

Little Orchard Dog Training Academy
13 May 2018

Level 2 part 1

Judge: Marney Wells

Scribe: Edith Kreutner

Huge thanks to Sarah and Stu for putting on such a lovely weekend of doggy fun and asking me along to join in. I had the good fortune to be training some super people on the Saturday and then judging a class full of enthusiastic and happy dogs and handlers on the Sunday. Not only that, but the food was excellent (all provided by the boys in the kitchen) and I had a brilliant scribe in Edith who sorted out all the details and kept me under control for the whole class!

We had the usual eclectic mix of sorts and sizes of dogs which is one of the things that makes Rally such fun, and the overall standard was very good. The main reason for points being lost was tight leads. I know some of that was caused by the dogs losing attention and dropping out of position, but some was more down to the handler. It is very difficult to prevent the hand from creeping up due to nerves, but have a really good look at the length of lead you need and maybe make a knot or other indicator of the best place to hold it.

Well done to all of the qualifiers – and there were quite a few. As I said, the standard was good, but the best of them were:

1st Hannah Wilson with GOLDBOUNTY'S CHESTNUT .

2nd. Christina Graham with SHADOWAY ACES HIGH RL 1.Ex.

3rd. Emma Howarth with KENQUARTZ PRETTY PANSY.

4th. Helen Wilmot with ERNESTO PEABODY.

5th. Natalie Barnard with SUPER SMART SCRUMPY.

6th. Pauline Stemp with CANEN DIFOR.

Thanks for the lovely gift at the end of the day and the bag it came in was so clever and original. Also thanks for the vey pleasant surprise in the card! Sarah, Stu and their gang put on a fantastic show – I can hardly wait for next year!!