

Thank you to the North Central Illinois Pekingese Club for asking me to judge your Specialty Show on Sunday May 24, 2015 at Bloomington, Illinois.

I enjoyed my entry very much and found many of nice breed type, not excessively groomed and being moved at the correct speed for the dog's gait. I seem to prefer a Peke that has a proper ratio of weight to size, but never coarse. Of course, weight from muscle and bone...not fat!! Most of the entry had proper weight in the front, as opposed to the stomach area. I had good heads for the most part but a few did have slightly bulging eyes with some white showing when the dog looked straight ahead rather than large, round and dark. Also a few with a bit too prominent wrinkle therefore crowding the facial features. Coming from head breeds (Poodles and English Cocker) I appreciate the importance of a proper head. I believe the breeders are doing a good job with overall breed type, balance and proportion. My early mentors of Pekingese in the 1980's & 90's were Nigel Aubrey Jones, Bill Taylor, Ed Jenner, Luc Boileau, Richard Bauer and fellow Southern Californians Bill Bergum and Martha Olmos-Ollivier and I am proud to have studied the Breed under them.

My Winners were as follows:

WD & BW: Lon-Du Ven-Mar Peter O'Toole from BBE Class. A dog properly weighted in the front with heavy, short forelegs moderately bowed. Beautiful headpiece with proper envelope shape, beautiful eye, nose and wrinkle. Good topline and lovely balance, correct outline and body shape. Smooth, effortless mover and a joy to go over.

RWD: Prima Peterson. A promising youngster with very pretty head, short thick neck and well sprung ribs for his age. Very full of himself on the day and moving with proper roll plus reach and drive.

My first place in Open Dog was also a lovely type Peke with correct body shape but wasn't moving in for Winners Class as he had in Open. By day 3 this can happen!!

WB: Dreamville High On Love. From 9-12 puppy class. Very feminine in head and body shape. Lovely head with proper eye shape and placement. Short loin, good topline with broad forechest for her size and narrow waist. Gaited properly with free, strong movement and asked for it every minute and very self confident!

RWB: Fur-Bee's Guilty Pleasure. From BBE Class. Proper envelope shape when viewed from front. Good eye, correct ear framing her face and broad flat top skull. Good thickset broad chested body, nice topline standing and moving. Not quite the rolling gait with adequate reach and drive on the last go around but lovely type.

BOS: Ch. Muhlin Bodacious. A name that fit her! Very dignified and full of herself!! Beautiful head well filled in below the eyes which were large, round and dark to form a lovely expression. Broad wide rib, defined waist and solid feeling but in a very feminine way. Kept her correct outline while moving properly.

BOB: GCh. Pekden PhD for Schuyler. A beautiful size dog with correct outline, body shape and balance. Properly weighted in front with short wide set forelegs. Outstanding head with massive topkull and eye wide set, dark round and staring right at me the whole time! Perfect ratio of weight to size, nothing remotely coarse about this dog. Well laid back shoulder, elbows close, level topline and high set tail and he can move! Wonderful proper roll, smooth mover with adequate reach and drive as he went around the ring in a strong manner. Very deserving and showed like a dream in the Toy Group that evening where I rewarded him with the Group I.

Thank you again for an opportunity to judge your wonderful breed of Pekingese.

Debbie Campbell-Freeman