

Japanese Akita Inu Club Open Show

2nd December 2017

Judge: Dave Killilea

A great pleasure to judge the club show today with a super entry of 37 dogs. Many thanks to the officers and committee for this opportunity and to all the exhibitors for making my day so enjoyable. The breed has come a long way since I first judged it at Championship Show level 11 years ago. Heads and type have improved tremendously, but movement still needs to be addressed somewhat. However, it's not an easy breed to judge and it is important to find that balance between type and soundness. What a credit the veterans were to the breed today and overall presentation was super.

Best in Show: **27 Pike's Breezelyn Mori Nomosume**

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Class 1 Puppy Dog (3 entries 0 abs.)

1st: **40 Smith's Ryuukita Eiji Go.** 8 month old brindle of good type with a pleasing head, neat ears, good eye shape and colour and correct bite. Strong in the neck and stands correct in front with nice bone. Correct length of leg and depth of chest. Good top-line and quality coat. Stands firm on the rear, but tail slightly loose and just needs to tighten a little behind on the move. **Best Puppy Dog and Reserve Best Puppy in Show.**

2nd: **23 Phillips' Wendbarry Hamiso Go.** Another brindle with a quality head, neat ears, well off for cheek with a correct bite. Front needs to tighten and nails need attention. In good coat, correct in top-line and just the right amount of tuck up and a good tail-set and carriage. Again this puppy needs to tighten on the move.

3rd: **5 Bolton's Hatchi Boy**

Class 2 Junior Dog (3 entries 1 abs.)

1st: **32 Thomas & Marchant's Nosferatu's No Uchimora Go.** 14 month old quality red & white. Pleasing head and expression, lovely neat ears, correct eye shape and colour, good bite and excellent cheek. Firm and strong in the neck, nice parallel front and tight feet. Nice and firm through the body with a good top-line, tail-set and carriage. Firm and well-muscled behind with just the right amount of angles. Moves sound in front and positive behind. A pleasure to go over, and pleased to award him **Reserve Best Dog.**

2nd: **5 Bolton's Hatchi Boy.** Difficult class for this 7 month old baby as he was giving a lot away in size and substance. Head pleasing enough but not quite the strength in muzzle. Neat ears, good eye shape and colour and correct bite. Stands true in front

with good feet. Firm through the body, correct in the rear with a good tail-set and carriage. Moves out OK in front but needs to tighten in the rear.

Class 3 Yearling Dog (2 entries 1 abs.)

1st: **8 Buckley & Chapman's Matsukita Takehiko-Go**. Quality head with the right expression. Neat ears, well off for cheek with good eye colour and correct bite. Firm in the neck, stands on a good front with a good top-line and correct tail-carriage. In nice jacket and stands firm in the rear. Just needs to tighten all round on the move.

Class 4 Post Grad Dog (2 entries 1 abs.)

1st: **35 Thompson & Wiesmuller's Tsoyu Kokoro No Hiroi**. 16 month old with a lovely shape and outline. Quality head with a true expression, good eye shape and colour, correct amount of colour, good bite and neat ears. Stands on a good front with correct feet, good shoulders with nice depth of body and length of leg. Quality coat with a good top-line and tail-set. Firm and well-muscled in the rear, moves well in front, but still a touch loose behind. Presentation was superb.

Class 5 Limit Dog (3 entries 0 abs.)

1st: **2 Bennett & Chapman's Tsoyu Hamako Go**. 4 year old, well off for size and substance with plenty of breed type. Lovely head, neat ears, good eye shape, correct bite and well off for cheek. Firm and strong in the neck and stands true and parallel in front with good feet. Firm through the body with a good top-line. Strong and well-muscled behind, correct tail, nice depth of body with just the right amount of tuck-up and moves well.

2nd: **11 Curtis & Andrews' Megapolis Style Takumi (Imp Rus)**. 2 year old, very typey and sound. Good front and nice feet. Quality head with neat ears, correct eye shape and colour, good bite and plenty of cheek. Firm in the neck, good top-line and correct tail-set. Firm and strong in the rear and in nice coat. Moves out well, would just like a little more height.

3rd: **29 Rio's Shiroshi Ash No Sora**

Class 6 Open Dog (4 entries 3 abs.)

1st: **19 McGrath's Ir/Serb Ch Imaru Go Sara Hana Kensha**. 4 year old, nice mature male, standing true in front with good feet and correct amount of bone. Strong in the neck with a pleasing head and expression, neat ears, good width of cheek, correct eye shape and colour and a good bite. Nice depth of body to length of leg, correct top-line and tail-carriage. Quality coat, strong through the rear and moves well when viewed from all angles.

Class 7 Veteran Dog (2 entries 1 abs.)

1st: **24 Phillips' Int/Ir Ch Kaidou Go Shirai at Wendbarry ShCM**. 10 year old red and white male just oozing quality. Stands so true in front with correct feet, just the right amount of bone and excellent neck and shoulders. Stunning head piece with a lovely expression, small thick ears, good eye shape and colour, plenty of cheek, good width of muzzle and a correct bite. Super top-line for his age and a good tail-set and carriage. Nice depth and width of body with just the right amount of tuck-up. Parallel behind and strong in the hock. This dog moves out correctly and with purpose defying his age. Super exhibit, no hesitation in awarding him **Best Dog and Reserve Best in Show**.

Class 8 Puppy Bitch (2 entries 1 abs.)

