

# IRISH TOY DOG SOCIETY

## 'DELILAH' TOPS THE TOYS!

The annual Irish Toy Dog Society Group Open Show was held on Saturday and the proceeds of this show will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Association of Ireland with the show itself being dedicated to the memory of the Rev and Mrs Lionel Smith's daughter, Grace, who had died tragically from Cystic Fibrosis. The hard working committee of this society, led by the Chairperson Ann Fitzpatrick, made great efforts to raise as much funds as possible for this worthy cause and the annual auction was well attended in the venue's restaurant. There was an overall entry of 112 exhibits on paper. Ann Cuthbert of the Ailesbury Show Kennels was centre ring to judge the main stakes classes of the day and Best in Show while the breeds were judged by Frank Barry (Barzer Miniature Schnauzers), Anita Foley Duggan (Leorient Shih Tzu and Siberian Huskies), Lynda Matthews (Ailesbury Whippets and Skye Terriers) and Paul McCulloch of the Macpaws Bichon Frise who judged the official Breed Open Show of the Bichon Frise Club of Ireland.

Paul must have been rather chuffed as it was his Bichon Club Show BIS winner who went on to the Group Show BIS line up and effectively take two Best in Shows in one day. It was Ashling Connolly's Bichon Frise **Ashmair Hey There Delilah** that topped the group event taking the Best in Show rosette having been selected by Ann Cuthbert as her winner. 'Delilah' is a Pup of the Year qualifier for the upcoming final at Easter having topped the large entry at Tralee under Sylvie Desserne from France. She was Marie Thorpe's Bitch Reserve CC winner at Belfast in September.

It was a great Reserve Best in Show winner's spot for young Karen Murphy from Navan with her BOB winning Shih Tzu **Belliver Whopsa Daisie** who was sent through to the BIS line up by Frank Barry who was just three days over her first birthday on the day. Karen is another of the 'Sheol' granddaughters who have such a great record in Junior Handling.

Alec and Barbara Henry's eight month old Maltese Puppy girl **Gaillimhus Daisy Mae at Sakanda** topped both the breed under Frank Barry and the Puppy Stakes under Ann Cuthbert.



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