

## English Setter Association Open Show

4<sup>th</sup> July 2021

My thanks to the Officers and committee of the ESA for inviting me to judge at this prestigious Breed Club – a great honour. Also to my steward who kept things in order and most of all to the sporting exhibitors. I had my first English Setter over 40 years ago and have admired the Breed ever since so it gave me enormous pleasure to judge them today. From the entry today breeders are to be congratulated for keeping true ES type as set out in breed standard. Mouths and front construction need keeping an eye on.

**Dogs:** Minor puppy (1) 1Tuckers Mariglen Nightwish for Walshaw 6mths old and full of confidence. Well off for bone, level topline and good body proportions. Well balanced head at this age with dark eye giving kind expression . Moved straight and true, using his tail.

Veteran (1) 1.Kings Dobbie's Delight at Grantastar 7 yr old presented in lovely coat and condition. Dark eye and super black nose with correct wide nostrils. Excellent front and rear angulation, deep brisket. Correct short tail. Movement a little loose today.

Junior (1) 1.Wilkinson's Phenset Firestorm Well balanced 14 mths not overdone in any way. Loved his long neck and flowing setterly outline. Well ribbed up. Well proportioned head with correct stop and depth of muzzle. Thought he could do with more bend of stifle when stacked but once on the move he relaxed and used his back end and hocks correctly.

Maiden (5) 1.Schoneville&Derry's Balvenie Blue Sensation 20mths Level topline . Correct reach of neck into very good shoulder angulation. Liked his back end with well bent stifles and hard muscling to thighs. A little strong in skull. Went pretty well.

2 Gibbins&Bennett Goldbirch Swashbuckler Nice head with oval skull and correct stop, dark eye. Not quite the reach of neck of 1. Another one with deep chest and excellent hind angulation.

3 Ciaputa's Wansleydale Skyfall

Novice (5) 1. Pearson's Sunsprake Close to the Edge at Yessandi 19mths and out of practice as to be expected. He did enough to show his correct setter outline. Long reach of neck into well laid shoulders . Well bent stifles. Liked the balance of his head for age

2. Wilkinsons Phenset Firestorm

3. Schoneville&Derry's Balvenie Blue Sensation

Graduate (6) 1. Owen Cornset You my everything Lovely bone and substance with flowing outline. Deep in brisket and well ribbed back. Liked his angulation front and rear. Balanced head with dark eye and correct bite. Carried himself well on the move. Very well presented.

2. Wilson's Ravensett Giovanni Loved his flowing outline, reach of neck and hind angulation but a bit untidy in mouth. Very well muscled quarters with 2<sup>nd</sup> thigh.

3. Pearson's Sunsprake Close to the Edge at Yessandi

Postgraduate (7) Strong class 1. Watts Walshaw Brushstrokes RBD & RBIS Great outline on this dog, a real setter profile. Not overdone in any way. Best of shoulders Level topline. Lovely bend of stifle and strong hocks. Went well here and in the challenge using his well set tail.

2. Lawson's Wansleydale Dorian Grey JW Another one with beautiful setter outline and shape using his tail to advantage on the move. Strong hindquarters with good hind angulation which gave good hind movement. Not quite so good in shoulder angulation.

3. Bournehouse Gamekeeper

Limit (3) 1. Arkleys Hartsett Flash Dance Beautiful setter type with lovely head, correct oval skull and low set ears. Flowing outline with good reach of neck. Deep in brisket and well ribbed up. Went well here but gave up the ghost in the challenge and unfortunately wouldn't cooperate with his handler

2. Taylor's Bumblecorn Ash of Tattay Level topline and pretty deep in brisket. Kind expression. Went pretty well .

3. Arkley's Hartsett Last Waltz

Open (4) 1. Williams Bournehouse Secret Admirer BD & BOB Outstanding young dog who really drove round the ring using his hocks and well angulated hindquarters. His front movement was equally good with no sign of the pinning seen in many today. He is not a big dog but so well balanced and a great combination of quality and substance. Beautiful head with kind dark eye. Short level back. Well developed forechest and spring of rib essential in a galloping breed. Wide in loin giving real strength. Very happy on the move and full of exuberance to give his handler quite a hard time but enough control to demonstrate his many qualities.

