

## Fife Animals KC Rally Competition 23/6/19

### Judge's Report – Laura Wilson – Level 1

I'd like to thank Fife Animals for inviting me to judge the Level 1 class, everyone who worked tirelessly to ensure that the show ran smoothly, and my fabulous scribe Karyn who quickly deciphered my deductions and never let the smile slip from her face. During the walk through I learned that for many of my competitors this was their first Rally competition, I hope that they enjoyed their experience and that any feedback I was able to give will be helpful in future competitions.

In the classes themselves I witnessed lovely partnerships, and neat work which produced some very good scores. My placings are as below, these dogs and handlers partnerships were beautiful to watch each achieving excellent scores with only minor deductions, my 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> were separated only by time.

#### Level 1

1 <sup>st</sup>	William Anderson	Tillychance Grey Wolf
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Margaret Whyte	Seaval Betsy at Rainway
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lesley Munro	Skipmyre Palladin
4 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Hudson	Bouncing Bhodi
5 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Graham	Eversmile Ace of Spades
6 <sup>th</sup>	Luisa Fallon	Newlin Anchor Chief AW(s)ShCM

I'd like to congratulate all competitors, you should all be very proud of your performances as not one pairing left my ring without demonstrating some very nice exercises.

At this competition judges were asked to nominate a special/memorable round from which a morning and afternoon winner would be awarded. My nomination was for Shirley Buchanan and Sparkling Blue Eyes (Blue). My reason for this nomination was their special bond. Throughout their time in my ring, the strength of Blue and Shirley's relationship was very clear, Blue displayed lovely relaxed posture, clearly enjoying working with Shirley and the opportunity to show what he does so well. What for me made this performance so special was that Blue is blind, watching them navigate the course and in particular the cones you would be forgiven for doubting this, as would their impressive score of 188 however it is in fact true and they are inspirational to watch. I was delighted when this nomination was taken forward and they were awarded the morning's trophy.



Laura Wilson