

19/4/15

Dogs

It was a great honour to be invited to judge at the English Setter Associations championship show and I was delighted with the quality of the dogs present.

My final line up was very pleasing with several dogs being worthy of the CC. I thoroughly enjoyed my day and would like to thank the committee for their hard work and generous hospitality, my excellent stewards, and the exhibitors for accepting my decisions so sportingly.

BIS in agreement with my co-judge was Bournehouse Silver Wings, RBIS SH Ch Bournehouse Golden Gift and BPIS Anlory Arras

Minor Puppy (7): 1. Coles Sorbus Storm Ryder, promising 8 months orange. Well grown with strong bone and the beginnings of a quality coat. Appealing head, dark eye and soft expression. Well angulated forehand and matching quarters. Carrying enough body. Moved well. 2. Mitchell, Withey & Cravos Sorbus Belfry Lad. Litter brother to 1, finer boned and less mature at this stage. Another lovely head and good reach of neck. Level topline. Well presented and handled. 3. Parrish's Sorbus Shades Darker at Tawneymead.

Puppy (7): 1. Naylor, Morrison and Taylors Anlory Arras, smart young tricolour of lovely type, particularly liked his chiselled head and melting expression. Tight front, long elegant neck, well ribbed, short coupled. Good bone and neat feet. Presented a balanced outline. Moved with purpose and drive with correct tail carriage. One to watch. Best Puppy in Show 2. Thomsons Mariglen Fetlar Caspellwynd mature blue of different type. Bigger all through than 1. Lots to like about him, masculine head, well placed shoulders, plenty of body and bone. In excellent coat and condition. Not so positive on the move as 1 today. 3. Jolley's Anlory Burrano via Jolymore

Veteran (10): What a lovely class! 1. Darley's ShCh Severnsett Mask of Zorro, I have always admired this quality blue he has the most beautifully worked head with soft dark eyes and gentle expression. Strong arched neck flowing cleanly into correct shoulders, strong level topline, well muscled quarters with correct tailset. In glorious coat and condition. A very worthy champion and had he gone with more enthusiasm today he would have been a serious contender for the CC. 2. Coles Sorbus Jedi Master, another who impressed today, loved his head and soft expressive eyes. Correct forehand and excellent sweep of stifle with short hocks. Well ribbed. Excellent presentation. Unlucky to meet 1. 3. Dunks Samelen One Man

Junior (6): 1. Buckleys Fishwick Cor Blimey, rich orange, masculine head, dark eye. Well placed shoulders and correct reach of neck. Well bodied, strong quarters. Moved sound and true to win this class. Very promising. 2. Crofts Fencefoot Field Master, exuberant tricolour with superb forehand, strong loin and well angulated quarters, so well constructed and balanced throughout, carrying just the right amount of weight today, unfortunately giving his handler a hard time when asked to move, his day will come, loved him! 3. Wale and Baileys Wansleydale Kings Magic.

Yearling (8): 1. Mc Cabes Rachdale Sea Fever, one I have often admired from the ringside, and was not disappointed. Quality blue. Masculine head without coarseness, well placed shoulders, good bone and feet, strong through the loin, moved soundly driving off his hocks. Well presented and handled. 2. Davies Jeffrey Bridgewater Slack and Hensons Brucelm Tangerine Dream, close up to 1 very smart young dog, just slightly less mature. Most gorgeous head, reachy neck, clean over shoulders, good spring of rib. Nicely angulated, moved well. In gleaming coat and tip top condition 3. Colliers Gamerights Mr Blue Sky at Rosarke.

Maiden (4): 1. Naylor, Morrison and Taylors Anlory Arras: 2. Jolleys Anlory Burrano via Jolymore, Litter brother to 1, similar remarks apply, lovely puppy just not as forward as his brother. He has a beautiful head and darkest of eyes, well angulated fore and aft, correct tailset. A real sweetie. 3. Hodges Lakecastle Tomo.

