

The English Setter Association Championship Show

Sunday 23rd April 2017 - English Setter (Bitches)

Judge - Mr Steve Collier (Roszarke)

It was a pleasure to judge at ESA and thank you to all the committee / stewards for organising a very enjoyable and efficient show. It was good to see some promising young bitches coming through and the depth of quality in the older classes. Overall I was looking for feminine bitches with the correct balance and elegance, but also the substance and conditioning needed in a gundog. Today the BOB came from the dog ring with Phenset Blue Max (gaining his title on the day) and Best Puppy in Breed was the bitch Bramstorm Tapestry.

Minor Puppy Bitch - 6 entries (3 absent)

1. Jarvis's Hawklawn Summer Breeze – Elegant 8 month dark tri puppy with balanced outline and clean neck and shoulders. Lean head with pleasing expression and dark eye. Good body properties, with correct bone and good angulation. Moved best in class, going true and straight with good forward reach and positive rear drive. Should mature nicely.
2. Darley's Severnsett Queen of Hearts – 7 month light tri puppy with level top line and good conformation providing the overall balanced picture when stood. Shown in good coat and condition. Elegant head shape and kind expression. Just not as steady on the move as 1 today.
3. Evans & Paterson's Gillancette Lady Madonna

Puppy Bitch – 10 entries (1 absent)

1. Oliver's Bramstorm Tapestry – Won a strong class. Good size mature light tri puppy shown in excellent coat and condition to finish off the balanced picture. Very good on the move driving from the hock and straight in front, with good slashing tail action. Lean feminine head with dark eye, clean over neck and shoulders with level top line. Plenty of substance with good bone and tight feet. Young bitch with a very bright future and happy to see her go BPIS.
2. Tucker's Niddbeck Smokey Opal at Walshaw – Dark tri puppy with a balanced outline, good reach of neck and good bend of stifle. Clean over neck and shoulders with a level top line. Pleasing feminine head with soft expression and dark eye. Moved very well with slashing tail action.
3. William's Bournehouse Crown Jewel

Veteran Bitch – 5 entries

1. Loynd's Richecca Sea The Stars at Crimbledale Sh CM – This 7½ year old dark blue was on top form today and was shown in excellent coat and condition for her age. Compact bitch with pleasing head, soft expression and dark eye. Clean in outline with everything in proportion. Good conformation with good reach of neck, clean shoulders, strong rear quarters and level top line. Happy on the move, driving from the rear with good tail action. Pleased to see her go BVIS.
2. Cook's Moorbrook Uptown Flirt at Pernickety – 8½ year old orange bitch shown in good condition and still enjoying the show ring. Good level top line both standing and on the move. Good reach of neck with well laid back shoulders and level top line giving a clean balanced outline. Balanced head and expression with low set ears and dark eye. Moved well, holding top line throughout.
3. Bishop's Dyrham Midnight Dream

Junior Bitch – 10 entries (4 absent)

1. Weller's Ravensett Giselle at Juldeane – Stylish O/B bitch with elegant lean head, dark eye and soft expression. Lovely balanced outline with level top line, strong rear quarters and good layback of shoulder. Well made bitch with substance and shown in good condition. Moved with good rear drive, straight front, high head carriage and slashing tail

2. Deville's Gamerights Pretty Woman – Good size tri bitch with clean outline, good reach of neck and well laid back shoulders. Pleasing head and expression with dark eye. Good angulation and sound movement. Shown in good coat and condition. Not quite the maturity of my winner.
3. Stirk & Littlechild's Mariglen Night And Day

Yearling Bitch - 11 entries

A strong class with several promising youngsters who will all compete for top places throughout their show careers. The first 3 placings were very close.

1. McCabe's Rachdale Elegance – Well balanced O/B bitch with clean elegant balanced outline. Good reach of neck and well laid back shoulders Shown in good coat and condition. Good front angulation, level top line and strong rear quarters providing positive drive. Moved with style, high head carriage, slashing tail and good top line.
2. Dennis, Harris & Morgan's Nattaset Sonata Arctica at Mariglen – Very close to 1. Dark blue bitch shown in very good condition. Moved true and steady, driving from the rear quarters and straight in front. Balanced head with dark eye. Clean outline with good reach of neck and well laid back shoulders. I preferred the outline of 1 today.
3. Grimsdell's Tattersett Clever Cookie

Maiden Bitch - 6 entries (3 absent)

1. Watkin's Valsett Starlite Indigo Sky – Very smart looking blue bitch (still a puppy) who looked the part both when stood and on the move. Clean balanced outline with correct layback of shoulder and strong rear angulation. Well bodied up with tight feet and moved with style. Good feminine expression with balanced lean head and dark eye. Pushed hard for best puppy bitch.
2. Parrish's Miakoda Over The Rainbow at Tawnymeade – Good size tri bitch with good bone, strong quarters, tight feet and level top line. Moved well when settled. Balanced lean head with pleasing expression. Shown in good coat and condition
3. Jarvis's Hawklawn Summer Breeze

Novice Bitch - 3 entries (1 absent)

1. Tucker's Niddbeck Smokey Opal at Walshaw - Repeat of Puppy
2. Longstaff & Waller's Miakoda Angel In a Rainbow – Compact tri bitch with clean outline, good reach of neck and well laid back shoulders. Once settled moved well using tail throughout. Lean head with soft expression.

