

CRITIQUE FOR ENGLISH SETTER ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW
SUNDAY, 22nd APRIL, 2018 held at the Kennel Club Building Stoneleigh.

DOGS

A really enjoyable day with virtually full attendance. My thanks to all exhibitors and also to my two very helpful stewards. There was a good sized ring which allowed for movement to be unrestricted both coming and going and importantly an opportunity to view side gait.

Minor Puppy (6, 0 abs.)

Great start to the day – some very promising puppies headed up by two litter brothers.

1. Full's Ravensett Midas Touch at Teignestuary – 8 month rich orange belton with a beautiful head - lovely work through the stop, dark eyes, square muzzle and low set ears. Balanced outline with shoulders well set back, good length of upper arm and deep in chest. Short coupled with a level topline. Good spring of rib and strong hindquarters with well bent stifles and this showed in his movement – straight coming and going. Very much a baby which showed in the challenge for best puppy dog but a promising prospect.
2. Danks-Kemish's Ravensett Work of Art at Alolfrana – paler orange litter brother to 1 in super quality coat. Another beautiful head with the same dark eyes and lovely work. Strong bone. Good angulation front and rear and outgoing and true on the move with high head carriage - showing all the same promise as his brother. At this development stage 1 was more balanced in body – 2 just needs time to come up on leg a little more. Two lovely puppies – I hope they both fulfil their early promise.
3. Stewart + Quenby's Tattersett Dash of Spice

Puppy (5, 1)

1. Taylor's Wansleydale Quicksilver – 10 months elegant tri boy with a refined head and clean outline. Dark eyes and a kind expression. Long neck and straight front but needs to drop in brisket. Good height on leg. Strong level topline and balanced rear angulation. Lovely coat texture. Moved soundly front and rear with a free action. Best Puppy Dog
2. Harris + Bridgewater's Bridgella's First Edition with Konakakela – substantial 9 months orange youngster – a heavier mould than 1 and perhaps carrying just a touch extra weight today but loved his beautiful head and sweet expression. Compact body with super bone and short backed with a good spring of rib. Outgoing on the move with a good tail action but not as positive behind as 1 or as clean in outline at this stage. But a promising puppy.
3. Danks-Kemish's Alolfrana Miami Nights

Veteran (7, 0)

Super class of oldies – a real credit to their owners.

1. Dykes + McCrindle's Sh Ch Caleydene Travelling Man – I've had the pleasure of judging this dog as a youngster and he is a real favourite of mine. At 10 years old he still has a clean outline with level topline and sound straight movement front and back with a gently wagging tail. He has no exaggerations in his make and shape and a lovely head with a sweet expression which age has not diminished. In super condition – thank you for bringing him. BVIS

2. Hutchinson's Mariglen Dancing Brave over Monaysbridge – almost 8 years old tri boy and another one with a lovely head. Super work through the stop and low set ears. Good substance and balanced outline. Front not as true as 1 but lovely spring of rib and excellent tailset. Good bend of stifle and he moved out well behind with a level tail action. In lovely coat and condition.
3. Rainey's Wolmersdon Outta The Blue

Junior (7, 2)

1. Sayers + Dennis' Nattasett True Glow (Imp) – new one to me and I liked him very much. Balanced dark blue youngster with a good head. Oval skull, dark well shaped eyes, good work through the stop and low set ears. Good length of neck with pleasing arch and leading into well placed shoulders with good width. Straight front with elbows well let down and good return of upper arm. Super bone and substance. When he co-operates with his handler he has a level topline. Strong hindquarters and his movement was sound coming and going with a good tail action. Excellent presentation and in gleaming coat. Another promising prospect.
2. Williams' Bournehouse Stormy Sky – blue youngster in super coat and felt good to go over. Pleasing head with oval skull and good work through the stop. Dark eye and kind expression. Excellent bone and substance with good length of neck leading into a straight front with good depth in chest. Another one giving his handler a hard time which affected his topline on the stack and so his hind angulation. But he held it on the move with a good tail action. A nice dog.
3. Arkley's Hartsett Flash Dance

Yearling (8, 1)

1. Schoneville + Derry's Hawklawn Khamsin at Balvenie – clean outline on this orange boy who was in beautiful coat and condition. Good head with dark eye and balanced proportions through the stop down to the muzzle. Good length of neck with no throatiness leading into well set shoulders. Good depth in chest, level topline, well muscled hindquarters and well let down hocks. Decent bone and tight feet. Outgoing on the move but steady with a level tail action. Lovely presentation - smart youngster.
2. Oliver's Bramstorm Oberon – attractive orange who looked very well in the line up. Oval skull but would prefer a little more work through the stop. He has a dark eye and kind expression. Good to go over with balanced front and rear angulation and in great condition – well muscled second thigh and good feet. Moved out soundly and with drive. Liked him.
3. Lawton's Wandsfell Call The Shots for Oaklaw

Maiden (4, 0)

1. Sayers + Dennis' Nattasett True Glow
2. Danks-Kemish's Ravensett Work of Art at Alolfrana
3. Danks-Kemish's Alolfrana Miami Nights

Novice (2, 0)

1. Lawson's Wansleydale Dorian Gray – tri brother to puppy winner who was giving too much away in the previous maiden class. Different in head to his brother at the moment with more work. He has a dark eye with pleasing expression and a square muzzle. His outline is clean and he has good height on leg

but like his brother he needs to drop in brisket. In good condition and moved out soundly with good tail action. Happy boy.