Novice (6): 1. Naylor, Morrison and Taylors Anlory Arras. 2. Thomsons Mariglen Fetlar Caspellwynd. 3. Dales Beechanger Night Hawk at Laurelset.

Tyro (1): 1. Thomsons Mariglen Fetlar Caspellwynd

Graduate (5): 1. Wellers Hannahdene Danny Boy with Juldeane, elegant orange with attractive head and dark eye, good reach of neck, short coupled, well ribbed, round bone and tight feet. Moved really well. Shown in beautiful condition. 2. Kirschs Sorbus Hugo Boss, eye-catching orange with impressive outline, excels in forehand, great sweep of stifle. In full coat and beautiful condition, thought he would be my winner but although he moved well his tail carriage just spoilt the picture for me 3. Neaths Albadora Remember Me

Post Graduate (10): 1. Dennis's Mariglen Audi, handsome young tricolor showing lots of promise, love his head and mischievous sparkle in his eye. Super forehead, strong bone and neat feet, short coupled, strong hindquarters. Moved sound and true with lashing tail to complete the picture. 2. Whittingtons Juldeane Excalibur, one I have previously admired, and have not changed my opinion. This dog has the most stunning head and melting expression, long clean neck, super topline and tailset, he excels in hindquarters. Slightly longer cast than 1 and somewhat 'inbetween' coats at the moment. His best is yet to come. Very close decision. 3. Sykes Daraquist Barry A Reef.

Mid Limit (6): Best class of the day, 1. Marsdens Upperwood in the Groove, outstanding young dog, loved everything about him, from his typical head to his gently wagging tail. He has a long lean neck flowing cleanly into well placed shoulders, short coupled, excellent sweep of stifle, so very well balanced throughout. Carrying just the right amount of condition today and put down to perfection. Moved with style and purpose maintaining a strong level topline. Surely must gain his title! RCC. 2. Watts Jotunheim Limited Edition, another from the top drawer, unfortunate to meet 1 today and a very close decision. Quality make and shape. His head is simply beautiful and very much 'my type' dark eye and gentle expression. Excellent body and bone, and in full bloom he powered round the ring driving off his hocks, with correct tail carriage. Presented and handled professionally. 3. Whittingtons Juldeane Excalibur.

Limit (8): 1. Williams Bournehouse Silver Wings, impressive tricolour. He commands attention as he enters the ring, fully mature and in fantastic coat and condition. He has the most exquisite head and dark expressive eyes, strong muscular neck and clean shoulders. Superb topline and tailset, sweeping stifles and really short hocks. He strode around the ring with reach and drive as if he owned it! showing off his extrovert personality. Delighted to award him the CC and with my co-judge BIS 2. Mottishaws Upperwood Hooray Henry very sound and well constructed dark blue. Not a flashy dog but very well balanced with a striking outline, well angulated forehead and quarters, strong loin. Moved really well driving from his hocks with correct tail action and carriage. 3. Jolley's Wansleydale Tribute to Jolymore.

Open (2): 1. Watkins Sh Ch Mariglen Snowdrift at Hayworth. Well known champion who I have judged before, today he impressed as he is now the finished picture. Elegant dog with a balanced outline, classic head and excellent construction. Presented in full coat and top condition. Moved well with style and enthusiasm. Unfortunately today had to give way to two younger up and coming males. A very worthy champion.

Special Beginners (4): 1. Peads Sparsett Hembury Explorer of Lakeview beautifully marked light tricolour with masculine head and dark eye. Soundly constructed. Moved really well at one with his handler, lovely to see him lashing his tail and enjoying his day. Immaculately presented. 2. Tapp's Epsom Prince attractive dark tri, appealing head and gentle expression. Balanced outline. Moved ok but a little proud of his tail. 3. Hodges Lakecastle Tomo

Judge; Mrs Jill Kelly