Tyro Bitch – 6 entries (2 absent)

1. Montell's Culverwell Celeste – Attractive blue bitch with good reach of neck and level top line giving a balanced elegant outline. Loved her lean head, dark eye making a soft feminine expression. Well constructed with correct shoulders and good bend of stifle. Moved effortlessly around the ring with a true driving action.
2. Neath's Albadora Second Secret – Good size tri bitch with excellent conformation and substance. Level top line and strong rear quarters providing positive drive. Nice tight feet. Moved very well holding top line throughout and with good tail action. Would have preferred a little less weight today.
3. Stirk & Littlechild's Mariglen Night And Day

Graduate Bitch – 6 entries (1 absent)

1. Loynd's Crimbledale Seaing Stars – O/B bitch looking the part with a clean balanced outline, good reach of neck, well laid back shoulders, good bend of stifle and good tail set. Elegant lean head and with dark eye and soft expression. Moved well with driving rear action and straight in front. Shown in good coat and condition.
2. Neath's Albadora Second Secret – Repeat of Tyro
3. Williamson's Hawklawn Kaleidoscope

Post Graduate Bitch - 8 entries (3 absent)

1. Grimsdell's Gillancette Pebbles For Tattersett JW - Winner of a strong class. Sound orange bitch, not flashy but with excellent construction and looked the picture today. Feminine head with soft expression and shown in good condition. Clean in outline with everything in proportion. Correct conformation with good reach of neck and clean shoulders and level top line. Happy on the move, driving from the rear, straight in front and good tail action.
2. Harding's Mariglen Fenella at Cumbersett – Well made bitch with elegant outline shown in good coat and condition. Good reach of neck, well laid back shoulders and level top line giving a clean balanced outline. Moved well, driving from strong rear quarters and straight in front. Soft feminine expression with balanced lean head and dark eye. Pushed hard for 1st place.
3. Schoneville & Derry's Balvenie Evita

Mid Limit Bitch – 6 entries (1 absent)

1. Stephenson's Lakecastle Sakura at Wistaston – O/B bitch shown in excellent condition and well muscled. Clean in outline, good reach of neck, well laid back shoulders and good tail set. Balanced head with pleasing expression. Moved straight with driving rear quarters and using her tail well.
2. Neath's Albadora Late Arrival – Well constructed bitch with balanced outline, good reach of neck and clean over shoulders. Level top line with good tail set and strong rear quarters. Balanced head with soft expression. Moved straight and steady. Shown in good coat and condition.
3. Harris's Shanandi Hollyhock For Lonakakela

Limit Bitch – 13 entries (1 absent)

1. McCabe's Rachdale Sea Pearl – Orange Belton bitch that caught my eye with her elegant outline and presentation. Balanced throughout with a good reach of neck, clean over shoulders and strong rear quarters. Feminine head and expression with low set ears and dark eye. I liked her movement, driving from the rear, straight in front and good tail action. Shown in excellent coat and condition. Pleased to award her the CC and see her go RBIS.
2. Oliver's Wansleydale Fairie Queen at Bramstorm – Compact O/B bitch that excels in reach of neck and lay back of shoulder. Balanced outline and level top line. Pleasing head with dark eye and kind expression. Shown in good coat and moved well throughout.
3. Harding's Rachdale Sea Jewel at Cumbersett

Open Bitch – 10 entries (3 absent)

1. Dennis's Sh Ch Mariglen Xanthe – Winner of another strong class. Orange Belton bitch, balanced throughout with everything in proportion and excels on the move. Lovely lean head, dark eye and appealing expression. Clean over neck and shoulders with strong rear quarters. Moved freely with natural high head carriage, good driving rear action and slashing tail. Shown in good coat and condition. Unfortunately in the challenge for CC she didn't settle for her handler. Pleased to award RCC.
2. Phillips, Bryant and Watkin's Sh Ch Wansleydale Star Queen of Glenmaurangi - Tri bitch shown in excellent condition and presented perfectly. Balanced outline with good reach of neck, lay back of shoulder and level top line. Balanced head with dark eye and pleasing expression. Moved well for handler with good head carriage, true effortless movement, good tail action and powerful driving action from the rear.
3. Deville's Int Ch Mariglen Nina Valentina

Sp. Beginners Bitch – 4 entries (3 absent)

1. Williams Bournehouse Spring Violet - Compact blue bitch with clean outline, good reach of neck and well laid back shoulders. Lean head with soft expression. Once settled moved steady although a little slowly.