Conformation

Judge Laurale Stern

I would first like to thank the Border Terrier Club of America for the invitation to judge this specialty and its members for having the confidence in offering this opportunity to me. It has been my pleasure and a great honor.

I’d like to especially thank Joann Romero and her committee for making this experience so relaxing and enjoyable for me. I’d also like to thank D’Arcy Downs-Vollbracht and Bailey Bremner for their excellent stewarding. They were so good at keeping everyone organized, double checking my results and encouraging me to take periodic breaks. If you have never stewarded before, it is a stressful and difficult job and one of the most important at a specialty. A good steward, especially in an entry as large as this, is worth gold!

Before I give you some brief comments on the entry over the past two days, I would like to make a couple of observations of the border terrier over the many years that I have been smitten by the breed. John and I joined the BTCA in 1981 after we purchased our first border terrier, Chauncey. We have attended many specialties over these 37 years and have seen huge changes in the breed, most of which are positive.

1. When we joined, the breed had a great deal of variation in type. It was actually difficult to define a type at that time, since there were short, cobble types, long, lean types, smushed in faces, long narrow muzzles, etc. It is all part of developing a breed.

2. Sound movement was a huge problem. There were many dogs that looked great posed on a table, but when they began to move, really fell apart. It was difficult to find good front and rear angulation. Cow-hocked rears and crossing over fronts were common, which of course affected sound movement.

3. Heads had huge variation and over the years suffered some trends that affected bites and type.

Fortunately, the club has benefitted from very dedicated breeders and members who really worked to keep the type and function correct by educating newcomers, offering breeder education on a continual basis and emphasizing the working aspect of the breed. There are few breed clubs that require a working test at every specialty and reward working titles over all others. I so admire this about the border terrier club and enthusiasts.

Okay…on to the past two days…

I would first like to say that this was an absolutely awesome entry of border terriers. Most of the dogs were very well conditioned and presented both days. My decisions were NOT easy. I was pleased to see with only a few exceptions correct scissor bites with large teeth and full jaws. This was a nice surprise since large teeth have been a problem over the past several years. There were a number of dogs with large teeth but narrow jaws. As breeders we need to keep in mind that large teeth, along with full muzzles and strong jaws are necessary to protect our dogs from injury should they come face to face with vermin. Yes, the border terrier is primarily a bolting breed, BUT not all animals encountered will bolt and may turn on the dog.

Overall the front and rear movement has improved over the 37 years that I have been involved with the breed. I don’t believe that I saw more than one or two cow-hocked or wide rears. Breeding sound front movement with good, efficient reach is very difficult and can take many more generations than correcting rear movement. As breeders if your bitches have weak, ineffective front movement, look for mates who have strong fronts with good reach. Carefully select puppies with those nice fronts for your breeding stock.

I also saw a fair number of dogs who side-winded or crabbed while moving. This reflects an imbalance in movement, usually indicating a stronger rear than front. Again, watch those fronts.

By far the greatest concern that I have after judging this entry was the lack of good, thick hides. I found a larger number in the specials class, but many fewer in the class dogs, who are our future specials and sires and dams.

I’ll end with two big positives. The first is that with the exception of maybe three or four dogs, I could span every dog. Those that I couldn’t were often due to being overweight. The second was that temperaments were excellent. I didn’t see so much as a threatening eye from even one dog while examining them. Kudos to all of you breeders!!

I have a couple of suggestions for future specialty committees.

1. The on-deck ring made organizing the upcoming class easy and kept the dogs and handlers from gathering in the aisles causing congestion. It made judging more organized and efficient.

2. PLEASE save seats for the judge and spouse, if there is one, for the Awards Dinner. Because I had to stay for photographs and return to our room to freshen up for the evening, we arrived when the cocktail hour was over and dinner had begun to be served. There were no seats available together for my husband and me. Fortunately someone offered us two seats at their table. A bit later, more tables were added since there were others who came later and also couldn’t find seats.

Thank you again for nominating me to judge this wonderful specialty and for entering your dogs under me. It was such a pleasure to see such beautiful, well-conditioned, correct border terriers. I enjoyed every minute of the two days of judging.

Sincerely,

Laurale Stern,
2018 BTCA National Specialty Conformation Judge
Puppy Dogs 6 Mos & Under 9 Mos
2 - SHADOWHILLS NOBODY'S FOOL, RN320072/01. 02/23/2018. BREEDER: Tim Carey. By Ch Shadowhills Wild Blue Yonder-CH Jootels Foolin Around At Shadowhills. OWNER: Sharon Cummins & Tim Carey.
3 - MEADOWLAKE SOUTHERN CROSS, RN321665/01. 02/23/2018. BREEDER: Karen Fitzpatrick and S Munjoy. By Ch Meadowlake Midnight Rider-CH Middlesex's Tempest In A Teapot at Meadowlak.

