

# The English Setter Association Championship Show

## The K C Building Stoneleigh

14<sup>th</sup> April 2019

It was a great privilege to be invited to judge dogs at this the **66<sup>th</sup> ESA Breed Club Championship Show**. I would like to thank the Officers & Committee for this opportunity and of course the exhibitors who brought their dogs on the day. Can I also thank my two stewards for their hard work keeping all paperwork correct! I was surprised and interested to find so many incorrect mouths, although we are not a retrieving breed, we do have a breed standard that asks for a perfect scissor bite. Having said that my overall concern is for depth of quality in breed type, construction and movement. For me on the day my class winners displayed the attributes I was looking for and my eventual CC winner **Tattersett Galileo** fulfilled my interpretation of the breed standard.

My co judge and I were in full agreement that he should be **BIS**. The outstanding **Sh Ch Wansleydale Star Queen At Glenmaurangi was RBIS Silvamoorn Storm Trooper For Phenset BPIS & Sh Ch Hartsett Cherry Bee JW BVIS**.

### Minor Puppy Dog (6:1a)

1<sup>st</sup> Owen's Cornsett You My Everything Very well bodied 9 month Orange boy. Masculine head with lovely expressive dark eyes. Good reach of neck into correct shoulder placement, still needs to develop in brisket. Good bone throughout. Level topline, excellent sweep of stifle, feet nice and tight. In lovely coat and condition. Moved well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Kelly's Cornsett The Wise One Smart tri, litter brother to 1 very similar although for me not so clean in shoulder he tended to dip his topline and at this moment in time not so positive on the move. However, maturity will improve his overall balance, also in lovely coat and condition.

3<sup>rd</sup> Taylors Bumblecorn Ash of Tattay This tri boy was much more immature & smaller all through than 1 & 2 but has the makings of a very nice dog. My overall impression is he just needs time to grow on and body up he looked a very young 8 months. Once he and his handler agree on a strategy I think he will do well.

### Puppy Dog (3)

1<sup>st</sup> Bryant & Hollis's Silvamoorn Storm Trooper For Phenset 10 Month dark tri boy who looked a picture standing. Masculine head with well defined stop. He has lovely dark eyes that are beautifully shaped and very expressive. Lovely arched neck into clean shoulder with good return of upper arm. Beautifully reared which showed in his lovely bone and overall condition. Firm topline and good rear angulation. I just wanted him to move with more drive behind which thankfully he did in the challenge. Delighted he was **BPIS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Flints Culverwell Midnight Gamble Light tri beautifully shaped head not overdone with kind expressive eye. Good length of neck, slightly upright in shoulder which affected his overall balance. He needs time to body up and develop muscle which will improve his outline and movement.

3<sup>rd</sup> Mortimers Phlerdor Heart Of the Storm. Orange boy who looked a real baby, head needs time to develop and again just needs to body up. Nice neck length but slightly short in upper arm, good depth of brisket. Level topline, excellent sweep of stifle. Just a little proud of his tail which did affect his movement.

### Veteran Dog (4:1a)

1<sup>st</sup> Hutchinson Mariglen Dancing Brave Over Monaysbridge So delightful to see these older gentlemen enjoying this relatively relaxed class. This boy at 9 years old still displays a youthful appearance and in lovely condition. Gorgeous head and expression, have judged him before and stand by previous comments he is a lovely specimen of our breed and moved happily with slashing tail.

2<sup>nd</sup> Woods Swannery Magical Moment 11 year old blue boy with such a lovely demeanour. Stunning head with soft gentle expression. Good length of neck into clean shoulder and balanced outline. Held his topline and moved well wagging his tail with his head held high.

3<sup>rd</sup> Hepburn's Tattersett Don't Push It. 8 year old Orange oozed elegance. Gorgeous head, good length of neck clean in shoulder. Well ribbed, short coupled and carried his topline well, lovely tail action but was ever so slightly lame.

