

MPCA National Specialty Judges Critique

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We are at the Portland Oregon Airport Holiday Inn. I will be making comments on each class, first through fourth, as to their quality or lack thereof. This is not the first time that I have judged the National Min Pin Specialty. I am looking forward to today with great anticipation. We will start judging today at 3:00. This is a very handsome hall. Judging is going to be quite interesting because of this very gaudy, wall to wall carpet and make movement difficult to watch. Eddie Dziuk of Beagle fame, stewarded and his wife had done some of the preliminary judging, Futurity, here in the other classes.

6 to 9 Months Black and Rust Puppy Dogs: Two puppies entered in this class. A good-looking black and tan dog stands in first. He is well marked. He is full of himself. He has a nice topline and good lift to his front legs. Second is a tiny baby just six months old. He is an uncropped dog. Not finding things to his liking. He is not really sure about this lead breaking, but very cute.

6-9 Months Red Puppy Dogs: 15 entered in this class and one absentee. What a ring full of bad boys. Fully two thirds of the class were just six month old puppies, still have not finished teething and I really could not tell what their mouths were going to be like. This class was won by a very positive young dog. He has a good bite, pretty feet, lovely way of going, front and back and going from the side. He was very positive. Second to a puppy of similar make, shape and stamp. The winning puppy had the advantage in croup and tail set. The third puppy fit well in here. He is a young puppy. He deported himself well. He was nice from the side. The fourth puppy is a very attractive puppy that was totally unrestrainable. He had gorgeous action from the side, but he has to grow up a little bit more before he can be further up in his class. He is a fun puppy and he looks and acts like a Min Pin.

9-12 Months Black and Rust Puppy Dog Class: There are three entered. This class is won by a well constructed, good footed, stallion of a dog that stands in first. He is lovely made, lovely from the side. He is good coming and going. Second to a very pretty, well trained puppy. The puppy that won the class is more mature and perhaps a bit of advantage in head. Third to a very handsome puppy. He moves and shows well. The puppy that was in second was just a little better coming and going. This was an interesting class.

9-12 Months Red Puppy Dogs: There are ten entered. A stallion of a dog has

won this class. He is quite sound, very masculine without being course or over done. He took the class away on his manners, showmanship and his identity as a Min Pin. Second to a younger dog. He was well off for many things including his side picture. The maturity of the winner carried the day for him. The third fits well in here. He is a short backed dog with a nicely set neck and head. The amount of angulation behind separated him from the first and second dog. The fourth dog fits well in here. He has a slightly "iffy" one ear that when it straightens out will complete his picture of what I think a Min Pin should look like.

12 to 18 Months Dogs: There are five dogs entered with one absentee. The young dog that won this class won it on his manners and showmanship. He did come and go and move from the side. He could be a tad smoother over his shoulder. The second dog is an attractive dog. The winning dog had the advantage in maturity of form and manners. The third dog fits well in here. He is a pretty dog from the side. The fourth dog just is not ready for competition yet. He is a little scatter-brained. His ears need to firm up but he has had a good time.

Bred By Exhibitor Dog Class: This was a very handsome class. This class has been won by the youngest puppy in the class who took every opportunity to misbehave. He is perfectly square. He has beautiful feet. He has a perfect mouth. He has a gorgeous should and tail set. He uses himself sometimes. He moves very well on the lead when he is not misbehaving. He is an eye full. Second to a dark red puppy. He is an older in beautiful condition. He showed his heart out. He has a beautiful mouth, good head, eye and ear. He has a lovely topline. The baby just took my eye and stole my heart. The third puppy fits well in here. He is a dark red puppy. He makes a good side picture. The fourth puppy is very similar to the third puppy. Both puppies are young enough so that when the finish maturing that their canine teeth can come in at the right place. They are good moving. They were under control. They were in lovely condition. This was a class that I enjoyed very much.

American Bred Class: There is one entry in this class. It is a red dog that is of nice type. He uses himself well on the move. He has good ring presence, hard topline with a correctly set and carried tail. He is a little overweight.

Open Black and Rust Dogs: There are three entered and all are present. Three handsome black and rust males. The dog stands in first who unfortunately when he went around the ring the last time got an attack of the snort and was not moving as beautifully from the side as he did when he first came into the ring, but I forgave him that. I am sure he will get over it. He is lovely, square and a good tail set. He is in lovely condition and a good mouth. The second dog is similar to the

dog that won the class. The dog that won the class had the advantage in front action and that won the class for him. The third dog is a handsome dog, but the feet and proportion of the two placed above him put him down to third. He is a lovely dog with a lovely head and eye. He is nicely shown.

Open Chocolate and Rust Dog Class: A beautiful deep color. He is quite sound coming and going and decent from the side. He has a good topline, tail set and has a wonderful opinion of himself. He could be just a little tad squarer. He is a nice dog to look at.

Open Red Dog Class: There are five entered and all are present. There are a couple of very handsome red dogs in this class. The dog that won the class is a dog of very moderate size. Everything fits. He is good on the move and he is good standing still. He has correct front and back feet. He has a well set and carried tail. He has a good mouth. He has a high opinion of himself. Second to a darker red dog. He is a very useful dog. The dog that won the class was outstanding for his movement and his high opinion of himself. The third dog when he finally settled down just lacked the balance and proportion of the two placed ahead of him. He is a dark red dog. The fourth is a little bigger dog than the rest of the dogs in the class today. He was not using himself as well as he might, because he told me that he had a very sore ear, but the three placed above him were a little bit more positive in front and a little squarer. This was an interesting class.

