

SOUTHERN BOSTON TERRIER CLUB

NEWS LETTER



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Chairman's welcome- Brian King



Happy New year and what an eventful 2023 it was for the Club. We've gone from expectant and hopeful, to confused and disappointed, and then onto feeling vindicated

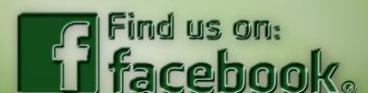
and elated that RKC reconsidered our application and we're now a registered breed club! This now means the Boston has a fourth breed club looking after it's interest and those of their owners as we look to hold shows, meet up's, educational and other social events in venues across the southern half of the UK. It also means that by working with the other breed clubs, the Boston Terrier, now has another club to strengthen its representation when communicating with the RKC and the very many other stakeholders we now witness with opinions about dog ownership and breeding.

As members, you will probably know that once we were recognised by the RKC, the committee took very little time to organise and hold its first limit show in November 2023, there is a longer show report including the judges' critiques etc, on our website <https://www.southernbostonterrierclub.org.uk/> and there will be updates and more photo's being added

to the website in due course. Everyone that attended the show seemed to have a great time, within a friendly relaxed atmosphere which was great to experience. As club members this is of course your club, we are here to serve the club and its membership, so whether you show, have a much loved family dog, or simply a passion for the breed, let us know if there is anything you'd like us to do that you think others may enjoy, or anything you'd like us to include on our website or on social media, so that we can try and accommodate your idea.

To finish, please make a note in your diaries of two more shows which we're planning for 18/05/2024 in Essex and another on the 25/08/2024 in West Sussex. We'll be holding these in partnership with existing Open shows and scheduling breed and special classes, so, you have the opportunity of three judges in one trip! Before these shows, we're also planning on another social meet-up and walk on 24/03/2024 at The Queen Elizabeth Country Park near Petersfield. The timings and finer details will follow, so please stay connected and turn on notifications from our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089616043577> . Oh, and I mustn't forget, we will be holding our first official members AGM in March via Zoom. Notice and invitations will be sent to members.





Late Summer of 2023 saw the latest club walk. Around twenty members of the club met up at the beautiful National Trust site of the Devil's Punchbowl in Surrey. After some torrential rain the previous weekend we were very fortunate that the weather settled just in time for our walk with the dogs on the following Sunday.

We gently meandered along a concreted course that suited everyone on the route of the 'Sailor's Stroll'. As always, the dogs all behaved impeccably, both on and off lead and gladly greeted others coming the opposite way on the same path.

On route we stopped occasionally to take-in some spectacular panoramic viewpoints as well as hearing about historical facts about the punchbowl that had been researched and shared with us by our own member Rob Sandells. The route was a circular course taking everyone back to the busy cafe for a well-deserved rest and some refreshments at its end.



We meet some new members and hopeful Boston owners who had joined us to introduce themselves and meet us. It was a lovely relaxed and friendly way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

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Southern Boston Terrier Club Show 11/11/2023

It's taken just under three years from the first serious discussions about the formation of a Southern Boston Terrier Club to bring us to this historic day for the club! Show day arrived, and we were blessed with good weather, and a nice bright sunny November day.



We set the ring with a perimeter using our black posts and chain, these were then dressed up with some gold ribbons which made it all look very smart. Fiona set up the club stall, and I must say the items for sale looked great. Kim Mason, set up a table just outside the kitchen, with cake, free biscuits, and pots of tea & coffee freely available. And Bacon or sausage rolls being served for breakfast! The show ring table was dressed in the smaller tasselled banner bearing the club logo. And the judges/Stewards table displayed the wonderful rosettes supplied by Chelsey Harrison, it all looked fantastic!

Exhibitors were let into the hall at 9.30am, but because of the M25 closure it was decided the start of judging was delayed by 20 minutes, so judging commenced at 10.20am. It is a club rule that committee can enter their dogs but cannot handle them in the show ring on the day, this meant that we saw some new faces taking up some handling duties. Our limit show judge was breed

specialist, Paula Hamilton (Takaira) who travelled from Northern Ireland for this appointment.

At 11am along with the rest of the nation we held a two-minute silence to honour those lost in conflict, fighting for our civil freedoms. Lunch took place after the Limit show judging, and Kim Mason provided the two judges and our president Mrs Maureen Hounslow and vice president Mrs Val Kemeny with a three course meal, which looked fantastic! Not only did he do that he also kept the rest of us supplied with hot soup, sandwiches and cake! After lunch we started with Mr Peter Young (Lotsmoor) judging our junior handling class, followed by the Stacey Mewse Memorial Classes. Peter is a very experienced, well-respected judge, who judges many breeds at Championship show level, and has himself owned Boston's. Our ring stewards Karen Sandells and Chris Mewse did a great job keeping the ring flowing. Both judges were presented with a club badge and calendar as their gifts. And class winners were given treats kindly donated and supplied by Dom Hogan of Opie's Emporium, and our main winners received cash prizes kindly donated by Mrs Sue Worrell.