Puppy Dogs 9 Mos & Under 12 Mos
2 - REDGATE'S MOONSTRUCK, RN315119/01. 10/19/2019. BREEDER: Judith Rivers. By Ch Foxrun Harvest Moon-Ch Redgates All About Eve. OWNER: Judith Rivers
3 - ECHO'S MAKE IT BETTER, RN312423/05. 09/17/2017. BREEDER: Owners. By Ch Oban's O.B. Machether-Gch Ch Tyes Last Hurrah SE RATO CGCA.

Twelve To Eighteen Month Dogs
2 - TITLED KILT TURBO-CHARGED KING OF THE CASCADES, RN310227/02. 07/12/2017. BREEDER: Catherine C DePriest. By Gch Ch Titled Kilt I'm The Taxman-Ch Titled Kilt Blues After Midnight. OWNER: Heather Wingate & Catherine C DePriest
3 - SPECTRE'S CHosen ONE TKN CGC, RN306593/02. 04/02/2017. BREEDER: Marilyn and Philip Hammond. By GCHB Ch Meadowlake Fontainbleau Bn Rn Oa Oaj-Spectre's Field Games.

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs
3 - AURCLAN HANS SOLO, RN313298/01. 06/20/2017. BREEDER: Nancy Hembrow. By Gch Ch Redgate's Scoutmaster-Aurclan Taming Of The Shrew Chic. OWNER: Nancy Hembrow.

Open Dogs
1/W - MCHILLS ZINGER'S MEMORIAL WIN, RN307925/01. 04/05/2017. BREEDER: Hillary Zimmerman & Peter Holson. By Gch Ch Kernow A Dog Named George-Ch McHill's Totally Tweed. OWNER: Ryan Lockard.
2 - CONUNDRUM'S HARK TO MUSIC, RN253948/01. 04/19/2012. BREEDER: Jane A Parker. By Ch Ganymede's Pendragon-Pipruna Written Word Conundrum. OWNER: Debra Blake & Kay Deines & Pam Enos & Kathryn Britton.

Puppy Bitches 6 Mos & Under 9 Mos
1 - MCHENRY'S NATALIE, RN320440/01. 02/26/2018. BREEDER: Mary Beth Ensor Mark Ensor CT Giese. By CH McHenry's Zero To Sixty-McHenry's Natasha. OWNER: Mary Beth Ensor Mark Ensor CT Giese

Puppy Bitches 9 Mos & Under 12 Mos
1 - ROYAL OAKS TICKLED PINK, RN312410/01. 03/02/2018. BREEDER: Constance Bartlett. By Ch Otley's English Gent-Ch Surefyre's Magic Moment. OWNER: Constance Bartlett

Twelve To Eighteen Month Bitches
1 - R - CONUNDRUM'S HARK TO MUSIC, RN253948/01. 04/19/2012. BREEDER: Jane A Parker. By Ch Ganymede's Pendragon-Pipruna Written Word Conundrum. OWNER: Debra Blake & Kay Deines & Pam Enos & Kathryn Britton.
2 - FAIREVIEWS STORMY WEATHER II, RN275006/02. 11/15/2014. BREEDER: Melissa McCord and Margaret Henning. By Ch Orangebox Firecracker-Ch Faireviews Rite of Passage. OWNER: Jean Galmish and Melissa McCord.

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3 - SPECTRE'S CHosen ONE TKN CGC, RN306593/02. 04/02/2017. BREEDER: Marilyn and Philip Hammond. By GCHB Ch Meadowlake Fontainbleau Bn Rn Oa Oaj-Spectre's Field Games.

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M.L. Elliott.

4 - AARDEHOND CHICAGO AFTER MIDNIGHT. RN305565/02. 03/28/2017. BREEDER: Tracy L Van Niel. By GCH CH Cedarhill No Excuse Needed-GCH CH Aardehond Princess Of The Hive. OWNER: Mary Lynne Elliott

Amateur-Owner-Handler Bitches


Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

1/W/BW - MEADOWLAKE HIGH TIMES. RN314519/01. 09/16/2017. BREEDER: Karen Fitzpatrick & S H Sorenson. By CH Meadowlack & Mystiko For the Moment-CH Meadowlack Frankly Scarett.... OWNER: Karen Fitzpatrick

2 - FANFARE MAYHEM. RN292515/01. 04/02/2015. BREEDER: Shelby Lynn Russell and Debra James Blake. By CH Meadowlack Born To Run @ Freilance-CH Fanfare Kudo. JE. OWNER: Shelby Lynn Russell and Debra James Blake.


