

THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW - 21st JULY 2019
THE KENNEL CLUB BUILDING. STONELEIGH PARK. WARWICKSHIRE.

I was delighted and honoured to be invited judge this show. My sincere thanks to my excellent and efficient ring stewards. The committee are to be congratulated on a well organised event.

All challenges were agreed with my Co - Judge, Dawn Rose.

Quality in the lower classes was lacking, but from Post Graduate onwards it was excellent, placings in Open Dog were hotly contested.

Movement generally in our breed leaves a lot to be desired, a number pin in front and hocks in some cases are sickled in the hock, resulting in unstable hind movement with lack of drive.

I would like to see straighter fronts and a number did have bowed bone.

Presentation was excellent - no dirty dogs.

VETERAN. 5/1

1.IGNATIEVA and HEIRMANS - GER.CH. FINE ART RUDGIERI KING OF HOPE - Excellent balance of outline, super reach of neck flowing into level topline which was held on the move. Straight bone with excellent feet. Typical head and expression. Moved out with good reach and drive.

2. WHITES - SANDUSKY ZULU WARRIER - Has the head I look for male, but not overdone, kind eye with excellent pigment. Level topline, presented in excellent condition, balanced with good overall construction, just not the hind movement of my winner.

3. HARPERS - GLYNERVA MATINEE IDOL ShCM.

SPECIAL VETERAN. 4/1

1. BROWNS - GUNMARSH TAMARIND STAR OVER IPCRESS JW - Quality dog show in excellent condition and looking well for his age. super head and expression, straight front with good bone and neat feet, correct shoulder placement. Sound mover, hind movement when going away was true and straight Best veteran Dog.

2. GOWLAND and GIBBONS - REMMINGTON ROSSI - Sound and typical of the breed, excellent head with kind expression, firm level topline which was held on the move, strong hindquarters, with straight hocks, in excellent condition not quite the shoulders of my winner.

3. HUMPHREYS - ABNALLS SEBASTIAN.

MINOR PUPPY. 11/1

1. TRINDERS - THORNYWAIT SHOWSTOPPER - Super baby, very well balanced outline, straight forelegs, excellent angulation in shoulder and hindquarter, hocks firm and straight, moved with good reach and drive and accurate footfall. Thought him very promising, best dog puppy.

2. CLARKES - OUSEVALE TOBERMORY - Balanced outline with good depth and spring of rib for age, level topline held on the move, presented in excellent coat and condition, not the firm hocks or hind movement of my winner.

3. PLEVINS - BOWSHELLA ROUGH DIAMOND.

PUPPY. 16/3

1. LOVEROCK and WALDRON-SMITHS - THORNYWAIT SPACE COWBOY AT LOVISSA - Excellent presentation and overall balance, true straight front with correct bone and feet. Level topline which was held on the move, hocks straight and strong. When moving, covered the ground with ease, a sound and typical example of the breed.
2. SCHOLES - ROSSGILDE SEA LORD WILLIAM - Runs rings around his handler, but when settled, moved with good reach and drive, balanced head with kind expression good pigment, excellent forehand, level topline, needs more ring training to show to full advantage.
3. CLARKES - OUSEVALE TOBERMORY.

JUNIOR. 15/5

1. JONES and ATHEYS - NINELL JEFFERSON - Looking the part today, shown in excellent coat and condition. Moved with good reach of forehand excellent drive from behind. Pleasing head and expression, level topline, excellent quarters with short neat hocks.
2. BECKS - HAPPIER DE RIA VELA(IMP ESP) - One I liked a lot, excellent overall confirmation, good forehand, neck and shoulder, good bone with neat feet, sound mover, carried his tail a little high on occasions.
3. PRICES - KADAKA KROSSWORD FOR PALTON.

YEARLING.16/0 - Quality class.

1. PASTUSIAKS - PRINCE CHARMINGQDORE OF LABGOLD - Top quality exhibit, sound in every respect, excellent head, eye and expression. Straight front, correct forehand with good angle and length of upper arm, moved with good reach and drive, a joy to watch, as he is such a showman. Presented in hard condition - RES CC.
2. CATTERALL and JACKSONS - GOLMAS GUARDSMAN JW - Close up to 1, excellent head with dark pigment, good forehand, excellent topline which was held on the move. Good depth and spring of rib, quality example of the breed who covered the ground with ease.
3. VERNONS - GRACELEIGH POPEYE.

NOVICE. 12/0

1. PRICES - KADAKA KROSSWORD FOR PALTON - Liked his overall balance and confirmation, level topline, moved with good reach and drive, felt he still has some developing to do.
2. SCOLAS - ROSSGILDE SEA LORD WILLIAM.
3. BELLS - HOAALOHA MAUI.

