

GUNDOG SOCIETY OF WALES CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Wednesday 13th October 2021

I was honoured to be given the chance to judge the breed again at one of my favourite shows. I was thrilled with my entry & I had deliberately not followed the breed since lockdown had ended, to enable me to come to the breed with a fresh eye. Thanks to the Society for this opportunity & particularly thanks to my steward for keeping me in order. Some appeared longer than the balance I wanted and some were shorter on the leg, again affected my thoughts on the proportions of the breed. Only a couple of mouths that were slightly incorrect, so heads looked good.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (2)

1st Siddle's Wilchrimane Seasalt, what a lovely puppy to start with. This 6 months o/w is so very together with a lovely head & expression, in profile he keeps a lovely head carriage, up & back is has excellent hind movement, good depth of chest for age, this quality boy is balanced & just right for age. BDP & BP, thrilled to hear he went on to BPIS;

2nd Preece & Gilding's Harvestslade Light Of Peace, typical raw baby of 6 months who now needs to slow down & grow steadily to finish what is a promising outline, still as to be expected at present a bit uncoordinated in movement but very promising for he is well made & has lovely bone & topline. Didn't like the cold but coped very well with a busy showground.

PUPPY DOG (3,1a)

1st Collins' Collholme Balthasar, masculine head with a kind eye & good proportions, nice neck into a good topline & well set & carried tail, movement still a bit loose but looked the part in profile, needs to finish to complete the picture;

2nd Astbury's Jilony Bobby Ball at Dorbury, good overall balance & again not clean in movement but still very young, good neck & shoulders, masculine head which needs to finish with a nice neck.

JUNIOR DOG (6)

1st Philo's Tenshilling It's My Party for Salmonmist, o/w who is only just out of puppy but he impressed by his lovely clean lines & masculine head & expression, excellent hindquarters & a good depth of chest, in profile covered the ground with ease but hopefully when he is not so excited his tail carriage will drop to complete the look. Moved steadily up & back on well boned legs & feet;

2nd Guy & Tuthill's Cumbrian Night King at Carofel, masculine head & expression with good neck & shoulders, well boned legs & feet, good width to hindquarters, lovely topline & tailset, this smaller b/w just needs to finish for he moved well with good profile movement;

3rd Oliver & Stilgoe's Teisgol Love Is In The Air.

YEARLING DOG (5)

1st Weaver's Dappleline Chance for Anniezu, o/w who needs to now drop into himself as he has a masculine head & expression with a good neck & shoulders, curvy lines which will improve as he relaxes & sets up to advantage, moved well to take this class;

2nd Oliver & Stilgoe's Teisgol Love Is In The Air, o/w who needs extension in movement to cover the ground with ease for he has good forequarters with well boned legs & feet, good depth of chest & a good topline & tailset, just in the smaller mould to 1 today;

3rd Matthews' Sonham Black Eyed Pea.

NOVICE DOG (3)

1st Martin's Sunhouse Banged To Rights, balanced masculine b/w dog who played his handler up on the move! Such a masculine head & expression with a good eye & well set ears, good neck & shoulders, lovely flowing lines on his topline to a well set & carried tail. Lovely hindquarters with a good depth of chest, When he wasn't being silly I could see glimpses of excellent movement & head carriage;

2nd Philo's Tenshilling It's My Party for Salmonmist;

3rd Booth's Lundgarth Finch.

POST GRADUATE DOG (12,3)

1st Wilcox's Pipeaway Dreams Afyre in Merynjen, such a free, easy mover, this o/w is a good size but not over large, he is balanced with a lovely neck & shoulders, well boned legs & feet, well set & carried tail, head is masculine with a good eye. Lovely type with potential;

2nd Booth's Lundgarth Teal, another o/w masculine dog who is also a free mover & gave 1 a run for his money, lovely head & expression, a nice type of Pointer of a good size, lots to like & particularly good in profile movement with lovely head carriage;

3rd Osman's Fleurfield Firethorn at Marissolo.

LIMIT DOG (9,2)

1st Blair's Twinhoe Vittorio, loved the balance & flowing lines of this o/w boy, lovely neck & head carriage as he covered the ground in profile with ease & assurance on well boned legs & feet, masculine head with a good eye & well set ears, good depth of chest & width of hindquarters, he is quality & really showed his socks off to take the top quality class & RCC;

2nd Layton's Joneva Born To Thrill, yet another quality o/w who on the day just looked slightly longer than 1 which just affected his overall balance, he of course moved so freely & well & showed good Pointer breed points including a masculine head which is balanced, good neck & excellent shoulders, well boned overall legs & good feet, lovely hindquarters, won his place in this excellent class on quality & type;

3rd Watkins' Ansona Aladdin.

OPEN DOG (6)

1st O'Neill's Sh Ch Chesterhope Thrill of Tchase, thrilled to finally have a chance to judge this quality dog in the breed after doing him so well in groups, I was not disappointed, what obviously appeals is his fantastic free movement & easy forward reach with not a sign of any hackney movement, this quality he is passing on to his children. This o/w has a masculine head which is balanced & carried correctly as he covers the ground with ease & purpose. Thank you for letting me see him in breed & although he is now older, he still sets the standard. CC & BOB;

2nd Martin's Sunhouse Chips Ahoy, o/w mature dog with graceful lines which are so easy on the eye, masculine head & expression, moved well keeping up with 1 with no problem, using his well boned legs & feet to drive round the ring with good head carriage, strong neck & lovely forequarters, today slightly off balance but still from the top drawer & handled & showed well to win his place here;

3rd Philo's Fydal Caprio at Salmonmist.