American-Bred Bitches

1 - MEADOWLAKE'S OKGO. RN306449/03. 02/20/2017. BREEDER: Sheila Munjoy & Karen E Fitzpatrick. By CH Cedarhill No Excuse Needed-GCH CH Middleshires Tempest in a Teapot at Meado. OWNER: Mary Lynne Elliott.

Pretty really head with beautiful coat and nice movement.


Open Bitches


2 - AURCLAN TAMING OF THE SHREW. RN265466/01. 03/07/2014. BREEDER: Owner. By Ch Redgate's Call Me Mister Blue-Ch Aurclan In Da Hoa. OWNER: Nancy Hembrow.


Veteran Dogs 7 Yrs & Under 10 Yrs

1 - GCHB CH ELWAH'S NEMO'S LUCKY FIN JE RATS. RN229078/03. 08/04/2011. BREEDER: Elizabeth Williams & Charlotte Metzler. By Ch Sunkist Special Brew Ra Ax Axj Me-Elwha's Bare Naked Lady Je. OWNER: Barbara Nastasi.

2 - GCHB SUNKIST SOMETIMES IT TAKES TWO TD CD SE. RN227926/02. 06/18/2011. BREEDER: Arliss Johnson & Harriet Haydon. By Ch Sunkist Sweet Music Man Ra OA OAJ ME-Ch Sunkist Sh'ee'll Be Poise N Ivy UD. OWNER: Diane Thomson.


4 - CH WILDWOOD MINI COOPER CAPERS AT HALO Se. RN206195/01. 04/19/2010. BREEDER: Rachel Leist & Annette Neff. By Ch Wildwood Butterbur AX AXJ NF Re-Ch Wildwood Rose Cotton CD RA. OWNER: Marcia Johnson & Annette Neff.

Veteran Dogs 10 Years and Under 13 Years


4 - CH L'DICKENS BANDERSNATCH DEVILRY CD PCDX RAE ME. RN105734/01. 01/26/2006. BREEDER:
Donna Hames. By Ch Wooly Bully's Say It Ain't So ME-L'Dickens She's A Pistol CA. OWNER: Margaret B. Pough & Amanda M. Pough.

Veteran Dogs 13 Yrs & Older

Bitches 7 Yrs & Under 10 Yrs
2 - GCH CH KITTLE-BEE WILDESTYLE RED. RN225041/04. 05/12/2011. BREEDER: Jennifer Smith. By Ch Kittle-Bee Paint The Town-Ch Elwha Lil' Miss Ottertude. OWNER: Jennifer Smith.
3 - CH HIDEAWAY'S FLOWER POWER ME CAA CGC. RN211382/01. 07/30/2010. BREEDER: Lynn D Looper & Leslie Sprando. By Ch Primrose Hideaways Rock Climber-Ch STARS. OWNER: Marilyn Sugg.

Veteran Bitches 10 Years and Under 13 Years
2 - GCH CH FULL THROTTLE'S IT'S IN THE BAG! RATN. RN169277/01. 06/27/2008. BREEDER: Darcy & Gracie Bartholomay. By CH Coombe Hill Bramble-Ch Wooly Bully's Worth The Miles. OWNER: Darcy & Gracie Bartholomay.
3 - GCH CH OTTER ECHO GIRL ON THE BEACH. RN163849/02. 03/23/2008. BREEDER: Robin Kelley. By Ch Skunkist Sings Otter Tune CGC TDi-Ch Kittle-Bee Summer Run. OWNER: Richard Richey & Terry Richey & Rebecca Richey.

Veteran Bitches 13 Yrs & Older

Working Dogs

Working Bitches
BKW 1 - CH SUNKIST I STRIPPED FOR THIS? SE CAX DCAT TKN C. RN279399/02. 03/17/2015. BREEDER: Harriet Haydon. By GCH CH Sunkist Sippin' Whiskey RN ME CAX THD NW1-GCH CH Sunkist Salty Snack RA CA ME RATN CGC. OWNER: Curtis Lake Harriet Haydon.
2 - GCHB CH GUSTO BEAUTIFUL THING RN OA OAJ ME. RN256383/01. 07/26/2013. BREEDER: Cynthia Olson & Karen E Fitzpatrick. By CH Tyrolian Talk Of The Town-GCHB CH Meadowlake Sharp Dressed Girl RN MX MXJ M. OWNER: Cyndi Olson.
3 - CH CRIPPLE CREEK LUCK BE A LADY JE. RN246683/01. 08/22/2012. BREEDER: MICHELLE PERRY & CHARLIE PERRY. By GCH RUMPOLE'S ENGLISH STYLE RN BN ME CGCA-CH FRONTIER RUFF RIDER SE CGCA. OWNER: MICHELLE PERRY CHARLIE PERRY & KATE MADDALONI.

