

KAMPIOENSCHAPSCLUBMATCH

WEST HIGHLAND WHITE TERRIER CLUB

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I would like to thank the Committee of the West Highland White Terrier Club Nederland for inviting me to be the judge at the KAMPIOENSCHAPSCLUBMATCH on 1st June 2008.

I was delighted with the entry of 76, which was far more than I expected! Only three exhibits were absent.

I found the overall quality of the exhibits was splendid and I was especially impressed with the Baby and Puppy classes. As you will know, in Great Britain we do not have Baby classes, and I was amazed at how well the Babies in Holland performed! They were very well groomed, and they moved and behaved like veterans! Well done to all the exhibitors of these Babies for the hard work in preparing them for exhibition!

I thought that in general the preparation of the exhibits was excellent, and I found that my hands stayed clean for most of the day!

To begin with, I found the method of judging in Europe a bit difficult to remember, but as the day went on I got used to it! I think that the practice of writing a critique on each dog after you have judged it is a very good idea as the details of the dog are fresh in your mind. I am told that I wrote more comments than previous judges, but I feel that it is only correct that the judge should let each exhibitor know what she thought of their dog. There were only two exhibitors who came to me afterwards to question the fact that I said their exhibit had a level bite. To these people I would say this: firstly, some exhibits were strung up so tightly that it was difficult to assess the bite, secondly some of the younger exhibits had their tongues between their teeth making it hard to assess the bite, and finally please read the Breed Standard which says, "a dead level mouth is **not** a fault". So, in future please do not be so upset if a judge makes such a comment!

Finally, I would like to make special comment regarding my main winners.

B. O. B.

Ned. Kamp. *Armadale 's Masters Choice*

This is a splendid dog and his free flowing movement took my breath away! He looked as if he could go on all day! He was beautifully presented, and he is very well constructed. I believe that he is now a German Champion. Well done to his owner!

Res. C. A. C. REUEN

Multi Ch. *The Dashing Devil 's Spirit of Mine*

Another excellent dog from this clever breeder who showed several dogs under me. You are to be congratulated on the type of Westie you are breeding and I am sure you will continue to be very successful in the future.

Best Teef

Highland Hunter 's Cascade

An excellent bitch. Very feminine. Well constructed. She was also a very good mover. I thought that she and the dog winner looked very good together.

Res. C. A. C.

Rockcliff's Kiss Me Kate

This bitch came very close to winning the C. A. C.! There was not a lot to differ between the two best bitches. Also very feminine and well constructed. On the final move around the ring I felt that Cascade moved more freely. Well done!

JEUGDKLAS REUEN

The Dashing Devil's Lucky Strike

I loved this young dog! He is also well constructed and was beautifully presented. I thought his young handler was superb and got the very best out of all the dogs she handled. I am sure that this young dog will continue to do well, and I will watch his progress with interest. Congratulations to him and his owners on becoming a Junior Champion.

JEUGDKLAS TEVEN

Armadale 's Up to Date

I would have liked to have taken her home with me. She is so pretty! Very well constructed and well presented. Another future Champion I am sure.

BABYKLAS/PUPPYKLAS

As I have already said, I thought the Baby and Puppy classes were excellent. Every one of them showed well and all are happy to be examined.

I was most impressed with the winner of the Baby class, *The Dashing Devil's Blithe Spirit*. This is a very promising young dog and I am sure he is a champion in the making. He was so well handled and was obviously very happy in the ring.

The Best Puppy winner *Highland Hunter 's Gin Fizz* was also very promising and won overall on maturity. She is very well constructed, and was confident on the move. I am sure that she will do well in the future.

I was interested to note that the winners of the Babyclass Teven and Puppy Classes Reuen and Teven were all sired by Ch. *Ashgate Scot 's Progress* who is a big favourite of mine.

Thank you to everyone who entered under me. I had a wonderful day and wish you all the best for the future.