Midland Counties Canine Society
25 October 2026
Breed- English Toy Terrier (Black and Tan)
Adjudicator- Leanne Wild

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who supported my appointment with an entry. Your time, effort and commitment are very much appreciated, especially in the current financial climate and the challenging and adverse weather conditions that many exhibitors faced upon on travelling to and from the show. Having not been present around the ring for two years, it was interesting to see how the breed has changed and developed. I found the breed overall in very good coat, particularly for the time of year and it was pleasing to see so many well covered, well-coated dogs. There seems to still be a vast difference in type and the bitches, on the whole seem more consistent in size and shape in comparison to the dogs, something I feel we have often experienced within our breed over the years. The continued infiltration and influence of the Toy Manchester Terrier, has undoubtedly, added some very positive and valuable attributes to our breed, however, in my opinion, I feel we are now beginning to see more of the subtle differences creeping through, that are not within our own desired standard, such as thinner, more triangular shaped ears, flatter toplines and upright angles both front and rear, resulting in a shorter, stepping movement. Having been within the breed for almost 30 years now, I have seen changes within that time, that have led us to the varied stock we have in the ring today and I feel we must now proceed with delicate care within the breeding programmes and gene pools so to not lose some of the old, classic traits that are so unique to our standard.

Minor Puppy Dog – 1 Entry, 0 absent

1st- Witchstone Hear No Evil

Loved his size and overall shape, at 8 months, he still has some settling and maturing to do, but in terms of potential, he has it in abundance. Neat, narrow wedge-shaped head, small dark eyes of correct shape, well placed ears which he uses well. Keen and alert expression. Beautiful arch of neck leading into well laid-back shoulders, pleasing topline. Well balanced and cleanly built, covers the ground well when he settles. I have no doubt he will go on to become a front runner as he matures.

Puppy Dog – 2 Entries 0 absent

1st- White Knight at Witchstone

Super smart, young male with lots to like about him. At just under 10 months old, he is maturing nicely. Lovely for size and overall shape, compact and elegant with super

outline. Strong jaw, pleasing wedge shaped head, well set ears and correct shaped dark eye. Gentle curving topline, his rib is beginning to spring well and shoulders are well laid back. Rich tans with correct markings. Pleasing rear angulation, low set tail which is carried well. Moves freely around the ring, covering the ground well. Was pleased to award him RDCC although on another day, could quite easily have taken the DCC. I'm sure he has plenty more wins ahead of him.

2nd- Lasagesse One Vision

Another lovely sized boy with pleasing overall shape. Elegant head with dark eye, well placed ears. I particularly liked his markings, well pronounced angel wings and neat thumbprints. Rich tans and in super coat. On the move, he is balanced but often a little too proud of his tail which deflects from the overall picture. He was unfortunate today to come up against 1.

Junior Dog- 4 Entries, 0 absent

1st- Etruria I Say

Pleasing size with a lovely head, eye and expression. His ears are well set and he uses them well. Excellent jacket, good for size and overall shape. Pleasing depth of chest and adequate spring of rib. When standing, his topline is good, but he does tend to soften a little on the move. When moving, he covers the ground, but he does tend to flag his tail more than I would have liked. Overall, a nicely put together boy.

2nd- Ettology Stand and Deliver of Pendlethrine

Slightly larger in frame than 1 and longer cast in body. He has an elegant, long head and is fine boned throughout. Lovely eyes and ears, good tan and in excellent jacket. I feel he may settle into his shape with age and may need slightly longer to mature and body up. Moved well and clearly enjoyed his time in the ring.

3. Witchstone High Spirits of Peopleton

4. Gillings Morning Star

Post Graduate Dog- 4 Entries, 0 absent

1st Ettology Stand and Deliver of Pendlethrine – Critique as above

2nd- Pippahouse Tiny Shadow

2-year-old male in lovely condition. Excellent size with pleasing overall shape, lovely, elegant head in proportion to his body, dark eyes and well used ears. He has pleasing tans, adequate depth of chest and pleasing angulation. Alert expression and very attentive to his owner.

3rd- Ettology Making Mischief

4th- Pallisandre Vegas Lights

Limit Dog – 6 Entries, 1 absent

1st- Witchstone Speak No Evil

Strong, masculine and well finished male at just over 8 months old. He is a smart dog with so many attributes to admire. Although he is still a puppy, he has all the maturity and finish of his peers in this Limit Class and is certainly not out of place. Excellent wedge-shaped head with good fill under a dark almond eye, strong jaw with correct bite, ears well placed and of lovely shape. Good reach and arch of neck into well laid-back shoulders. Good depth of chest for his age, pleasing markings and rich tans. Flowing topline leading to a well-set tail. Excellent angulation and turn of stifle, typical from this kennel. On the move, he is sound and drives well from the rear, balanced and covers the ground well. Delighted to award him DCC, RBOB and BPIB and he then went on to win Toy Puppy Group 1.

