

English Setter Society of Wales Championship Show 8th April 2018

Bitches

I must thank the Committee of the Society for the kind invitation to judge bitches. The venue was good and the hospitality was appreciated. Overall the bitches were good quality and I had some difficult decisions in the upper classes.

Minor Puppy (3,1)

1. Hardings Cumbersett Bluebell.

A very elegant feminine baby with all the right attributes. Her head was lean and well proportioned with a soft dark expressive eye. Her neck was clean and arched set into a well laid shoulder. Good front assembly, deep in brisket and a good spring of rib for one so young. She was good to handle and moved very precisely for such a baby using her quarters. BPB and Best Puppy in Show.

2. Wales Wansleydale Magic Rose

A bigger girl more rangy than 1 and will take time to fill her frame. Her head was balanced and lean with a dark well-shaped eye. Good length of neck, strong well-ribbed body and well angulated front and rear. She moved soundly holding her shape and lashing her tail.

Puppy (4,1)

1. Howarths Alolfrana Kansas Kate at Moorbrook.

I loved this bitch's attitude. She was compact and totally extrovert spanking round the ring with an excellent head carriage and topline. Her head was well-shaped with oval skull and dark eyes. She was good to go over, deep, well-ribbed and short loin with muscular well angulated rear. Front needs to tighten a little, a lot to like about her.

2. Williams' Skippit Sky Full of Stars.

A very mature young lady for her age. Her head was well-balanced with a decent stop and dark almond eyes and a good depth of muzzle. Her neck was muscular and arched and set into a well laid shoulder. Very deep well-ribbed body and firm muscular rear. She moved soundly – another promising baby.

3. Bryant and Hollis Phenset Sparks will Fly

Veteran (6,1)

What a lovely class of oldies, making me some difficult decisions. They were all in excellent body condition and were well turned out – a credit to their owners.

1. Harris' Sh Ch Mariglen Gift Wrapped JW.

A very youthful tri bitch that I have previously admired. She didn't disappoint on handling. Her head was classy with good proportions and a melting expression. Totally balanced throughout. Good front and rear angulation. Well-bodied and well muscled. She was free and sound on the move holding her shape.

2. Williams' Sh Ch Lakecastle Princess Royal at Wistaston JW

Another elegant girl with a lovely outline. Her head was very feminine, well shaped with the darkest of eyes. Her neck was clean and arched set into a well laid shoulder. She

was good to handle with her strength of body and muscular rear with a good turn of stifle. She moved with a good stride, covering the ground.

3. Mortimer's Phlerdor Light Fantastic

Junior (3)

1. Hartle's Hartsett Lady in Grey

A top quality youngster – she was very feminine with a classical head, clean in skull, deep stop and dark almond shaped eyes.. Her neck was clean and arched. Well-angulated front and rear and tight feet. She was good to handle with her firm well-ribbed body, strong rear and very stylish free mover.

2. Felton-Blyth's Felsett Angel Eyes

Another feminine girl of good proportions throughout. Her head was feminine and well shaped. She carried herself well using her neck and holding her shape. She handled well and was a free sound mover.

3. Baker's Mandysset Look who's Talking

Yearling

A good class of bitches in different stages of development.

1. Oliver's Bramstorm Tapestry JW

A very striking tri bitch with a very impressive shape. She was totally balanced and sound in every way. Her head was well-proportioned with an oval skull, low set ears and correct stop and depth of muzzle, together with a gentle expressive eye. Her neck was muscular and clean, shoulder well laid and deep in brisket. Strong body with good well sprung ribs, wide muscular loin and strong rear assembly. A contender for top honours. She moved with ground covering movement and with style.

2. Loakes' Goldbirch Wings of Desire JW Sh CM.

A stunning young tri bitch, a real show girl enhanced with a mature well-presented coat. She was very balanced throughout – her head was ultra feminine with a very bright expression. Her clean neck was set in to well laid shoulders. Her profile was good, with deep brisket, well-angulated rear and an impressive outline. Her body needs to mature to attain top honours – this won't take long. She had very free stylish movement holding herself well and lashing her tail.

