flor De Seville** – owner: Laura Jackman

2nd #633 Zealous Autumn's Spring Fling – owner: Beverley Embley

First-place bitch was not doing much to help herself, but when she decided to move, her silhouette and movement were enough to carry her to the front of the line. Second over the rest of the class on silhouette. First went on to **Reserve Winners Bitch** again on her movement.

### **Veteran 7 to 10-year-old Female (1 entered, 1 shown)**

**1st #637 Astra Anarchia PSY Mysteria** – owner: Megan Rai Ferguson

Not a lot of coat, but what she had was enough to show it is correct, and a hide to really appreciate. Kept her in my final cuts in Best of Breed, and she deserved to be there. **Best of Opposite Sex to Best Veteran**

### **Field Female (1 entered, 1 shown)**

**1st #622 AGMCH RCH Zealous Goelitz Mini JellyBean RM RMX ME VG TDGCH RATN SDN JT NP AGX AGXJ MADC MJDC MSDC MSCDC MGDC** – owner: Nancy Lee

Another blue and tan, moved well but did not appreciate the grass, good coat and hide. Typical head. **Best Working**.

### **Best Of Breed**

A lineup to be very, very pleased with.

11 dogs with the move-up, 13 bitches with the move-up.

I made an initial cut in dogs and bitches, and then reworked those entries along with my Non-Regular Classes Winners and Winners Dog and Bitch.

### **Best Of Breed**

**#653 (bitch) CH Elwha's Little Miss Clever Clogs RN** – owner: Anila Rondeau

All of a package. Nothing overdone or extreme about her. She fits the moderate that we ask for in the standard. In full, correct coat with good hide. Once you got your hands into that coat, you could really appreciate both the coat and the body underneath. Maintained her top line in movement, which not all other entrants were able to do. Very pleased to award her **Best of Breed and Best Otter Head**.

## **Best Of Opposite Sex To Best Of Breed**

**#643 (male) GCHS Roschel Foxrun Thistle Do** – owner: Emily Burdon

I have had my hands on this dog a couple of times throughout his life and now, as a fully mature male, he has come into himself beautifully. Shown today in a good coat. Appreciated his correct head and moderation all over, with the silhouette I was looking for all day.

## **Select Dog**

**#614. Meadowlake Hit The Ground Running** – owners: Sandra Moore and Karen Fitzpatrick  
Found out after judging he was 16 months old, and that youth could not get past the maturity of the male in front of him. Lovely jacket, a good hide, and a correct silhouette. Maturity should only help bring him to his potential.

## **Select Bitch**

**#651. Castle Guard Runa Strong** – owner: Dianna Morin

The strength I was finding in my other awardees is present in this girl; a lovely, balanced bitch overall. Fell to the Best of Breed Bitch in head. Also **Best Canadian Bred**

## **Awards Of Merits**

**#627 Cherubkin Arundel CGN** – owner: Megan Rai Ferguson

**#648 (bitch) CH Benchmark's Bella Amiga** – owner: Patricia Warkentin

**#626 CH Otley's When Lightening Strikes** – owner: Beverley Embley

These three all received their awards due to their strengths: correct silhouettes, heads, coats, hides, and movement.

I truly did tear up with that final lineup; you should all be very pleased with the depth of this entry.

Baby Puppies were a ton of fun! Turns out, all three were from the same litter.

### **Male 4 to 6 months old (1 entered, 1 shown)**

**1st #611 Bodacious Inky's Aeson** – owner: Leslie Harris-Bartlett

### **Female 4 to 6 months old (2 entered, 2 shown)**

**1st #659 Bodacious Machibuse** – owners: Trisha Holubowich and Nancy Lee

**2nd #660 Bodacious Red Shadow** – owners: Heather Van Esch and Nancy Lee

First was in a better coat on the day than her littermate.

**Best Baby Puppy** to the male as he was overall slightly more together than his sister.

### **Brood Bitch & Progeny (1 entered, 1 shown)**

Ch Astra Anarchia Psi Mysteria

### **Best Brace (3 entered, 3 shown)**

Ch Astra Anarchia Psi Mysteria and GCh Castle Guard Sparkling Pink

### **Best Team (1 entered, 1 shown)**

Ch Astra Anarchia Psi Mysteria

Castle Guard Perfect Happiness

CH Ourson PSI Mysteria

GCH Castle Guard Sparkling Pink Splash

Thrilled to see the number of Junior Handlers who turned out! Enjoyed watching Casey put them through their paces. I hope some of them stay in the breed and continue on.

Always an honor to help with the Versatility Parade. Congratulations to those Owners, Handlers, and Breeders for proving that Borders truly can do anything they set their minds to!

The Judges Education Seminar was very well attended and ended up being a combo of Judges Ed and Breeders Education. We had great discussions and hands-on. I hope you are able to continue to offer this at future events.

Thank you again to all who entered under me and all who made this National happen.