Dawn Atherton-Kemp was busy taking photos all day. It was a lovely friendly atmosphere in the hall, and all I've seen on social media are positive congratulations from all those that attended. I'd like to finish by saying a huge thank you to all committee members for their hard work both on the day, and leading up to the show, great teamwork, thank you everyone.

A very special thank you to Kim Mason for his outstanding organisation of the kitchen and the superb meals for judges, also a big thank you to all those that helped set up at the start and take down at the end of the day. And of course, a final thank you to everyone that entered and attended on the day, you made this historic day for the club one to remember!

Critiques

Limit Show-11/11/23: Judge Paula Hamilton (Takaira)

I would like to thank the committee and members of the Southern Boston Terrier Club for this amazing opportunity to judge at their inaugural show. I thoroughly enjoyed my day. Thanks to my ring stewards Chris & Karen for keeping everything running smoothly. I can't quite believe it has been nearly 10 years since I had opportunity to Judge our lovely breed in Great Britain. Time flies! Thank you to all who brought their dogs on the day. It was such a lovely atmosphere.

Puppy Dog (2,0) 1st King's KINGSLINE ROCK STAR A raw puppy just 6 months on the day. He had the loveliest rich brindle coat, nice bone, and good shoulder placement to match his rear angles. He needs some time to mature in body & head as he was a little long and rangy at the moment.
2nd Jones' DALENAMAG ACE OF SPADES 10-month-old black brindle boy. He has a good expression, round dark eyes. He had a lovely level topline and was very in tune to his handler. He has had a growth spurt as he was a little leggy, just needs some time to body up.



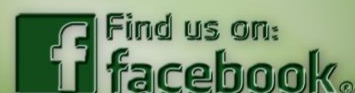
Junior Dog (5,2) 1st Grange's PRINCE ALI KONFIDENT STEP TO BOSTIES (imp UKR) In the smaller weight category but this 15month old Brindle & White boy had a lot to like. He caught my eye as he entered the ring on a loose lead. His head was very attractive, nice dark expressive eyes, neat ears set on square, good padding around the muzzle to square the head. Adequate neck onto well laidback shoulders, level topline and square body, good curve to stifle. He moved well when the handler was asked to let him have a loose lead. He can only get better as he matures; I look forward to seeing him when he has more muscle tone to his thighs. Delighted to award him BD & BOS & RBIS

2nd Kennedy's SONDURIYA RETURN OF THE MACK Just over a year old this boy appeared more mature. He had a lovely outline with clean lines that caught my eye. He had a lovely length of neck into a level topline with a nice curve to the rump. He was very pleasing on the move. I would prefer a more refined head and his eye showed a little too much white.

3rd King's APRIKA FISTFUL OF DOLLARS FOR KINGSLINE

Postgraduate Dog (6,1) 1st King's KINGSLINE MUSKETEER A smaller boy with lovely substance. He demanded your attention with his sweet expression, dark round eyes, neat ears which he didn't want to use for his handler. Square body, but a little more neck and length of loin would balance his outline.

2nd Hughes' DELAWS ARTISTIC DREAMS AT BEKSAM A mid weight Brindle & White boy at 2.5 years old. He presented a



good outline with good front and rear angles, great body condition & muscle tone. Dark round eyes, good padding of muzzle, I would have preferred a neater ear to frame the face.

3rd Sandell's SHAWMUT PONTIAC CHIEFTAIN

Limit Dog (4, 2) 1st Jones' DALENAMAG BLACK LOTUS Larger boy of striking black brindle & white. When settled this boy presented a lovely balanced outline, level topline with good angulation in front and rear to match. Nice head and expression, dark eyes and ears in proportion to size of head. Good movement.

2nd Sandell's SHAWMUT TUCKER TORPEDO Similar size boy to 1st, it was a very close decision between them. This boy had a good outline, balanced and good on the move. Nice head, I just would have preferred a slightly darker eye.

Open Dog (6, 4) 1st Kemeny's APRIKA DAVY CROCKETT A 3-year-old boy in his prime, super condition. He caught my eye when entering the ring. Very balanced in substance and proportions to give that square outline. Great front and rear with balanced angles. Square head with round dark eyes, ears set on square on the corner of the head. Movement was OK, level topline on the move and standing. Pleased to award him RBD.

2nd Sandell's SHAWMUT THE TRAILBLAZER 3-year-old Brindle & White with lovely substance. He carried himself well in side profile. Good level topline. A little close behind on the move today. I would have preferred a slightly shorter muzzle to square the head.

