

## *Class: Howl Emporium Class A Final*

### *Judge: Kathy Hood*

Unfortunately Sam Rice, the original judge was unable to fulfill her appointment due to family illness. After a panic call I agreed to step into the breach. I was not quite as organised as Sam and I must thank her for sending the printed ball point pens which she had purchased for each competitor. Everyone was thrilled. Thanks also to my ring steward Peter Height for your faultless stewarding and to John Leverington for keeping the competitors coming and organising the scoreboard - you were brilliant.

Now to the competitors. It was obvious from some of the dogs reactions that they were bothered by the sports lines on the floor and unfortunately there was a heater on the back wall of our ring which spooked some of our dogs. When it came to scent I purposely avoided that area. I was very taken by one GSD whose round was almost faultless but screamed all the way round and was continually touching the handler's hand which was very costly. The handler assured me the dog did not work like that outside, so this was another reaction to the different atmosphere the dogs had to cope with. Nevertheless the 10 dogs in the line up completely deserved to be there, everyone coping with the venue and surroundings. It was a pleasure to award the prizes to you all.

#### RESULTS:

My winner - I had never judged before and was really impressed by his calm and considerate handling, his dog was superb and together produced an excellent team. Keep up the training and you should go far.

List of winners:

- 1st David Foden with Tiamariam Imperial Red (Mylo)
- 2nd Julie Behagg with Takahoa Tikitapu (Kyro)
- 3rd Kelly Green with Jodame Favourite Girl (Betty)
- 4th Sheila Wiggins with Helisa's Hey Dude (Flyn)
- 5th Joan Judge with Raital Jayce The Ace (Jaycee)
- 6th Sue Monk with Ruskath Knockout Image (Giddy)
- 7th Elaine Marchant with Westoning Fiasty Ziva (Ziva)
- 8th Lynne Webster with Friendborn Forever Gold ((Poppy)
- 9th Denise Fry with Brechfa Tutti Frutti (Mango)
- 10th Gillian Durkin with Sarkam Remi (Remi)

Now to all the organisers. What a first class event you produced, every detail had been thought of and instigated. It must have taken all year to organise but you ended with a mini Crufts event. Everyone made us most welcome, attended to all our needs, we had a lovely breakfast and lunch and then wonderful cakes to round off the day.

The presentations at the end of judging were enjoyable for all ring parties and all competitors, it was lovely that everyone was involved. A nice final touch.

Thanks for the gifts for myself and ring party.

A most successful and enjoyable event. Look forward to next year.

Kathy Hood