1st: **22 Nolan's Kayamoru Go Shoushaken Atshogainu (IKC)**. Quality red and white puppy of 10 months. Nice head with a pleasing expression, neat ears, good eye shape and colour, but would like a little more strength under the eye. Good neck, front and feet. Correct top-line, good tail-set and in nice coat. Strong and parallel behind and moves out well and true for her age. **Best Puppy Bitch and Best Puppy in Show.**

Class 9 Junior Bitch (2 entries 0 abs.)

1st: **3 Bennett & Chapman's Tsoyu Murasaki Go**. 10 month old red and white bitch with plenty of type. Quality head-piece with a super expression, neat ears, a good eye shape and colour and an excellent bite. Good neck and shoulders, straight front and good feet. Nice depth of body and length of leg and correct amount of tuck-up. Nice top-line and tail-set with good carriage. Strong and well-muscled in the rear, in nice coat and lovely presentation. Strong in the rear with good angles and moves out well.

2nd: **37 Woodward's Nosferatu's No Tori Busshi Go**. 14 month old, stands OK in front with good feet. Correct length of neck, nice head, a little large in ear, eye shape and colour is good, just enough cheek, but would like more strength in the muzzle. Top-line is firm and correct in tail-set. Stands true in the rear, well-muscled, in nice coat and moves OK.

Class 10 Yearling Bitch (1 entry 0 abs.)

1st: **10 Cook & Grundy Kyuuten's Youji Namekuji**. 23 month old white, making a nice shape and outline. Stands true in front with good bone and nice feet. Firm in the neck with a pleasing head and correct expression. Neat ears and dark eye with a correct bite and excellent cheek. Nice top-line and tail-set, good depth of body and lovely coat. Stands true and sound in the rear and moves out well when viewed from all angles.

Class 11 Post Graduate Bitch (4 entries 0 abs.)

1st: **33 Thomas & Marchant's Valdtepes No Hiromi Go**. 2 year old red and white, both typey and sound, making a nice shape and outline. Stands true in front with good bone and feet. Quality head with a lovely expression, neat ears, good eye shape and colour, well off for cheek and a correct bite. Good firm neck leading to correct shoulders. Firm top-line with the right amount of width and depth of chest. Correct in tuck-up with good tail-set and carriage. Strong and firm in the rear and well-muscled. Moves out soundly and is true both coming and going.

2nd: **30 Rio's Masaru Aka Hana Go**. 2 year old brindle bitch, standing true in front with good feet and the right amount of bone. Strong neck leading to a pleasing head with a correct expression. Eye colour and shape is good, neat ears and correct bite. Good and firm in the body with excellent depth of chest and length of leg. Just the right amount of tuck-up with a firm top-line. Correct in tail, both set and carriage and in quality coat. Firm, parallel and sound behind. She moves very soundly but just needs to move up a gear.

3rd: **25 Phillips' Wendbarry Aka Hana Go**.

Class 12 Limit Bitch (4 entries 1 abs.)

1st: **27 Pike's Breezelyn Mori Nomosume**. 2 year old red and white with an excellent front, good bone and neat feet. Correct shoulders and nice firm neck. Pleasing head with a true expression, neat ears, good eye shape and colour, just the right amount of cheek and correct through the mouth. She's firm in the body with a nice top-line, excellent tail-set and carriage and nice depth of body. Strong and parallel in the rear with nice short hocks. In super coat and moves out with purpose and style; true both coming and going. Real quality, feminine bitch. Pleased to award her **Best Bitch and Best in Show**.

2nd: **6 Buckley's Tsoyu Fuyu Tora Matsukita**. 5 year old brindle bitch, just oozes type. Love her head with neat ears and a dark eye. Good cheeks and a correct bite. Stands true in front with good feet. Excellent through the body with a good tail-set and carriage. Good depth of body with the right amount of tuck-up. Firm in the rear with lovely short hocks. In great coat and moves out well. Would just like more size.

3rd: **26 Phillips' Wendbarry Cascade**

Class 13 Open Bitch (4 entries 2 abs.)

1st: **14 Duffield's Meiho No Shinka Go**. 3 year old red and white, both typey and sound. Makes a good shape and outline. Pleasing head with the right expression, neat ears and good eye colour. Correct in cheek with a good bite. Firm through the neck and stands on a good true front with neat feet. Good body ratio to height with a firm top-line and just the right amount of tuck-up. Correct tail-set and carriage, firm and strong behind, in good coat and well presented. Moves out soundly.

2nd: **28 Pike's Breezelyn Hono No Maho**. Pleasing red and white with a nice head, correct in shape, neat ears, good eye colour and correct bite. Stands true in front with nice feet. Firm top-line, correct tail-set and carriage and in good coat. Correct in the rear and well-muscled. Moves OK when viewed from all angles.

Class 14 Veteran Bitch (3 entries 1 abs.)

1st: **34 Thompson & Chapman's Int. Multi Ch BiSS Tsoyu Amaya**. 8 and a half year old red and white making a lovely shape and outline. Excellent quality head-piece with neat thick ears, correct eye shape and colour, good cheeks and a true bite. Parallel front with good bone and feet. Strong in the neck with excellent shoulders, good depth of body and a true top-line and tail-set. Strong and firm through the rear and in lovely coat. This bitch is so true both coming and going and presentation is superb. Very pleased to award her **Reserve Best Bitch & Best Veteran Bitch**.

2nd: **9 Clark, Bolton & Pearson's Anshee Bollinger**. 7 year old brindle with a good head and expression. Neat ears, good eye colour and correct bite. Would just like a little more filling under the eyes. Stands true in front with good feet, firm in body and correct top-line. Good tail carriage and firm through the rear. Moves out OK, but not helping her handler at all today.