

The Kennel Club Obreedience Competition

Thursday 10 March 2022

Judge: Sarah Delany

The Obreedience competition at Crufts was held on Thursday lunch time this year and 8 teams competed. All the teams put in good performances and were a pleasure to judge. The results at the end were very close for the top 4.

1st Manchester Reunited (Manchester Terriers) Score 45.75

Many Congratulations on your win. These little dogs did a good heelwork round and then only lost 0.75 on all the other exercises to clinch the Crufts title today. An excellent performance.

2nd Cool Cockers (Cocker Spaniels) Score 45

So close to the winners today. Well done on another good all round performance.

3rd The Wagtails (Cavalier King Charles Spaniels) Score 44

Not easy to go first but these charming little dogs did good heelwork and then excellent set exercises to make sure they got a place. Well done.

4th Golden Acorns (Golden Retrievers) Score 42

Well done. The best of the big dog breeds today.

Best Heelwork round of the day was done by the GSD team Paw Patrol, very impressive.

The best dressed team for me was the Pot Noodles (Standard Poodle team) with their French theme including wearing berets.

Most memorable moments (and probably ones that the audience liked best too) were both on the Send to Bed exercise. One was the Jack Russell who did a brilliant Send to Bed and then proceeded to turn himself upside down and have a good roll on his bed. The other was the Standard Poodle who decided to pull up the starting tape and run round the ring with it!

I would like to thank my fantastic team who made the whole event run so smoothly as they all knew their roles and carried them out brilliantly leaving me to just do the judging. They were:

Isabel Bradley (Ring Steward)

Irene Cullum (Scribe)

Julie Morland (Scoreboard)

Kathy Webb (Heelwork Score runner and Scent)

Angela Watson and Karen Fone (Ring Collecting Stewards)

Thank you Karen for stepping in the night before when Sheila Rodger was taken ill and couldn't come.

Thank you to Richard Kebble and Kate McCartney for all your work on the day and helping me in the run up by answering all my questions. Thank you also to Kate for loaning me her weave poles for the Heelwork round.

Thank you to all my practice teams back at home (some were there in torrential rain) and to Karen Fone, Amanda Leek, Alison Hamilton and Kelly Martin for turning up at the NEC on Wednesday evening for the practice with their dogs. You were all amazing.

Thank you also to my Mum, Barbara, for looking after my 3 dogs whilst I was away.