### **Junior Dog (5)**

1<sup>st</sup> Phillips Bryant & Watkins Glenmaurangi Star Man Tri boy whose expert handling and stunning presentation made him stand out in this class. Masculine head with plenty of work, would prefer a darker eye but overall shape pleasing. Clean in neck of good length, short level back with superb sweep of stifle. Good bone. In super overall condition. Moved steadily with drive although a little lacking in forward extension. Perfect example of how to present your dog at a championship show.

2<sup>nd</sup> Neaths Albadora Constant Tyde I was very taken with this smart young Orange. Very attractive head not overdone, lovely shape with gentle expression and gorgeous eyes. Correct length of neck and good front angulation. Well muscled, looking like he could do a day's work, but he would not move with a stand in handler which was such a shame.

3<sup>rd</sup> Wrights Sorbus Dance The Night Away. Lovely Orange with a superb head and melting expression. Lovely to go over, good length of neck into clean shoulder, very short coupled so not easy to stack. Good depth of brisket. Despite being short in body he has superb sweep of stifle and correct tail set. Hopefully as he matures he will settle into moving steady and true!

### **Yearling Dog (7:2a)**

1<sup>st</sup> Kelly's Alolfrana Memphis Rock. Smart tri so well put together. Lovely head with raised brows and bright expressive eyes. Good length of neck, shoulder clean and well laid back. Good forehand extension, level topline. Ribs well sprung and pleasing rear angulation presented a balanced outline which was apparent in his movement.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lawsons Wansleydale Dorian Gray JW. Lovely dark tri with a very elegant well shaped head. Gentle expressive dark eyes, long lean neck not so clean in shoulder as 1 but good depth of chest, topline level and super sweep of stifle. Feet nice and tight. In lovely overall condition but just lacking coat and maturity at this stage. Moved very nicely.

3<sup>rd</sup> Harris Bridgewater & Hoeksema Bridgella's First Edition With Konakakela JW. Orange who was overall smaller than 1 & 2. Nicely shaped head with gentle expression good reach of neck. Straight in front with good depth of chest. Forearm angulation pleasing. Seemed to dip his topline and falls away slightly at croup which today made his movement unbalanced.

### **Maiden Dog (2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Silvamoons Storm Trooper At Phenset

2<sup>nd</sup> Prince's Mariglen Smokescreen this young dog is another that needs to mature. Sweet head and gentle expression. This is a slow maturing breed and this boy will need time to fill his frame, he has super bend of stifle and when he is mature should present a balanced picture.

### **Novice Dog (1)**

1<sup>st</sup> Silvamoons Storm Trooper At Phenset

### **Tyro Dog (3)**

1<sup>st</sup> Silvamoons Storm Trooper At Phenset

2<sup>nd</sup> Normansell's Latin Lover Rewind for Larrenie (Imp Ita) This very smart dark blue had a balanced outline with good length of neck, correct layback of shoulder level topline and super sweep of stifle. Would prefer more oval shape in the skull and a better definition in stop. Overall in lovely condition, stylish mover with slashing tail and drive behind.

### **Graduate (4:1a)**

1<sup>st</sup> Alolfrana Memphis Rock

2<sup>nd</sup> Arkleys Hartsett Flash Dance Orange Very close up to 1 and unlucky (for me) to have to choose! I thought he had a lovely shaped head very different to 1. Would prefer a darker eye to soften his expression, but thereafter what a lovely example of our breed. Long neck into clean shoulder, good depth of brisket, super topline, tail straight off his back. Nice tight feet, and when moving drove off his hocks with style.

### **Post Graduate (7:1a)**

1<sup>st</sup> Schoneville& Derry's Hawklawn Khamsin At Balvenie JW Orange, who presents a stunning outline when standing. Masculine head with correct eye shape and melting expression. Muscular long neck into clean shoulders, good return of upper arm firm level topline and moderate sweep of stifle. Moved well enough to take this class but in the challenge would have liked him to have had more drive and enthusiasm.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lawton's Wandsfell Call The Shots For Oaklaw Classic shaped head with gentle expression. Good length of neck, straight front and ok in shoulder. Topline firm & level. Short coupled, with good bend of stifle. Lovely tight feet and moved well using his tail in that true setter fashion, just needs a little more coat to complete the picture.

