

DARLINGTON CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

14th September 2025

Thank you to the committee for inviting me to judge at my first Championship show. I had a quality entry of pointers and had some hard decisions to make. We didn't have the best of rings, but I thank everyone for making the most of it. I did notice on the whole that Pointers appear more balanced and not as over angulated as I have seen in previous years which is good. I did see some very high tail carriages which for me really spoils a pointer's outline on the move.

VETERAN DOG (Ent 2, Abs 0)

Two quality o/w males in this class, a shame they were up against each other.

1st Philo, Ms R, Fyda Caprio at Salmonmist JW ShCM OSW ShCEX VQ. A very handsome and upstanding boy who really showed himself off today. Shown in good condition, he can still drive around the ring. Shapely and balanced throughout, with a neat tail which he used on the move. Bv.

2nd Critchley, Mrs B & London, Mrs Susan & Ms M Heaton's Shadybrook J Hoover at Whipsan (Imp USA). Another very handsome boy with the kindest of expressions. Lots of work in his head with a well chiselled stop. He moved well, maintaining a super topline. Just not as settled as 1 today.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (4 Ent, Abs: 0)

1st Rayner, Ms L & Spinks, Ms P & Pringle's Collholme Mr Brown with Spinray. A lovely puppy, I really liked his type. Pleasing head and kind eye. Well boned and strong throughout with lots of muscle. On the move he had fabulous reach, covering the ground with ease and lashing his level tail.

2nd Angus, Mrs L & O'Neill, Mrs C J, Tenshilling Catch The Wind. Another puppy who took my eye in this class, Well proportioned in head, with lots of work. Pleasing in expression. Very shapely and flowing lines. Good forechest and spring of rib. He moved very soundly around the ring.

PUPPY DOG (4 Ent, Abs: 0)

1st Siddle, Mrs A & Siddle, Miss A & Mazzeo, Wilchrimane Cereal Killer. What an eye-catching dog this is on the move, he commands your attention. Beautiful head with lots of work and well defined stop. A very bright and alert look in those eyes. Clean, elegant lines throughout, well toned and muscular. One to watch BPD.

2nd Booth, Mrs S & Oddie, Mrs S, Lundgarth Fly The Flag JW10 JW. Lots to like about this young male. Pleasing head, dished and well worked, loved his dark pigment. He is shapely and flowing with a good fore chest and well placed front. Very sound and true on the move.

JUNIOR DOG (6 Ent, Abs: 1). I really split hairs between these two boys today, Both of lovely type and will almost certainly swap places regularly.

1st Saunders, Miss M & Newton, Mr R, Teisgol Calendula. Very handsome O/W Well proportioned in head, kind in eye and dark in pigment. Soft, wide nostrils and neat ears. He is in tip top condition with good coat and well toned muscles. Very sound on the move with the better tail action.

2nd Stilgoe, Mr & Mrs P & D & FOX, Mrs L, Teisgol Sweet William JW. I echo very much what I have said for 1. He stands over his ground well, he is very balanced. Well sprung in rib and good expanse of thigh. Muscular throughout like his brother. Moved out well would just like to see him using his tail.

POST GRADUATE DOG (13 Ent, Abs: 3)

1st Bush, Mrs C & Bush, Mr K, Piasharn Rocka Rolla. What a fantastic dog this is to watch on the move, he holds his head high, lashes his tail and maintains a fabulous topline throughout. He has the most beautiful head, balanced and dished. Hands on he is very well muscled and toned, definitely fit for purpose. Correct short, hard coat. Considered for higher honours but didn't have the maturity of my CC and RCC winners.

2nd Black, Mr V & Black, Mrs S, Raigmore Defender Of Faith. I have judged this dog when he was younger, and he has matured beautifully. Unlucky to meet 1 today. Lots to like in his head which is balanced and well proportioned. He has a very kind eye and expression. Balanced and correct in his body, well let down in brisket and a lot of heart room. Shown in superb condition and well handled. He moved soundly and with drive.

LIMIT DOG (8 Ent, Abs: 1)

1st Sillince, Miss K, Davigdor Flanders Field. This boy has lots of appeal and certainly deserved this class today. Shown in beautiful condition it was hard to look past him. His head is of good proportions, well chiselled in stop, melting in expression and the darkest of pigment. Good front and forechest. Balanced and Flowing lines throughout. Muscular in his hindquarters with enough expanse of thigh. A very happy and sound dog on the move, who used his tail.

2nd Walkling-Roberts, Mr R & Siddle, Mrs A & Siddle, Wilchrimane Kinsphere with Kiswahili. I have always admired this dog; he is a dog I would happily take home and look at every day. He has such a classic and balanced head, Well defined but not overdone. Another with superb pigment. He was certainly the most muscular dog there today; you do not need hands on to know this dog is well toned and fit for purpose. Side profile he looked the picture on the move, with good carriage and drive and a well used level tail. He was just standing wide at front today and not as settled as 1.

OPEN DOG (6 Ent, Abs 0)

1st Sweeney, Mrs G & Sweeney, Mr N, Ger Ch Lundgarth Wild Yarrow. Well, this dog was everything I was looking for and today he was on top form. A very handsome and upstanding male who is pleasing in head and type. He is such a balanced dog who flows from top to tail, lots of curves and elegance, whilst retaining his masculinity. Hands on he is muscular and toned, with a good hard coat. On the move he had the carriage and drive a pointer should have, striding out with purpose. He would be a worthy Champion in my eyes, good luck with him. CC.