Veteran Dog or Bitch (10, 9) 1st Hounslow's RIDGEWAY RUM TRUFFLE A nearly 9-year-old girl in fabulous condition. This girl was on her toes, she put on a great performance. I loved her outline, square and balanced with a lovely level topline which she held on the move. Her face frosted with age made her even more beautiful, lovely dark round eyes and good padding giving her a kind & pretty expression. She was very alert, even watching dogs outside the ring. I was delighted to award her BVIS & RBB.

Puppy Bitch (4,4) None present.

Junior Bitch (2,1) 1st James' APRIKA FIFTH AVENUE JW Wow! A 1-year-old beautiful black brindle & white girl in gleaming condition. She is the whole package! Square head, round dark eyes, lovely, padded muzzle, and neat ears set on square, which gives such a pretty expression. She had a balanced length of neck, set onto great shoulders, level topline to rounded croup. Excellent tail set, lovely, muscled thigh, and good turn of stifle. She was fabulous to watch on the move. To top it off, she had the attitude I was looking for! What a showgirl! Delighted to award her BB & BIS.

Post Graduate Bitch (9,5) 1st Grange's BOSTIE WICCAN CHARM A small girl but oh so pretty! I couldn't deny her 1st

place on the merit of her looks. She gave her handler a hard time as she was unsure of the noises in the hall. The glimpses of movement when she settled confirmed what I felt going over her and what I saw when she was standing relaxed. She was so balanced in front and rear, beautiful layback of shoulder, perfect level topline and matching angle in her turn of stifle. Fabulous square head and typical pretty Boston expression. Had her attitude been correct for the breed she would have challenged the best bitch on the day. 2nd Sandell's SHAWMUT SHELBY DAKOTA 20-month-old lovely Brindle & White girl. She had a lovely expression, good padding of muzzle. Adequate front and rear angles, topline was ok. I would have preferred her slightly shorter in body to give that square appearance.

3rd Strickland's WYNELE LADY CRYSTAL MELROSE

Limit Bitch (10, 5) 1st Mason's APRIKA ELLA FITZGERALD 2-year-old black brindle and white. She had a beautiful expression, nice square head, good ears. Topline was OK. Good movement, I just would have preferred a little less length of loin to square the body. 2nd Cox's BOSTONTIME SILVER LADY 2.5-year-old smart black and white girl. She presented a lovely outline, good head, and expression. Level topline, untidy in front on the move today, unfortunately. 3rd Jones' DALENAMAG LOTUS FLOWER

Open Bitch (6,4) 1st Cox's SWEET STAR PRINCESS JW Black brindle and white, smart girl with level topline and a lovely front and rear. She had a square head, pleasing expression, I would have liked a slightly darker eye.

2nd Sandell's BOSTONKAIBOS DAISY SUNSHINE OVER SHAWMUT A smart girl of 6 years old in great condition. She showed well, good head and expression just would have liked her slightly shorter in body.

STACEY MEWSE MEMORIAL CLASSES: Judge Mr Peter Young (Lotsmoor)

It was such an honour and pleasure to judge the special awards classes at this first show for a very forward-thinking club. The venue was lovely and light, the atmosphere there was warm and friendly and the hospitality second to none.

Puppy Dog/B 3/1 1st King's KINGSLINE ROCK STAR Well grown smart just six-month dog puppy with much appeal. Making a good well balanced square outline. His pleasing head is masculine with clean flat cheeks, well defined stop. His muzzle is relatively short with good width, and he has good dentition. Slightly arched neck into a good lay of shoulder and front assembly which allows him to stand well on his front. Compact and well sprung ribcage. His hindquarters are well muscled with an adequate turn of



stifle and firm hocks. His movement is flowing and coordinated and quite true. Needs time to fill his frame.

Post Graduate Dog/ B 8/6 Headed by a two very typy litter mates. 1st James' APRIKA FIFTH AVENUE JW My notes say just right everywhere. Feminine bitch of quality, making a lovely profile both on the stack and on the move, which was efficient, fluid, easy and with good carriage. Her head is well balanced with a square appearance with dark well shaped eyes and neat well-placed ears. Adequate graceful neck into good front assembly with straight legs, strong pasterns and compact well shaped feet. Her body is compact with good spring and depth to her ribcage, short loin with a gentle curve to rump and into her firm well developed hindquarter. 2nd King's APRIKA FISTFULL OF DOLLARS FOR KINGSLINE A proud 13-month-old male of great make and overall shape, but at this stage not as forward as his sister. They share many similarities together. He has a masculine head, with clean flat cheeks, neat ears, kind dark eye, graceful neck into a well-balanced body and is a coordinated and easy mover. 3rd Hounslow's RIDGEWAY RAMBLER By the same sire as the two before him.