2nd- Witchstone Nasabe Strike up the Band

Similar in type and overall shape to 1. He has a nice masculine head, good arch of neck, lovely eyes and well-placed ears. Pleasing topline with good angulation and good turn of stifle. In excellent coat and presented in lovely condition. Well balanced throughout and moved well.

3rd- Lasagesse Paint It Black

4th- Lasagesse Jumpin Jack Flash

5th- Ettology Small Gods of Pendlethrine

Open Dog – 3 entries, 1 absent

1st- Ch Lasagesse Dazed N' Confused

This boy was far from dazed and confused today as he clearly has his craft together and enjoys his time in the ring. Excellent wedge-shaped head with nice, correctly shaped dark eyes and well-placed ears. His tans are rich and dark, with excellent markings. Strong jaw, correct bite and lovely fill under the eye. Good spring of rib, excellent muscle tone and well bodied. On the move he flags his tail on occasion which can sometimes deflect from the overall picture.

2nd- Witchstone Silent Wish with Rahima

Smaller in stature than 1 and more compact in the body. He has a pleasing head and dark eye although slightly rounder than 1. Uses his ears well and has an alert and interested expression. Nice tans and jacket, good spring of rib, moves well but again, holds his tail high on the move. Not quite as tidy on the move today as 1.

Veteran Dog- 4 entries, 0 absent

This is a class I will always hold close to my heart and my favourite class of the day to judge, those who remember my infamous Mr Darci, will understand why the veterans evoke such emotion in me. I am always so pleased to see the older dogs still in the ring, enjoying their time and influencing the future generations through progeny and example

1st- Ch Witchstone Not Apache on Me for Peopleton VW

This boy requires no introduction, and I have had the pleasure of judging him on a few occasions over the years. Like a fine wine, he has matured beautifully with age and at almost 12 years old, he is still one of the best moving dogs we have in the ring in my opinion. He is still in fabulous condition, with a full, correct bite and has held his shape, tans and colouring well. Although over the measure for size, he is so elegant and refined, well-muscled behind and practically floats around the ring, reaching well in front and driving from the rear. His head is super, with a strong masculine jaw, well set ears and lovely dark eyes. His reach of neck is well arched and flows into well laid-back shoulders. Excellent depth of rib, good turn of stifle and lovely angulation. So pleased to award him BVD and BVIB, I hope to see him pick up many more awards before his retirement.

2nd- LUX/MON/INT CH Witchstone Vanguard En Gardebois JW

Another fabulous male who has also matured really well. Smaller in frame and overall size to 1 but 1 just pipped him on the movement today. Excellent shapely head, elegant but masculine with strong jaw. Lovely eyes and ears, good arch of neck. Good topline and overall angulation, his tans are also very well preserved and in lovely coat and condition, he is a real credit to his owner.

3rd- Witchtone Follow The Dream with Tettoy

4th- Twowayshouse Tudor King for Dalmonde

Special Beginners – (4 entries, 0 absent)

1st- Regalriver Big Bad She Wolf

A little over 18 months old and this bitch is maturing well. Lovely classic head shape with good eyes, long, elegant neck and shapely chest and rib. She is slightly longer cast, and I would prefer a little less of her for a female but overall, she has a good clean outline and lovely movement in profile. Can be a little untidy on the front on occasion but moves with extension. Very well handled by her young handler.

2nd- Ettology Making Mischief

Good for overall size and shape, clean, wedge shaped head in good proportion. He has a lovely reach of neck with adequate rib, good colouring and coat, moved well.

3rd- Witchstone That's The Spirit for Winnatts

4th- Lasagesse Killer Queen at Mistioak

Minor Puppy Bitch (2 Entries, 0 absent)

1st- Witchstone See No Evil

What a fabulous little bitch! She oozes charisma and character and is so well proportioned throughout. Presents a pretty picture standing and moves beautifully once she settles, she is still very raw and full of puppy mischief, giving her owner lots of fun in the ring. Loved her head, ear placement and wicked dark eyes, beautiful curve to her neck, a lovely topline and well-set tail. Once she bodies up and matures into her frame, I feel she will definitely be one to watch.

2nd- Regalriver Goddess of Grace

This little miss was not happy today and she made sure her young handler knew it! It was difficult today to assess her completely as she wasn't co-operating on the table or on the move sadly. However, her head is a lovely classic wedge shape, eyes and ears are good. She was in good coat and well-muscled, dark tans, just needs to settle in the ring.