2nd Adams, Mrs L, Sh Ch Carofel Wings Of Hope JW Ww23 Swiss Jr Ch. Unlucky to meet 1 today, this dog is one that has taken my eye on numerous occasions. He too is very pleasing in head, good length of neck, leading into well placed shoulders. His body is strong and muscular throughout. Well angulated rear with good expanse of muscular first and second thigh. He is handled and presented superbly. On the move he is really sound and covers the ground with ease. RCC

VETERAN BITCH (6 Ent, Abs 1)

1st Rayner, Ms L & Spinks, Ms P & Pringle, Gartarry High Society at Spinray JW. A real favourite of mine and I echo everything I have said about her in previous critiques. You would never know this girl was a veteran other than a few hints of silver shining through. She was presented in fabulous condition, well muscled and toned, a credit to her owners. She moved very soundly, using her tail.

2nd Oliver, Mrs J & Oliver, Miss M & Oliver, Olivesong Kiss Chase. Very pretty and feminine girl who also belied her age in looks and condition. Muscular in neck, good front and sloping pasterns. She is of good size and shape, short coupled and balanced. Pleasing rear angulation and muscle. She moved out happily and soundly.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (3 Ent, Abs 2)

1st Bush, Mrs C & Bush, Mr K, Piasharn Anne Bonny. Very nice puppy, who has the sweetest head and expression. Very feminine throughout. Side profile she has good angles and flowing lines. Just a baby as she should be at this age. She certainly gives her all on the move which was purposeful and sound.

PUPPY BITCH (4 Ent, Abs 0)

1st Siddle, Mrs A & Siddle, Miss A, Wilchrimane Hex Appeal. Well, she certainly appealed to me today, I loved her and would happily take her home. Developing just right for her age, from her mega pretty head to her lashing tail, she flows, oozing type and elegance. Such a happy puppy on the move, she made me smile. Good luck with her. BP.

2nd Booth, Mrs S, Lundgarth Ticket To Fly. Another lovely puppy of good size and very feminine in her make up. Pretty head with lots of work. Her body is shapely and balanced with good angles fore and aft. She moved very soundly and true.

JUNIOR BITCH (5 Ent, Abs 0)

1st Wilkinson, Mrs B, Ferndel Sapphire Mist over Stocksfell. This girl can certainly move; she has fantastic front reach and covered the ground with ease. She has a beautiful head, with kind eye and expression. She is a strongly put together girl, with good forechest, well laid back shoulders and correct bone. Short coupled and balanced. Nice short tail which she used on the move. I am sure she has a bright future.

2nd Fox, Mrs L & Stilgoe, Mr P & Stilgoe, Mrs D, Teisgol Rose Champion JW. Very pretty o/w who really appealed to me in type and head. She has clean lines, well sprung ribs and muscular arched loins. Her well fitting, short coat shows off her toned and developed muscle, which was very evident on her hindquarters. She moved soundly with style around the ring, using her tail.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (11 Ent, Abs 0)

1st Earl & Wheldon, Miss F & Jones, Mr B, Flinthill Some Like It Hot at Caithpoint. This girl was on top form today and gave the CC winner hot competition. She is a beautifully balanced girl throughout. Well angulated without being overdone. Typey, well balanced head, with pleasing eye. She has such clean lines and is strong and muscular hands on. On the move she really meant business today, moving with eye catching style and purpose. RCC.

2nd Gerrard, Mrs M & Bell, Mrs C & Galloway, Riowood C'mon It's Time for Carmandine JW. So unlucky to be up against 1 today. I would certainly have liked another red rosette for this pretty and feminine girl. Her head has lots of work, well dished and kind in expression. She is very shapely and well angulated. She is shown in fantastic condition with a well-fitting correct coat. On the move she was very sound, maintaining a good topline and lashing that very neat tail.

LIMIT BITCH (16 Ent, Abs 0) What a class this was, I am sorry I couldn't award more red rosettes. I was absolutely honoured to judge such beautiful Pointers. There were 1 or 2 who lost out on higher places as they were carrying too much weight today.

1st Norbury, Ganney, & Upton, Heartbury Belacqua. I was thrilled to get my hands on this girl and she didn't disappoint. Such an honest sort who ticks all the boxes without being overdone in any way. I loved her rich liver colouring. Her head is very pleasing in type and balance, she has a long and muscular neck, leading into well placed shoulders. She has well angulated hind quarters with superbly developed muscle, which is in hard, toned condition. On the move she maintains a good topline and moves very soundly with style and presence.

2nd Stilgoe, Stilgoe & Fox, Teisgol Snow Queen JW. Another beauty from this kennel whose type really appealed to me. Very pretty o/w with a pleasing head. She has a kind and soft expression. She is shapely with clean and flowing lines. Hands on she is strong and muscular. She has a well developed muscular thigh and good rear angulation. She moved out soundly with style, using her tail.

OPEN BITCH (7 Ent, Abs 1)

1st Siddle, Siddle, & Medeiros, Sh Ch Wilchrimane Frankly Darlin. Absolutely loved this girl, she really is all Pointer. Stylish and curvaceous from head to tail. Her head is classic in type and very pleasing to the eye. She has such balanced, clean lines that flow. When she moves, she has such class and style, moving with ease and drive. Handled and shown to perfection. CC and BOB.

2nd Webb, Mrs J, Sh Ch Tenshilling The Wanderer. This girl has the most beautiful head, with lots of work. Her eyes are kind, and her expression is melting. I love her type and stamp. She is another who is stylish and curvaceous. Her body is balanced and well angulated. On the move she has good carriage and drive and moves very soundly using her tail.

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