

Potomac 2010, Mary Roseberry Critiques, Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs

Veteran Sweepstakes, 7 Years & Under 9 Years Dogs.

1 #9 Ch. Balrion Weathertop Nor'Wester

This was a big handsome boy that caught my eye in the ring who never stopped wagging his tail. He was shown in good coat and condition. He had nice clean lines, beautiful head and neck, well laid-back shoulders flowing into a good topline and tailset and otter tail. He won overall because of his balance and showmanship.

2 #127 Ch. Janlon's Light My Fire

This boy was close up to winner. He was shown in top condition; a beautiful light yellow with a gorgeous head, plenty of bone and flawless on the move. I just preferred the neck length and shoulder layback of the class winner.

3 #617 Ch. Ravenhill's Sir Winston

This was another pretty boy, with beautiful balance, pretty head, neck and shoulders. He has pretty angles front and rear, also a showy boy.

4 #579 Ch. Ambleside Thunder At Soundview

This was another happy boy. I loved his head and expression, nice bone and attitude. He was losing coat on the day, and I would like to see a little more leg under him to balance out an otherwise nice picture.

Veteran Sweepstakes, 9 Years & Under 11 Years Dogs.

1 #627 Ch. Waifin's Wing and a Prayer

I loved this boy. I took one look at his face, and I was just drawn to him. He had that old classic head that I absolutely love with the gentle eyes and inquisitive look with a touch of grey on his muzzle. He had a beautiful neck and well laid-back shoulders, pretty angles front and rear, good bone and coat, and moved very well.

2 #317 Ch. Stonecrest's Davy Crockett

This was an outstanding chocolate boy that could have easily changed places with the winner of this class. He was very well made with nice bone, coat, good angles in the front and strong rear. He had a pretty head, neck and shoulders that laid-back nicely into his topline, good tailset, otter tail, and was shown in great condition.

3 #521 Ch. Tabathas Stonehenge Absolute

This boy had such pretty balance front and rear. He had a pretty head and expression, pretty breed type with good bone, coat, short-coupled with a good topline, tailset and otter tail.

4 #185 Ch. Tallmadge's Ciaran MacMurchadha

This was a nice boy too. He had a sweet face, nice bone, neck and shoulders, topline and tailset and nice otter tail. He just needed a little more leg under him to balance out the pretty picture.

Veteran Sweepstakes, 11 Years & Over Dogs.

1 #635 Ch. Boradors By George

I love this grand old gentleman. He has the look of a champion from the tip of his nose to the end of his tail. He was an outstanding boy, who still shows heart and desire to do his job. I love his overall balance, pretty angles front and strong rear, nice topline and tailset, good head, neck and shoulders. He still loved to show -- wagging his tail and smiling at his handler. Went on to be Best of Opposite in Veteran Sweeps.

2 #509 Mr. Blue of Blackamoor and Tabatha

This was a big handsome boy that I really liked. He was in great condition for this age group, or any for that matter. He had a beautiful head, neck and well laid-back shoulders, with a good strong topline, good tailset and pretty otter tail. He presented a nice picture of balance with just the right amount of attitude. A very nice boy.

3 #189 Ch. Boothgate Chief Producer, CD

This was a beautiful chocolate boy. He possessed all of the right stuff in all the right places. He was a really pretty picture of balance with pretty angles, and powerful rear. I loved his face and his sweet grey muzzle. He had a nice attitude and showed well.

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes – Potomac 2010 – Mary Roseberry

Judging Best in Veteran Sweepstakes was such a great honor for me. I loved my senior gentlemen, who were all beautiful and have left their own special mark on this wonderful breed. But I have to say that my heart has always been with the grand dams, who when you are lucky enough to find a really good one, she will be the jewel on the crown.

So, on this day I was given the pleasure of judging the three beautiful veteran bitches that Linda Bednarski picked for her class winners. All three were just breathtaking and more than worthy of the win.

It was my pleasure to award Best in Veteran Sweepstakes to:

#750 Ch. Lobuff's Turtle Dove

This lovely bitch has aged with such grace and elegance. She was the picture of femininity from head to toe. I loved her sweet gentle face and kind eyes and couldn't deny her overall breed type, balance and depth of quality. She's a classic beauty—a definite jewel. I have admired this bitch from afar for many, many years, so it was quite an honor to finally get to put my hands on her and to award her Best in Veteran Sweepstakes. A win well deserved.

Congratulations to all the winners and to all of those beautiful dogs that were just as deserving.