Puppy Bitch (3 entries, 0 absent)

1st- Lasagesse a Kind of Magic of Pendlethrine

Lovely, well put together bitch of just under a year old. She is maturing very well into her elegant shape. She has a lovely, feminine head with dark, correct shaped eyes, well set ears and an alert expression. Fine boned throughout with a gentle curving topline, leading into well set tail. Adequate spring of rib for her age and lovely cut up underneath. Thick, glossy coat. Her tans are rich and her markings are very neat, moves well around the ring. Pleased to award her RCC and I wish her all her best for her future career.

2nd- Lasagesse Killer Queen at Mistioak

Pleasing size bitch and the litter sister I believe to 1. She has a nice feminine head and eye, good reach of neck, adequate spring of rib and good tans. Well proportioned throughout, not the movement of 1.

3rd- Regalriver Goddess of Grace

Junior Bitch (2 entries 0 absent)

1st- Lasagesse a Kind of Magic at Pendlethrine- Previously critiqued

2nd- Pallisandre Time to Dance

A bitch of very good size and pleasing shape, she will need time to mature, settle and body up. Fine boned and elegant, good markings and ears. She wasn't too happy today in the ring and wasn't a fan of the table in particular. She moves with some potential but does need time to settle. Good jacket and well covered.

Post Graduate Bitch (2 entries, 0 absent)

1st- Regalriver Big Bad She Wolf- Previously critiqued

2nd- Pippahouse Angelic Sole

Pleasing size, paints a lovely picture when standing. Well-muscled, in lovely condition. Nice wedge head with adequate fill under eyes. Uses her ears well. In good coat with pleasing markings.

Limit Bitch (4 entries, 1 absent)

1st- Three Times A Lady

A classic, elegant and feminine bitch bred in the purple. She has a fabulous overall shape and outline, classy, clean lines and super angles. Her eyes are correct, almond shaped and dark, ears are well set on the head. Her head is slightly on the narrow side

for my preference, however, is well proportioned to the rest of her body with good fill under the eye. Correct scissor bite and strong jaw. Her neck is long, shapely and elegant leading into well laid back shoulders. Excellent depth of chest and rib, super cut up and lovely topline. Well rounded buttocks, super angulation on the rear and a good, low set tail. On the move, she drives really well from the rear, extending in front and her movement front and back is balanced and straight. In profile, she paints a beautifully balanced picture, a quality, stylish bitch in all attributes. She reminds me very much of a previous top winning bitch from the same kennel that I also had the pleasure to judge many years ago. Delighted to award her BCC and BOB today, her 2nd I believe and I am sure her crowning ticket wont be too far behind.

2ND- Spawood Miss Molly

Similar in size to 1, a lovely overall feminine shape with adequate spring of rib and angles. Wider in skull than 1 and slightly rounder in eye. She has a lovely rich tan but is lacking her thumbprints. Moved well front and rear and in profile. A pretty bitch on the whole

3rd- Edalene Scoops Ahoy

Open Bitch- (6 entries, 0 absent)

This was a very varied and interesting class to judge in terms of size, shape and overall type, with lots of quality attributes shared across all the bitches in this class. I can see why each one would be worthy of their own merits and achievements respectively.

1st- Ch Amalric Coco Chanel with Dalmonde JW

A cracking little bitch who I have had the pleasure of judging in the past. Lovely for size and overall shape, she has a super feminine outline and is fine boned throughout. Beautifully shaped head with lovely dark eyes and well-placed ears. Correct bite with strong jaw and good fill under the eye. Good rib and chest, pleasing topline and excellent tans and markings. Moves well front and rear, paints a lovely picture both standing and moving. Easy to see why she has her title.

2nd- Ch Lasagesse A Whole Lotta Love with Tettoy

Another classy, pretty bitch with lots of attributes to admire. Similar in type and size to 1 and could easily change places. Lovely feminine and elegant head with soft expression, dark eyes and super ear set. She has a lovely outline, fine boned and moves well but just didn't have the markings of 1.

3rd- Ch Nasabe Play The Game JW ShCEx OSW

4th- Ch Lasagesse Black Magic Woman

5th- Ch Lasagesse Kashmir JW

Veteran Bitch (1 entry, 0 absent)

1st- Ch Witchstone Minnehaha VW

Still a quality little bitch at 9 years old, she maintains her class and has a lot to like about her. It is so good to see that she is still able to give the younger bitches a run for their money. I have always liked her and awarded her 3rd crowning ticket as a youngster. Now as a veteran, she has maintained a lot of the attributes I previously admired about her. Lovely size and shape, super topline, excellent spring of rib and cut up. Her head is classic; ears and eyes are correct. Her tans have sadly faded a little with her age, as to be expected in our breed, but markings are still present and clear. Moves with elegance and drive, a very worthy top winner that continues to enrich the breed with her progeny. Delighted to award her BVB. I hope to see her in the ring for many years to come.