Junior Handling Critique Championship Show 19th October 2019

Judge

Erna-Britt Nordin

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How lovely it was to visit my beloved, dear old Scotland again! I was staying with my very dear friends George and Morag Donaldson that I first met at the Pantisa kennel in Wales in the very early 70's! I enjoyed my stay immensely and it was quite a treat to visit the Diamond Jubilee show.

When I came to the show I was asked to judge the Junior Handling and I accepted with pleasure. I have judged quite a bit of handling classes in Sweden and I'm proud that I was part of developing the sport when my local Kennel Club was the first in three country to arrange Junior Handling classes with their ring, their own judge and written critiques.

Not too many handlers were entered but the ones that participated really showed their Cavaliers in a nice way. it's important to be ."true to your breed". They were able to show off the true, happy Cavalier temperament and had lovey contact with their dogs. I also asked them some questions about the breed and their knowledge was not to be faulted.

My two finalist Maggie and Toni got to swap dogs with each other (to my joy they were both showing whole colours!) to show me that they could show another dog than their own. Very little differed between them, but in the end Maggie was my winner for the day.

Thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to have a look at the next generation of top handlers!