Winners Dog: to a lovely black and tan stallion of a dog. He is sound with a lovely topline, lovely tail set and croup. He has a great opinion of himself. He never let down. He has a handsome head and eye. He made the most of everything he has. Reserve to my little Bred-By dog who I predict a great future for, once he matures and settles down. He just would not do everything right today, but a lovely pair of Min Pins.

6-9 Months Black and Rust Puppy Bitch Class: There are five entered. This class has been won by this little baby bitch that is well off for outline. She is very smooth over her neck and shoulder. She has a lovely length of neck. Uses herself well on the move. She has a well set and carried tail. Second to a bitch very similar in make, shape and stamp. The winning bitch had the advantage in smoothness over her neck and shoulder. Third to a decent little bitch. The two placed above her had the distinct advantage in hindquarter movement.

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6-9 Months Red Bitch Class: Little to separate first and second in this class. Both had lovely side picture, good toplines, good lift and pretty, pretty, type. A handsome pair of Min Pins. The third bitch fit well in here. She hadn't quite the extreme lift in front of the two above her. Fourth to a very interesting and very correct Min Pin. Not always with her tail up where it belongs.

9-12 Months Black and Rust Bitch Class: There are two entered in this class with one absentee. A cute little black and rust Min Pin. She carries herself well. She has a lovely head, eye and expression and ear.

9-12 Months Red Puppy Bitch Class: There are seven entered with two absentees. Quite a resemblance between first and second in this class. Both are the same make, shape and stamp. They move nicely both ways. The bitch that won the class is just a little more compact than the second place bitch, but they are a nice pair of bitches. The third bitch fits well in here. The two placed ahead of her had the advantage in feet. The fourth bitch is compact. A nice little showman.

12-18 Months Bitch Class: There are five entered with three absentees. First in this class to a red bitch mainly on her temperament. The black and rust bitch in the class is very pretty, but just was scared by something and refused to show.

Bred by Exhibitor Bitch Class: There are 12 entered with two absentees. This is a perfectly gorgeous class. A puppy bitch won the class. She is a black and tan bitch. She is okay for size today. She is not quite 10 months old, but my she is gorgeous both standing and moving and looking at you and doing anything else she wants to do. She has a beautiful face, feet and beautiful side picture. Second to another puppy, a little red bitch who is full of herself. She has a lovely side picture. The bitch in first is more mature, steadier and more arresting because of her attitude and color. The third bitch fits well in here. She is a short backed, hard top bitch. She uses herself well. She is quite sound. She has a good face with a little cowlick running up her nose. The fourth bitch is one of those bitches that uses her front in a very interesting manner. It is very sound and bends her front lets accurately, but she does not get them high enough to have a pure hackney action. She is a lovely headed bitch with a lovely temperment. This was a lovely class and I was happy to have it.

American Bred Bitch Class: A single entry with a black and tan bitch. She is

standing on gorgeous feet. She does not stand with her tail "hung up" but she does move with it nicely. She is in pretty shape and nice muscle.

Open Black and Rust Bitch Class: There are four entered. First to a nine-month-old black and rust. She is very sure of herself, maybe a little too sure of herself. She stands on beautiful feet. She has an attractive head, gorgeous hindquarter, gorgeous tail set. She does better on a looser lead so she can use herself all of a piece which she does very well. Second to an older bitch who uses herself very well on the go, but not with the fantastic action of the bitch that won the class. The third bitch fits well in here. She makes a compact package. She does not quite have the side picture that the two placed above her. The fourth bitch was a very pretty little bitch. She has a pretty head, lovely feet. The three placed above her had the advantage in tail set and croup.

Open Chocolate and Rust Bitch Class: There was one entered. She is quite handsome, quite sound, pretty feet. She is not quite the balance and proportion that I am looking for but a very useful bitch.

Open Red Bitch Class: There are 12 entered and one move up. A 20 month old bitch who has a great feeling about her importance. She is lovely proportioned. She has a hard topline. She has a beautiful tail set and carriage. She has an interesting face. She is a lovely mover from the side. She took away the class. Second is a bitch very similar in type. She is an eight month old bitch. The winning bitch is a bit more mature and a bit steadier. The third bitch fits well in here. She could lose a half pound which would clean up her bottom line a little bit. She is a useful bitch, quite sound. The fourth bitch uses herself. I think the balance and proportion of the three placed ahead of her were more correct, but this is a nice bitch.

Winners bitch to an absolutely gorgeous full of herself, beautifully trained black and tan bitch. She is sound. She has feet. She has attitude. She can come and go and she can move from the side. The red bitch from the Red Puppy Bitch Class is Reserve. She is lovely. She is a little different type than the bitch that went Winners, but she is an elegant type. The winning bitch just had the little bit more control of her front.

Veteran Dog Class: There is one entered. A well-preserved and nice type red gentleman of over 11 years. He was alone in this class, but looked lovely going around.

Veteran Bitch Class: There are five entered. This was a lovely class of five bitches. First to a lovely red bitch who is smooth over her neck and shoulder and a

good mover. A lovely moving red bitch second. Another lovely red bitch third. A cute little black and tan bitch fourth and a highly commended to a lovely old lady who I placed fifth.

Best of Breed: To a very moderatley sized red dog on his compactness, his action, his feet and his attitude. Best of Opposite Sex to the pretty red bitch with lovely front action. She has a lovely neck and shoulder. They made a beautiful pair. Best of Winners to the black and tan Winners Bitch who is to die for.

Awards of Merit fit right if there with their showmanship, their movement, and their outline and front action.

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