VETERAN DOG (4)

1st Watkins' Sh Ch Hurwyn Law N Order, b/w who you couldn't believe is nearly 10, as he behaves like a puppy! Masculine head & expression, correct neck & shoulders, good depth of chest, lovely curvy topline leading to a well set & carried tail, this balanced boy moved with ease & purpose, pleased to make him Best Veteran Dog & BV & pleased to hear he also took a veteran group placing;

2nd Timothy's Anniezu Magic Moments of Sousacroft, o/w lovely boy who is balanced & moved well, good depth of chest, nice bone & feet, no mistaking his sex & he is a good size too & put down to perfection;

3rd Pattie's Hurwyn Master Chef.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (1)

1st Preece & Gilding's Harvestslade Spirit Of Rose, alone but can hold her own in any company, this o/w is a pretty baby who moved just as a baby should, she is a lovely type with a feminine head & expression, balanced & just as a baby should be, I bet you will have fun with her when she grows up a bit as she has lots to like & has potential.

PUPPY BITCH (6,1)

1st Siddle & Medeiros' Wilchrimane Frankly Darlin, lovely o/w of an excellent type which this kennel seems to produce, so much going for her, she is balanced & moved so well with a feminine head & expression, lovely topline & tailset, excellent hindquarters with a good depth of chest, just right for age, so much going for her;

2nd Wilkinson's Stocksfell Shockwave, very pretty b/w girl with a feminine head & expression, balanced & again from the top drawer, this quality girl is well made all through with lovely flowing lines which she held on the move, looking the picture in profile, bet these two will have fun in the future;

3rd Hand's Wilchrimane Frinkle.

JUNIOR BITCH (6,2)

1st Martin & Watkins' Sunhouse Partners In Crime, b/w feminine bitch who is still a baby but has potential, at present is slightly longer caste & needs to tighten up to complete the picture. Feminine head & expression, good neck & shoulders, well boned legs & feet, used to good advantage when she covered the ground with ease in profile using her head & well set & carried tail;

2nd Webb's Tenshilling The Wanderer, o/w of a lovely type & balanced, who, when she settled, moved well, feminine head & expression, nice type & showed well set up showing her curvy lines & good hindquarters & lovely depth of chest;

3rd Klaiber's Hawkfield Scandalous.

YEARLING BITCH (5)

1st Evans & Pavey's Joneva Just Because, o/w youngster who is balanced & her quality shines through, such a feminine head & expression with an excellent neck & shoulders, legs & feet, outmoved all here with her smooth forehead, excellent head carriage & holding her strong topline & well set & carried tail, from well bred parents & it shows in her demeanour, one who I am sure we will hear of in the future;

2nd Wilkinson's Stocksfell Stella, b/w meature bitch with lovely hindquarters & well set tail, good depth of chest, good neck & shoulders, feminine head & expression, moved well in profile, very feminine in outlook;

3rd Webb's Tenshilling The Wanderer

NOVICE BITCH (7,2)

1st Fleetwood' Sonham The Impossible Dream, b/w mature bitch who moved ok, she is balanced & showed well in this class, well set tail, good flowing lines, feminine head & expression, enough neck, well boned legs & feet;

2nd Wilkinson's Stocksfell Stella;

3rd Brooksmith's Nightgold Pipkin.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (11)

1st Blair's Twinhoe Crystal Vita, b/w who caught my eye on the first move round in this excellent class which was full of quality & breed type. She moves so soundly with no effort using her well muscled hindquarters to carry her through & her effortless front extension gave a lovely side gait, feminine head & expression, she is balanced with a good curvy topline & well set tail carried well, lovely width to her hindquarters & good depth of chest.

2nd Matthews' Sonham Chasing Rainbows, b/w of quality who moved so well, lovely type with a feminine head & expression, good neck & shoulders, lovely hindquarters & moved well. Well placed in a good class;

3rd Clinton's Hawkfield Merry with Oramiss.

LIMIT BITCH (7,1)

1st Siddle's Wilchrimane Charisma, sometimes you get a dog come into the ring that gives you goosebumps & here she was! This balanced o/w was from the top drawer, such a lovely type, so full of quality, such a feminine head & expression with the right amount of dish for type, good depth of chest, oval bone & good feet, excellent well muscled hindquarters, flowing lines leading to a well set & carried tail but when she moved it was effortless with excellent head carriage in profile, put down in excellent coat & condition.. CC;

2nd Wilkinson's Stocksfell Seldom Seen, another o/w sired by the BOB & shows some excellent qualities including moving like a dream with drive & purpose yet with ease & lovely footfall, well boned legs & feet, good hindquarters, feminine head & expression, again in excellent coat & condition, showed well to win her place;

3rd Hinton's Fleurfield Morning Glory.

OPEN BITCH (4,1)

1st Preece & Gilding's Harvestslade Lesedi La Rona, o/w with a good neck & shoulders, nice topline & tailset, excellent hindquarters, lovely type who moved well to take this class with ease;

2nd Hewitt's Droveborough's Miss Marple, preferred 1's hindquarters but on saying this, she moved well & covered the ground on well boned legs & feet, enough depth of chest, flowing lines, feminine head & expression, good strong neck & well laid shoulders;

3rd Clinton's Hawkfield Merry with Oramiss.

VETERAN BITCH (4)

1st Isherwood's Pipeaway Satin Fire with Symitry, o/w with a lovely neck & shoulders, at 11 & a half, she belies her age, loved her type & balanced & moved so well, still in excellent coat & condition & was thoroughly enjoying her day, thank you for bringing her. BVB;

2nd Lowe's Lowsmoor Shiralee, lovely feminine bitch of quality, who is balanced & well made, moved well on good legs & feet, good depth & width of chest, lovely hindquarters, another enjoying her day;

3rd Brooksmith's Nightgold Blackavar.

PAM BLAY - judge