2. Cole's Sorbus Storm Ryder JW A bigger framed dog and slightly longer cast than 1 but all in proportion and another good mover. Reachy neck into good shoulders. Level topline. Correct bend of stifle. Dark eye giving beautiful kind expression.

3. McCabe's Sh Ch Rachdale Sea Fever JW

Sp Beginners (3) 1 Wilkinson's Phenset Firestorm

2. Gibbins&Bennett Goldbirch Swashbuckler

3. Ciaputa Wansleydale Skyfall

### **Bitches: Lots of quality in the bitch classes and some close decisions**

Minor Puppy (3) 1. Denis' Mariglen Unwrapped BP Beautiful body on this baby, well ribbed up and correct in loin. Very pretty head with defined stop and low set ear. Moved soundly and with confidence.

2. Hutchinson's Monaysbridge Iris Not quite so well bodied up as 1 but has all the essentials to mature well. Happy on the move.

3. McLoughlin's Arabin Silver Panda

Junior (5) 1. Williams Bournehouse Nightsky A picture of balance. Good round bone. Straight in front. Level topline Deep brisket. Excellent hind angulation . Beautiful head with well defined stop and correct flew. In super coat. Went well once she settled.

2. Dobbie's Tattersett Swiss Storm at Suthron Another lovely bitch just not as well bodied as winner at the moment. Excellent topline. Correct bend of stifle. Straight and positive on the move. Head has essential qualities but still developing.

3. Grimsdell, Stewart & Quenby's Tattersett Rainswept

Maiden (4) 1. Tattersett Swiss Storm at Suthron Won class on movement

2. McCabe's Rachdale Ribbons of Pearls Well balanced with lovely outline. Reachy neck into well laid shoulders. Pretty head.

3. Tucker's Walshaw Save the Last Dance

Novice (1) 1. Rachdale Ribbons of Pearls

Graduate (2) Loved both these bitches just made winner a little better in forearm construction. Both were well balanced, elegant and feminine and held their toelines on the move

1. Hutchinson's Xara at Monaysbridge Good balance to skull and foreface with defined stop. Nice reach of neck and decent lay of shoulder. Went well in profile on the move. Positive hind movement.

2. Tucker's Mariglen Center Stage Close up. Another feminine bitch who appealed in head and kind eye. Level topline. Well angulated quarters. Moved well.

Limit (3) 1. William's Precious Dream BB Top quality bitch, balanced in body and head. Superb outline, strength to couplings and hindquarters which were wide and well angulated. Excellent spring of rib. Loved her head with low set ears and well shaped eye. Moved soundly and well enough to win the class but feel she has more to give on the move.

2. Seaman's Mariglen Cleopatra Another quality bitch with pretty head, square muzzle and low set ear. Lovely clean outline . Covered the ground well on the move.

3. Beasley's Wansleydale Amaretto

Open (6) Good class 1. Seaman's Mariglen Dusty Blonde RBB In good hard condition and well angulated fore and aft. Best lay of shoulder in class. Very feminine all through with pretty, well

balanced head, good reach of neck flowing into shoulder and level topline. Correct bend of stifle. Moved soundly.

2. Williamson's Hawklawn Kaleidoscope Very well made bitch with good shoulder angulation and well bent stifles. Correct set of tail which she used on the move where she was sound and true. Just preferred head of winner

3. Sharples' Mariglen Serendipity at Kanietter JW

Special Beginners (1) 1. Beasley's Wansleydale Amaretto Was 3<sup>rd</sup> in a good Limit class. Went really well here slashing her tail. Pretty head with dark eye. A little wide in front.

Elaine Roberts

Judge