2. Hopper's Bramstorm Forest Sprite – orange youngster – plainer in head than 1 but with good length of neck leading into a level topline and a good tailset. Decent bone and feet. Moved with enthusiasm but rather close behind.

Tyro (1, 0)

1. Lawson's Wansleydale Dorian Gray

Graduate (5, 0)

1. Butler's Wansleydale Goldsmith – liked this orange dog – he has a balanced outline and was in lovely coat and condition. Pleasing head with an attractive eye patch, lean skull and square muzzle. Low set ears. Good length of neck with shoulders well set back and leading into a level topline. Good depth in body and balanced angulation. Tail well set on and he moved freely and steadily with a correct tail action and showing good drive behind. Should mature well.
2. Watkin's Valsett Starlite Romancer – beautiful headed dark blue boy shown in excellent condition and presented in beautiful coat. Good length of neck and well placed shoulders with good width between. Deep in brisket but another dog who was not co-operating with his handler in the final line up so was sloping off in topline. However, he held this on the move which was free and straight. Good bone and substance with tight feet. Preferred the height on leg of my winner.
3. Lawton's Wandsfell Call The Shots for Oaklaw

Post Graduate (7, 1)

1. Sharples' Kanietter Silverstone – orange dog now starting to mature well. Stood out in this class and really liked his overall make and shape – good height on leg. Well made head with excellent work from his oval skull through the stop and down to the flew. Felt good to go over – well muscled all through. Level topline and strong over the loin. Good bend of stifle with well let down hocks. Tight feet. Moved out freely. Liked him a lot – I'm sure he'll do well when fully matured.
2. Pitts' Wandsfell Call On Me – liked this tri youngster but he was giving away 12 months in age against 1 and it showed. Lovely head and eye and super bone and substance. Level topline and strong back end with excellent bend of stifle. Front could be a little tighter and this showed in his movement but going away was straight and he moved with drive. Nice boy.
3. Young's Wansleydale Ace of Hearts over Ingella

Mid Limit (5, 0)

1. Stewart + Quenby's Tattersett Galileo – 3 year old dark blue dog now starting to mature well. Liked his head – dark eyes with a lovely expression and balanced from skull through to muzzle. No exaggerations in his outline. Clean over the neck and shoulder, level topline and good tail set. Needs to body up a little more to complete the picture but liked his balanced front and rear angulation and length from hip to hock. Moved straight and with a good tail action.

2. Watkins' Bumblecorn Winter Ice at Glenmaurangi – flashy tri dog who presents an imposing picture. In super coat and condition. Fabulous bone and substance. Decent front angulation, level topline and a powerful back end with a super bend of stifle. Tight feet . This dog totally comes into his own on the move – covering the ground with a powerful stride – displaying excellent front and rear extension and a slashing tail action – a real pleasure to watch. But his head is too strong over the skull for me and I would prefer a darker eye which unfortunately went against him in the final analysis.
3. Sketchley's Wansleydale Frazer

Limit (4, 1)

Good class – three quality dogs – all close up.

1. Cole's Sorbus Storm Ryder – eyecatching orange dog – well up for size and in excellent coat and condition – really looked the part today to win this small but strong class. When he co-operates with his handler he has a balanced outline with a level topline leading to a well set on tail. Good bone and lovely depth all through with good spring of rib. Well bent stifles. Liked his head proportions – oval skull shape, well defined stop and square muzzle. Really moved out well with drive and enthusiasm. Pleased to award him the RCC.
2. McCabe's Rachdale Sea Fever – beautiful headed, typy dark blue in good coat – close up to 1. Balanced head proportions and a sweet expression, Low set ears. Long neck leading into good lay back of shoulder with good width between. Decent length of upper arm and good depth of chest. Level topline and well muscled hindquarters. Neat feet. Sound and true on the move but not as outgoing as 1. A quality boy and a close decision.
3. Harradine's Mandysset Leave It To Lewis at Halliana

Open (6, 0)

Another good class with three quality show champions heading up.

1. Bryant + Hollis' Sh Ch Phenset Blue Max – love the head on this blue male. Clean oval skull, just the right amount of work through the stop, dark eyes and sweet expression, balanced all through down to the muzzle and finished off with those gorgeous eye patches. At almost 6 years old he is coming to his best and he presents a balanced picture with no exaggerations. Decent length of neck leading into a solid level topline. Well ribbed up with a correct tail set. Wide loins and good length from hip to hock. Well bent stifles. Good feet and straight pasterns. On the move he is sound, straight and steady with a gently wagging tail carried correctly. Had no hesitation in awarding him the CC – in the final run off for BIS he flagged a little and was not as positive as the bitch moving away so had to settle for RBIS.
2. Sykes' Sh Ch Daraquist Barry A Reef – compact dark blue boy in lovely coat and condition with a very happy, outgoing temperament. Dark eyes and sweet expression with good work through the stop and low set ears but not the balance of foreface of 1. Good length of neck leading into well placed shoulders and a straight front. Deep in chest and body, level topline and short backed. Very good bend of stifle with well muscled second thigh. Moved out with drive with a correct tail action. Close up for the RCC but preferred the height on leg of my limit winner in the final line up.
3. Loynd's Sh Ch Crimbledale Sea The Skies

LOIS BUCKLEY

Judge