3. McKiernan's Ir Ch Bushbane Celtic Prayer

Maiden (2)

Repeat Puppy

Novice (3)

1. 2nd in Junior

2. 2nd in Puppy

3. 3rd in Puppy

Undergraduate (4)

1. Winner of Puppy
2. Owen's Maroglen Candle in the Wind
Another quality girl. She was balanced throughout. Feminine head of good proportions and soft expression. Clean arched neck, body deep and well ribbed, strong loin and quarters. Sound and stylish on the move.
3. Tompsett's Bushbane Celtic Heartbeat of Radbrooks

Graduate (4)

1. Taylor's Wansleydale Margarita
A very well constructed orange girl who was so balanced and sound. Her head was lean and well-proportioned with a She had a dark almond shaped eye. Her neck was arched and a good length. She had a long well laid shoulder with good spring of rib. Her back was short and her quarters firm. She covered the ground well and was well handled.
2. Neath's Albadora Dusty Pebble
A quality girl very streamlined. Her head was classy and very feminine. Her neck was clean and muscular set cleanly in well laid shoulders. She was good to handle with good front and rear angulation. Strong muscular body. Was free and sound on the move, she just needs a little more confidence.

Post Graduate (4,1)

1. Dennis, Harris and Morgan's Nattasett Sonata Arctica at Mariglen (Imp Fin)
A very elegant blue bitch who was totally streamlined. Her head was feminine and clean with a dark soft eye. She had good carriage and handled well; well ribbed and correct angulation front and rear. A little longer than 2 she had fluid ground covering movement, using her tail.
2. Mandysset Oh Boy at Decoverley.
A lovely dark tri bitch so balanced and sound. Her head was well shaped and feminine carried well on clean arched neck. Her shoulder was well laid back, her body deep and short and well ribbed with a muscular rear with good turn of stifle. She moved with a good stride but appeared a bit unsettled.
3. Mortimer's Phlerdor Heart of Gold

Mid-limit (8,1)

A very competitive class of bitches.

1. McKiernan's Bushbane Celtic Dream
A top quality girl who was totally balanced and a real extrovert show girl, showing herself to advantage with her ground covering movement and a lashing tail. Her head was

well-shaped and feminine with a dark expressive eye. She was good to handle with her firm well ribbed body and strong quarters – strong contender for top honours.

2. McCabe's Rachdale Elegance JW

One of my favourites. She is indeed elegant with her clean flowing lines. Her head is lean and well balanced and feminine. Her neck was clean and arched, good front and rear assembly and firm well ribbed body. She moved well but not as animated as usual – 1 scored on her ground covering movement on the day.

3. Schoneville and Derry's Balvenie Evita JW

Limit (8,2)

1. Lewis' Bournehouse Dreamy Days

This orange girl was so elegant and typy – as always from this kennel. I loved her ultra feminine head and expression. Her neck was long and lean set well into a long well laid shoulder. She had a good depth of brisket, well ribbed body, firm loin and rear. She moved well holding her shape. Well presented. RCC.

2. Lloyd's Crimbledale Seaing Stars

Another top class exhibit who could be taking top awards. She was very well proportioned with a feminine head carried well on arched neck. She had good front and rear angulation, a deep firm body, strong muscular loin and quarters. A total extrovert with her overall shape and ground covering movement.

3. Hartle's Hartsett All My Lovin'

Open Bitch

Two top flight exhibits headed this class

1. Taylor's Sh Ch Wansleydale Queen Bee

Outstanding blue bitch who commanded the ring. She was totally balanced, a real extrovert show girl who carried herself proudly with her ground covering movement. Her head was feminine and well-shaped, her long neck flowed in to her well laid shoulder. She handled well with her short back and muscular rear. She was well off for rear angulation. She moved with a ground covering stride, lashing her tail. CC and BOB.

2. Dennis and Roffey's Sh Ch Marglen Xanthe.

Another top flight girl who moved so well and was totally sound and balanced. Her head was lean and well-proportioned, carried well on a clean arched

neck. She was extremely good to handle with her deep well-ribbed body, deep brisket and good forechest. She was in immaculate coat and body condition. A close contender.

3. McCabe's Rachdale Sea Pearl.

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