

SGRS Limited Obedience Show – Introductory Class - 12/8/18

We were very lucky that the weather just about held for us and stayed dry! I had a very enjoyable day with the beautiful dogs and nice handlers that entered the ring. My thanks go to the SGRS for the opportunity to judge the class and the lovely “thank you” present. My huge thanks go to my steward Pat Brown, who welcomed the competitors into the ring and ran them through their paces. Hopefully it was not too frightening an experience.

As usual, all the dogs seemed to have a wonderful time, but some of their handlers had a few nerves. Which transferred itself down the lead to the dogs. It did not seem to make the dogs nervous but allowed them to take full advantage of their handler’s nerves and play up!

This class is solely to introduce everyone to Competitive Obedience and should be relaxed and fun. If you get the opportunity to enter this class again, please relax and try to enjoy it – after all you will always be taking the best dog home! Well Done Everyone!

I have tried to give all the competitors a little critique of their round.

No	Dog's Name	
197	Chester	Nice steady heelwork. Recall had a detour around the judge and shame about the break in the stays.
31	Gracie	Steady heelwork and she loved her ragger to play with. Again, she went to visit our steward on her recall but quickly came back. Sadly, broke her stays.
127	Alfie	This was a training round for one of our much-loved youngsters who could not compete. Well done Alfie – lovely recall!
47	Lily	Lovely recall lily! She was a bit reluctant to play with her duck, she would rather have had the cones!
151	Lottie	Well Lottie had a wonderful time sniffing when she should have been playing with her toy! She was not concentrating but had a wonderful time! Nice stays!
88	Breeze	Just using this for a training round for this young bitch. She worked beautifully, just going past her handler in the recall & quickly returning to present.
136	Dillon	Very Nice Boy and my winner of the day. Worked superbly, loved his ragger, did his stays!! Super. Handler needs to give him a command before they start heelwork so that he has a chance to start with her but nit-picking now!
93	Jake	Another nice boy in my line-up. Clear stays, loves his toy and nice recall. He was just not concentrating in his heelwork. Get that attention sorted and you will be on your way to a red rosette! A well-deserved 3 rd
50	Wren	Steady heelwork but couldn't resist going to see the steward in her recall. Nice clear stays. Deserved the last place in my line-up
40	Megan	I think the handler was slightly nervous, as it did affect Megan. In her heelwork she was on a tight lead, so it was not possible to really see what she could do on her own. Her recall was a little ragged, as there was no present leading to a finish. But she did love her toy dog. It would be nice to see what this girlie can do with a bit more practice.
30	Connie	This bitch would have been in the line-up if only she could learn to play with her toy!! Perhaps we should give her a cone to play with next time!!
98	Ruby	Another bitch who just wasn't into playing with her toy!! She worked beautifully otherwise with clear stays and would have been my winner if she had played!
27	Katya	Katya had a little sniff on her heelwork, which is where she lost the most points. But with just a little mistake on her recall and clear stays she came in a solid 5 th .
126	Roxy	Lovely bitch who worked steadily through her exercises. With a soft gentle character, she played nicely with her toy and had a clear stay. Well-deserved her 2 nd place.
182	Bertie	Best recall of the day!!!! Clear stays and nice heelwork. Just not very interested in his ragger. Find a super toy and he will be on his way! Nice 4 th .
101	Otis	Otis' heelwork was very active!! This caused his handler to have a tight lead for most of the round and cost points. His retrieve of the cones was super, but perhaps he could wait until he is in Beginners for that!! But he did a super stay, so reprieved himself at the end.