

## ‘MARLEY’ TAKES THE BELT AT BOXER OF THE YEAR !

The Boxer Society of Ireland held their regular Boxer of The Year event which this year took the form of a Supermatch at the National Show Centre at Cloghran where 48 Boxers of varying ages challenged for the titles of Boxer of the Year, Boxer Puppy and Boxer Veteran of The Year 2008/09. There was quite a strong ringside attendance at the show with a well organised refreshments area near the ring and a good sized ring for the dogs to show their style. The start of the competition was preceded by a minutes silent reflection in memory of the Late Eric Cunningham of the Hamlear Boxers who had sadly passed away at the end of December. Eric was an officer and committee member of the society and his CH/GB CH Hamlear Hail To Glory was a previous winner of the Boxer of the Year event a couple of years ago. Marion Campbell and Paul Keenan kept things going well in the ring for this year's judge Noel Beggs of the Everready Show Kennels who is well qualified to judge this event and who has a keen interest in the breed. Noel's selection as his Boxer of the Year was Ann and Tom Torrance's almost two and a half year old male Toriman Yankee Doodle who has a number of Reserve Green Star wins to his name for his Thurles based owners. He was Noel's choice as his best adult dog from an entry of 10 and went on to take the Best Adult overall exhibit from a combined adult entry of 23. Brenda Groves and Steve Hare's Jimbren Top Shelf was the Best Adult Bitch.

It was Brenda Groves and Steve Hare's Jimbren Kennels who took home the title of Boxer Puppy of The Year when Noel selected their undocked Sandcliffe Kiss of Life as his winner.

Boxer Veteran of the Year as chosen by Noel Beggs was Barry O'Donnell's eight and a half year old CH Killeaton Providence who lined up for the final decision for Boxer of the Year against the winners of the adult and puppy sections.

It was a very enjoyable day watching the Boxers go through their paces and one which should be visited next year.

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Noel Beggs chose Ann and Tom Torrance's male adult section winner Toriman Yankee Doodle as his overall winner and Boxer of The Year 2008/09.



Marion Campbell and Paul Keenan presented the judge for this special Boxer of the Year event, Noel Beggs, with a token of their appreciation on the occasion of his appointment at the adjudicate at this prestigious Supermatch event.

The Boxer Society of Ireland's Veteran of the Year was Barry O'Donnell's home bred veteran bitch section winner CH Killeaton Providence.



Puppy of the Year at the Boxer Society special event at the National Show Centre was Brenda Groves and Steve Hare's Sandcliffe Kiss of Life at Jimbren.

