

## ENGLISH SETTER ASSOCIATION PLATINUM CH SHOW 23/4/23

### DOGS;

I was honoured to be invited to judge the Platinum show, and would like to thank the officers and committee for their kind invitation. Also many thanks to my capable and efficient stewards on the day, Lesley and Peter for ensuring all ran smoothly.

Overall I was disappointed to find so many with high tail carriage, lack of bone and substance and depth of chest. The lack of quality overall is a great worry and as our numbers fall will only get worse I fear.

On a positive note, mouths were good and I didn't find a single bad mouth. Temperaments seemed Ok too.

### MINOR PUPPY(4)

1. Millers Ravensett Calvaro, 7 month orange, nice make and shape, pleasing head and dark eye, short coupled, moved Ok, shows promise.
2. Danks-Kemish's Ravensett Untouchable among Alolfrana, litter brother to 1, longer cast not so balanced at this stage, however this could change as he develops, moved confidently.
3. Fisher & Withey's Severnsett Black Prince.

### PUPPY (6-1)

1. Cook's Pernickety Quiddity ,Lovely Puppy, 11months old and just right for age with the substance and elegance I was looking for. Beautiful head and expression, nicely angulated, level topline, carrying his tail correctly he moved soundly. In lovely coat and condition. Best Puppy Dog.
2. Williams Bournehouse Abracadabra, quality puppy with strong bone and plenty of substance, in beautiful coat and condition. Sadly not cooperating today, but could not be ignored. Moved well with happy wagging tail. One to watch.
3. Millers Ravensett Calvero.

### VETERAN (5)

1. Loynds SH CH Crimbledale Sea the Skies JW ShCM, well known Sh Ch who doesn't seem to age, at 8years old he still gives his handler a hard time and flies around the ring with exuberance. Still retains his beautiful head and soft expression. Super body and bone, in full coat. Had to give way to his sister for best Veteran.
2. Kings Dobbies Delight at Grantastar, 9 year old blue belton, one I have always admired, not a flashy dog but, so well made. Love his head and balanced outline, always beautifully presented and sympathetically handled , carrying too much weight today which affected his movement.
3. Coles Sorbus Storm Ryder JW.

#### JUNIOR (1)

1. Williamsons Hawklawn Sultan of Swing, 13months tri, who I liked a lot. Built on elegant lines. Pleasing head with plenty of work, long clean neck and correct front assembly. Short coupled with strong level topline both standing and moving. Stood alone but a very worthy winner.

#### YEARLING (3)

1. Taylors Wansleydale Maybee JW. Quality blue with loads of substance, typical head, good reach of neck and well laid shoulder. Strong hindquarters and correct tail carriage moved well driving off strong hocks. Won this class with some to spare.
2. Kings Sirius Blue Heaven, Tricolour of good size, masculine head, dark eyes , but need to tighten. Nice overall shape, good depth to body moved steadily. Soft silky coat well presented and handled.
3. Bennett and Fishers Quensha Man in the Mirror

#### NOVICE (1)

1. Williamsons Hawklawn Sultan of Swing.

#### GRADUATE (6)

1. Watkins Valsett Starlight Sun Chaser, Eyecatching orange,with masculine head in full coat and tip top condition, Balanced outline, excellent bone and substance. Well angulated quarters and good depth to chest and strong loin. Moved sound and true, would prefer a better tail carriage.
2. Kellys Edge of Dreams at Archensett. Flashy Tricolour with well proportioned head and gentle expression. Clean over neck and shoulders, strong level topline and tailset. Moved well. Presented in excellent order.
3. Stewart and Quenby's Tattersett Golden Sunrise.

#### POST GRADUATE (5)

1. Kellys Cornsett the Wise One. Glamorous light tri, full of breed type. He has really matured into a lovely dog since I last judged him. Masculine head without coarseness, strong muscular neck and straight front. Good spring of rib,deep brisket and well muscled quarters. Correct topline and tailset. Moved soundly.
2. Szal's Sharnyx RiverFlow, Dark tri with elegant outline. Neat front, well balanced. Would prefer more bone and substance however a very smart dog. In lovely coat. Moved steadily.
3. Whittingtons Juldeane Line of Duty.

#### MID LIMIT (7)

1. Sykes Bumblecorn Robin at Daraquist. Quality blue full of breed type, super outline standing and moving. Pleasing head and kind eye. Neat front assembly. Short well ribbed body. Good turn of stifle and strong hocks. In beautiful coat and condition. Moved well but could have used his tail more.
2. Harris and Hoeksema's Bridgellas First Edition with Konakakela ShCEx OSW. I have always admired this attractive orange. Built on larger lines than 1 and I prefer his head . well balanced construction and plenty of bone and substance.However he didn't hold his topline on the move and needs more coat to finish.
3. Hepburns Tattersett Rainbow Legacy.

#### LIMIT (9-2)

1. Watts Walshaw Brushstrokes. Beautifully presented dark Tri, with eye-catching outline. Lovely head with kind gentle expression. Muscular arched neck flowing into well placed shoulders, level topline. Adequate rear angulation. I just feel he just needs to fill out and deepen in forechest to complete the picture. Moved freely with correct tail carriage. Well handled.
2. Wood and Weller's Juldeane Prime Suspect. Attractive orange, masculine head and gentle expression.Presents a balanced outline when stacked. Level topline which he held on the move. Sound stylish mover. Well presented and handled.
3. Lawsons Wansleydale Dorian Gray JW.

#### OPEN (6-1)

1. Arkleys Hartsett Flash Dance. My find of the day! This orange has the elegance combined with substance I was looking for. Fully mature and looking a picture. He is up to size with well balanced proportions. Nothing over done or exaggerated. He has a beautifully, chiselled head and dark expressive eyes , a long clean neck flowing into well placed shoulders, deep forechest with strong rib and loin. Excellent rear angulation and short hocks. Moved steadily with level lashing tail. Immaculately presented. A credit to his owners. CC and with agreement of my co judge, BIS. Congratulations.
2. Taylor and Ateo's Samelen Comeback Special. Another very nice dog that did not disappoint. Quality blue with a clean outline. Pleasing head and dark eye. Good reach of neck and tight front, short level back with strong loin. Well bent stifles and strong hocks. Super moving dog with reach and drive. Uses his tail well. In beautiful coat and condition. Unlucky to meet 1 today.
3. Schonville and Derry's Balvenie Blue Sensation.

#### CHAMPION (1)

1. Williams ShCh Bournehouse Secret Admirer, Worthy champion and needs no introduction from me. Beautiful headed dog with gentle expression, muscular neck and well set shoulders

Correct strong round bone. Short level back, well ribbed, strong loin and well made hind quarters. Correctly placed tail which he used on the move. Perfectly presented in top condition as usual from this Kennel. RCC

#### SPECIAL BEGINNERS (7)

Always a difficult class to judge with dogs of different ages and stages of development.

1. Wilkinsons Phenset Firestorm, Glamorous orange, with pleasing outline. Well balanced throughout . In full coat and fit condition moved soundly but tail carried high. Well presented and handled.
2. Szal's Sharnyx River Flow
3. Ciaputa's Wansleydale Skyfall

JUDGE: NEIL KELLY