3<sup>rd</sup> Darleys Severnsett Heartbreaker Very attractive tri boy with a beautiful head, elegant and appealing, lovely expressive eyes. Good reach of neck into correct layback of shoulder. Reasonable depth of brisket, topline level with good spring of rib. Sadly, a dead tail prevented him from moving happily and freely.

### **Mid Limit (2)**

1<sup>st</sup> Butlers Wansleydale Goldsmith Orange who is a lovely example of an English Setter. Classic head with a hint of masculinity, expression would benefit from a darker eye. Good definition of stop with appealing head shape. Neck and shoulders correct, straight in front with lovely bone. Back short and level good width of stifle and strong driving movement. Moved well here, but was not so positive in the challenge.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bakers Mandysset Read all About It. Thought this was a lovely orange boy, beautifully balanced head, stunning eye shape, lovely low set ears. Smaller frame than one but when you put your hands on him so correct. Short coupled with good spring of rib. Tail straight off his back, would love to have seen him stride out and show off what surely must be super movement.

### **Limit (8:4a)**

1<sup>st</sup> Stewart & Quenby's Tattersett Galileo Dark Blue that excelled in breed type. Classic head with bright expressive eyes giving that lovely melting expression which typifies an English Setter! Good reach of neck into clean shoulder. Level topline, short back and well ribbed. Moderate bend of stifle, he is a compact dog, short coupled and sometimes this makes stacking difficult, it is easy to spoil the dogs outline by over stretching. I have to say he was handled to perfection, moved at just the right pace so you could see the forward extension and rear drive, almost workmanlike in delivery but foot perfect, his tail action was happy but not over excessive. Today he was just what I was looking for. I was so pleased he maintained his accurate movement in the challenge for BIS and delighted that this was his third ticket.

2<sup>nd</sup> Carty's Gamerights Phoenix from the Flame (Imp Bel) Dark tri with the most gorgeous head, muscular lean neck into good lay of shoulder. Good depth of brisket, good return of upper arm. Very short coupled, moderate stifle. Falls away slightly at the croup giving a low tail set and although he moved with style he had a tendency to fly his tail which unbalanced him.

3<sup>rd</sup> Kings Dobbies Delight At Grantastar Smart Blue his head was lovely with good shape not overdone, gentle expression. Good reach of neck. Front assembly very correct, topline level quite short in body with good sweep of stifle. Just moved a touch close behind.

### **Open (6:1a)**

1<sup>st</sup> Kellys Sh Ch Richecca Shades Of Grey JW. Well what to say about this very well known tri dog. Overall looked an absolute picture standing, so balanced in outline. Lovely to go over from his head with such mild expressive eyes, super length of neck into correct layback of shoulder straight front with superb bone, excellent topline. Rear angulation very pleasing. For me it all came together when he moved character just shone from him, so happy stylish and very pleased with himself perfect footfall and no wonder he is so successful. Very happy to give in the RCC.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sykes Sh Ch Daraquist Barry A Reef Have loved this boy since I saw him as a youngster. He is not flashy, he has that lovely breed type that I was looking for gorgeous head and expression correctly balanced all through. Beautifully presented, but he just did not have that sparkle today his movement was correct and he was using his tail but he was not enjoying his moment.

3<sup>rd</sup> Carty's Ir/Lux Sh Ch Wansleydale Woodpecker At Berrywood Another very stylish boy displaying all the attributes of classic breeding. Lovely head and expression good neck and shoulders. Excellent topline, correct tailset. Moved out very well.

### **Special Beginners (2:1a)**

1<sup>st</sup> Kelly's Lakecastle Prince Consort Orange boy who had a very elegant head kind expressive eyes, good length of neck, slightly upright in shoulder which made him look unbalanced. Moved ok.

**Judge: Stella Oliver**