



Best In Toy Group
Pomeranian
Delrunda Mona Lisa
Owned by Friedman



Runner Up
Miniature Pinscher
Ch Khanrae Watch Me Dance
Owned by Khanrae Kennels



Best In Hound Group
Saluki
Ch Padtheway Seraphim
Owned by Spence/Strathdee



Runner Up
Whippet
Ch Taejaan Moulrouge
Owned by Talkabout Kennels

GROUP WINNERS



Best In Terrier Group
Airedale
Ch Oldiron Just Awesome
Owned by Sorraghan



Runner Up Best In Terrier Group
Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Ch/Eng/Ir Ch Cumhil Little Mischief (imp Ire)
Owned by The Reeders



Best In Working Dog Group
Old English Sheepdog
Gr Ch Dezignerz Ms Bear Haven
Owned by Fearon-Zammit/ Zammit/McLean



Runner Up
Border Collie
Gr Ch Nahrof Say No More
Owned by Somers/Bador



Runner Up In Utility Group
Akita
Gr Ch Bendalock Kiyojiro Go
Owned by Buckley/Parker

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Best In Non Sporting Group
Standard Poodle
Gr Ch Picardy Step Aside Boys (iid)
Owned by Boyd



Runner Up
Dalmatian
Gr Ch Starswept Mocha Motion
Owned by Davies/Wright

Canberra Royal Show again was well supported with many of the breeds attracting large entries. Russ Kennedy announced his retirement after many successful years of running this large Royal Agricultural Show and new secretary, Jenny Hancock, carried out her role most professionally and the show ran to a time table and without any major dramas. The recent rain did much to enhance the parched show rings which looked a picture and with sunshine and slight breeze made conditions most pleasant for the exhibitors and their dogs.

This year's show again feature breed specialist from UK and Ireland. I managed to obtain a critique from Mrs S Sadler from the UK who judged the following breeds.

Cocker Spaniel - The quality overall was excellent, presentation and handling super with many exhibits capable of top honours in England. Best Dog and Best Bitch both in top form with muscle tone, front extension, depth and body. I was honoured to have such dogs exhibited under me.

American Cocker - Many of the same comments as the Cocker Spaniels apply with my Best Dog and Bitch pulling all the stops out. Baby puppies show much promise for the future of the breed in Australia.

English Springers - This breed was absolutely fabulous, spotless clean and polished - all in super condition and again with muscle tone to die for. Was pleased to know that Best Dog and Bitch were related. The BOB just had the edge and showed to a standard that would win him his title in the UK with no trouble. A top quality Dog.

Irish Water Spaniel - Only 2 present however both good representatives of the breed. BOB very sound in good coat.

Bichon Frise - Again not a large entry but winners were super quality of correct size, pigmentation. Excellent halos, presentation first class. The BOB a total picture. True showman who demanded attention. Moved true both for and aft, could not fault this boy. I would like to mention my second in Open, a puppy of just 9 months or so but has all the attributes of a wonderful dog.

Finally I would like to mention the hospitality of the Dog Show Committee which has been superb and I thank them for extending me the invitation to judge in such a wonderful country. It has been the pinnacle of my 30 years in the dog world.

In speaking to the Mr Knight from Ireland who judged the Terrier Judge The following comments were made about exhibits.

Overall very good, especially the BOB winners. Most breeds were well represented. During the day's judging I observed many superb specimens. The Staffordshire Terriers with an entry of 97 most impressive with decisions difficult, overall a very correct breed.

I was very pleased with my group line up and the eventual winners were exceptional dogs. I was most impressed with the standard and presentation of the exhibits. One comment I would like to make about many of the terriers exhibited is that they appeared to be docile and lacking fire - a trait that goes hand in hand with a Terrier.

Congratulations to the eventual Best in Show Winner - the English Setter, Gr Ch Tarquin Continuum, handled by Darren Bowey and exhibited by Bowey/Browne/Watt from Victoria and also the Runner Up - the Alaskan Malamute, Ch Aspen Myst Aussie Star (Imp USA) handled by Catherine Loft and exhibited by White/Surakski. All Group Winners looked fantastic and the decision must have been a difficult one to make.

Just to conclude my column a correction for the BIS Winner at the Forbes Agricultural Show which was recorded incorrectly the winner of course was the well known Gr Ch Shelbrae So Im Caspar owned by Leslie and John Tanks.