UNDERGRADUATE. 11/3

1. KEENES - SHINEHILL SNOW PATROL - Balanced outline with good head and kind expression. Excellent profile movement, would have preferred more positive hind movement when going away and coat not at its best.

2. TOWERS and HENDERSONS - CARNAVAL DORADO PIRATE SOUL (IMP ESP) - Excellent forehand, neck and topline, would preferred a better tailset, pleasing head and expression, sound on the move, would have liked him a size bigger.

3. BELLS - HOAALOHA MAUI.

GRADUATE. 13/2

1. WRIGHTS - PALTON PAVAROTTI - Short coupled balanced outline, very sound on the move with excellent footfall, good reach of neck, level topline which was held on the move. Presented in gleaming coat, of good breed type.

2. WILLIAMS - THORNYWAIT FULL MONTY OF TREBETTYN - Not quite the forehand of my winner , pleasing head with good pigment, level topline, strong quarters, covered the ground with ease.

3. RANDALLS - KELVERQUEST PORTLAND BILL JW - Moved soundly but lacked purpose and animation today.

POST GRADUATE. 12/5

1. GILTSOFFS - ENDILLION SPINNAKER - Super head and expression, male but not overdone in anyway. presented in excellent coat and condition, excellent forehand, level topline, good bone and feet, excellent profile movement, strong quarters with short neat hocks. Considered him for top honours.

2. JACKSONS - MAVISTAN NEARCO OF SWANAVON - Not the forehand of my winner which was accentuated by over trimming, it does draw the eye to this. Good head with a kind expression, level topline which was held on the move. Sound active mover.

3. ANGELLS - MILLANZA TOY STORY JW - Carrying too much weight which showed when he moved.

MID LIMIT. 14/2 Excellent class.

1. JACKSONS - ANGUSKYE RUN TO YOU AT LEIGHSHAM JW - Looking the part, shown in excellent coat and condition, close up for top honours. Typical head with kind expression, excellent balance of outline, sound active mover covering the ground with ease. Good depth and spring of rib.

2. KIPPS - WHEATCROFT WHITE FLAME JW - Quality dog who just did not have the finish or coat of 1 today. Typical head with kind eye, good reach of neck flowing into well laid shoulder, level topline. Moved with excellent reach and drive, carrying the correct amount of weight, well presented as always from this exhibitor.

3. COOKS - CALOROSE OVER THE MOON JW.

LIMIT. 15/0

1. LOVEROCK and WALDRON-SMITHS - LOVISSA SPACE DUST. ShCM - Straight front, very well put together. Super head and eye. Excellent topline held on the move. Moved and showed well, can carry his tail higher than I would like, but otherwise a quality exhibit.

2. GERHOLDS - JAYMARDY INDIGO PACIFIC. JW - Balanced outline, good bone and neat feet, good reach of neck, good spring and depth of rib. sound mover covering the ground with ease. A little stronger in head for me but still good expression and pigment.

3. BAWDENS - GOLDLEIGH MACLOUD OF DARTHILL JW - one I have always admired for his balance of outline and soundness, just not making the most of himself on the move today.

OPEN. 18/1 - Excellent quality class.

1. DUNBARS - LINIGOR TOMICH JW - Won this class and the CC today on his excellent construction and sound movement, he did not put a foot wrong, covering the ground with ease.
Straight front, strong hindquarters, short straight, firm hocks. Level topline, held on the move.
Head a shade stronger than my ideal, but within the standard.

2. TRINDERS - THORNYWAIT SAN VALENTINO JW ShCM -A very worthy champion and one I have always admired from the ringside. Super balance of outline, excellent forehand, neck topline.
Moved with good reach and drive holding his profile at all times.
Presented in super coat and condition.

3. MONTEVERDES - IT/INT SH.CH. OLVINGLAY VISIONAIRE.

FIELD TRIAL. 1/0

1. GARDNERS - PORHALE GRIZZLY BEAR OF FOXCOTE - Lacks bone and substance that is required of the breed standard but moved out soundly with excellent reach and drive.

SPECIAL WORKING/SHOW GUNDOG. 1/0

1. MORSS - XANTHOS BULLET PROOF JW. - Super head and expression and presented as always from this exhibitor in excellent coat and condition. Straight front. good bone and neat feet.
Level topline when stood, strong quarters with short neat hocks. Covered the ground with ease.
SPECIAL WORKING. 2/1

1. WICKLOW and WREDS - DANGEROUS GAMES DELLA VAL DAVETO WITH GILLBRYAN(IMP ITA) - Active sound mover, level topline held on the move, excellent overall construction, good bone and feet, of good breed type.

Judge - Paula Edwards - Lovehayne