Best of Breed Competition


SB - CH MEADOWLAKE I'M NO ANGEL. RN306448/01. 04/04/2017. Bitch. BREEDER: Owner & Patty Martin. By Ch Cedarhill No Excuse Needed-Gch Ch Meadowlake & Mystiko Who's That Girl. OWNER: Karen Fitzpatrick. This bitch had a very pleasing head and expression. Her coat was correct with
full, thick hide and wiry texture. She had nice, balanced movement around the ring.

**AOM - GCH KERNOW A DOG NAMED GEORGE.** RN261818/01. 12/11/2013. Dog. BREEDER: BARRY ROSE SUSAN ROSE & MICHELLE HANSON. By GCH Kernow There Can Be Only One Me-Kernow Butterfly. OWNER: BARRY ROSE SUSAN ROSE.


**AOM - GCH CH MEADOWLAKE...UNTIL NOW.** RN29140/01. 02/29/2016. Bitch. BREEDER: K Fitzpatrick & S Munjoy. By Ch Meadowlake & Mystiko Blue Is The New Black-GCh Ch Middleshire’s Temple In A Teapot At Meadow. OWNER: Karen Fitzpatrick & Kay Richardson.

**AOM - GCH CH FIRELANDS HAWKEYE.** RN273547/03. 10/22/2014. Dog. BREEDER: Susan Kane. By Ch Orangebox Firecracker-Ch Firelands Coco. OWNER: Susan Kane.


**AOM - CH WYNOT BE OF GOOD CHEER.** RN311765/02. 07/25/2017. Bitch. BREEDER: Katherine B. Shorter. By GCH AOM - CH WYNOT BE OF GOOD CHEER.

**Stud Dog**


2 - **GCH KERNOW A DOG NAMED GEORGE.** RN261818/01. 12/11/2013. Dog. BREEDER: BARRY ROSE SUSAN ROSE & MICHELLE HANSON. By GCH Kernow There Can Be Only One Me-Kernow Butterfly. OWNER: BARRY ROSE SUSAN ROSE.


**Brood Bitch**

1 - **GCHS CH FULL THROTTLE'S WEE DROP OF MISCHIEF O'KIL.** RN255527/01. 05/18/2013. Bitch. BREEDER: Wayne & Marion Bond & Darcy Bartholomay. By Ch Kobold Off The Rack-Ch Full Throttle's Tweed Of Kilcreggan. OWNER: Darcy & Gracie Bartholomay & Jane Treiber.

This bitch and her get had remarkable resemblance and were all good movers; sound in type, heads and coats.

2 - **GCH CH GRELEY'S ANGIE GET YOUR GUN JE.** RN268958/05. 06/29/2014. Bitch. BREEDER: Lesley Francis. By Ch Meadowlake born to Run @ Freelance-Ch Greley's Perfect Storm. OWNER: Rhonda Martins / Linda Steinhoff.


4 - **CH TREBOL WILD INDI GOOF SUREFYRE.** RN230977/05. 09/30/2011. Bitch. BREEDER: Mateo Rueda & Guillermo Rueda. By Ch Surefyre's Benny And The Jets SE-Ch Bearcreek Nitecap At Trebol. OWNER: Christine Carr & Constance Bartlett.

**Brace**


**JIGGER IN A PINTT RN ME CAX TKN.** RN264004/01. 01/20/2014. Bitch. BREEDER: Susan Storey. By GCh Ch Borderhouse Lassiter-Ch Towzie Tyke Lil' Growler O'Stout CAX ME RA TKN. OWNER: Susan Storey.

3 - **CH COBSTONENAY SUNLIGHT.** RN252401/01. 08/15/2012. Bitch. BREEDER: Jill Stevens. By Foxfactor Pied Piper-Cobstonenay Bayou Sunrise. OWNER: Elizabeth Crisp Blake.


**Team**

1 - **GCH CH SUREFYRE'S POCKET FULL OF STAR DUST AT INDI.** RN269077/01. 06/27/2014. Dog. BREEDER:


CH TREBOL WILD INDIGO OF SUREFYRE. RN230977/05. 09/30/2011. Bitch. BREEDER: Mateo Rueda & Guillemo Rueda. By Ch Surefyre's Benny And The Jets SE-Ch Bearcreek Nitecap At Trebol. OWNER: Christine Carr and Constance Bartlett.

CH SUREFYRE'S MAGIC MOMENT. RN243832/02. 08/31/2012. Bitch. BREEDER: Constance Bartlett. By Ch Skyline Sgt Pepper-Ch Surefyre's Pretty In Pink RN JE CGC. OWNER: Constance Bartlett.

Best Otterhead

Breeder’s Class
1 - MEADOWLAKE - Karen Fitzpatrick
2 - MCHILL'S - Peter Holson & Hillary Zimmerman.
3 - SUREFYRE’S - Constance Bartlett
4 - SPECTRE’S - Marilyn & Philip Hammond