Open Dog /B 11/6 1st Cox's SWEET STAR PRINCESS JW 21-month compact feminine headed quality bitch with much to admire. Clean head with good expression and rise to brow. Good finish to her square muzzle. Pleasing lay of shoulder. Great spring and depth of rib, short strong loin and gentle curve to her rump and well-muscled firm hindquarter. Her movement was easy and fluid.

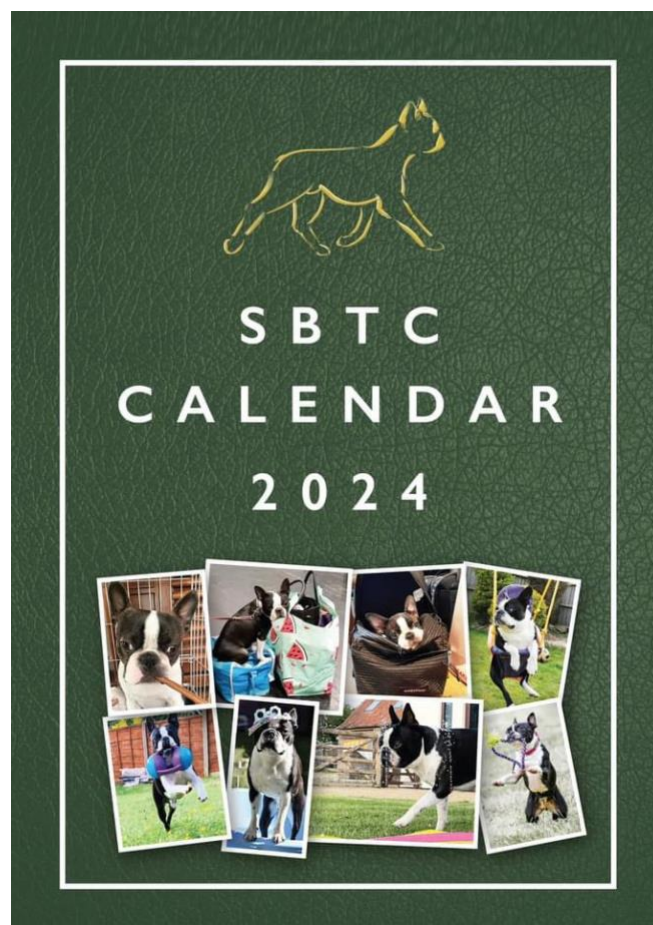
2nd King's KINGSLINE MUSKETEER 19-month dog standing on a good front. Masculine quality head piece, short and compact with good width to chest, well sprung and good depth to ribcage which is carried well back. Adequate turn of stifle and short hocks. Positive and coordinated mover.

3rd Hounslow's RIDGEWAY RUM TRUFFLE

THE CLUB CALENDAR

Thanks to all our wonderful member contributions we were able to publish our first Club Calendar for 2024. This not only helped us raise funds for the club but also gave some of us the opportunity to share their favourite photos of their Bostons. There are a few left, so if you missed the opportunity to buy one and would like to do so, email Jan Mason treasurer@southernbostonterrierclub.org.uk

We're hoping to produce a members calendar every year so please be sure to send us your shots so that we can add them to our website gallery and those who buy one can brighten-up their days, looking at these photos on their wall.



If you have captured a much-loved photo of a Boston (and have permission to use it of course!) please send them to us at SBTCcalendarcomp@outlook.com with your surname as reference. Please note, when sending them to us, you are agreeing to their reproduction in the Club's calendar and on our website.



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VICE PRESIDENT CELEBRATES HER 90TH



Please join us in raising a glass and wishing Val Kemeny (Linsgift) a very happy birthday on the 19th February 2024. Many of you will know or recognise Val who is a keen supporter of the Club and a senior judge and exhibitor and is often ringside at Boston events.

YEARLY SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your subscriptions, we really appreciate your support. Our apologies for anyone receiving confusing auto-generated emails as we try and get control of our website! However, we'd like to remind everyone that membership is now due for 2024. Remember that for those of you who joined us at the November Show, your membership extends throughout 2024 and for those that haven't gotten around to it, please note the following bank transfer details:

Membership is £7.50 per person
Bank details (Lloyds)
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Members who joined after 1 October or joined or renewed at our limit show in November are already covered for 2024.

We really appreciate all your support and interest in helping us establish our latest breed club and the Officers and Committee wish you all a very Happy New Year!

KINGSLINE DESIGN

Finally, Fiona King (Kingsline) would like to thank you for all the interest you've shown and purchases that have been made to help club funds by buying specially designed ring clips. She enjoys doing this in her spare time and is busily supplying other breed enthusiast's different styles of ring-clip, and clothing designs. Be sure to attend our events with some spare cash, as she's bound to have some unique items that have been made especially for the Club.



THE END



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