

MANCHESTER CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

Friday 16 January 2026

My sincere thanks to the Society for the invitation and to my two stewards Nicki & Ann who kept the ring flowing. I was truly humbled by the fabulous entry on a breed that is very close to my heart, thank you to the exhibitors. Since I last judged Pointers at this level it would appear that there is a tendency for steep croups which spoils the gentle sloping topline which is desired for this breed. On a positive note, I found many quality exhibits across the colours, some that just gave me goose bumps!

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (Ent 3)

1st Clinton, Sonham. Just Over The Moon at Oramiss JW (ai). B/W with masculine, well balanced head. He has a well made front and correct in body. He is still filling his frame, needs to tighten all over and focus on the job in hand but I could see his sound movement when settled.

2nd Trueman, Millpoint. Bamburgh Boy. O/W boy with masculine head and correct in body, he moved sound, just preferred the reach and drive of 1.

3rd Cooper & Pearson. Keepersfield Hope And Glory.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (Ent 6)

1st Bardossy. Shadybrook Saregresi Laced White Knight. Loved this promising young O/W lad for his size, make and shape, his appealing head is so balanced. He has a well constructed front assembly with lots of depth for his age, well ribbed back to short loin. He has strong, well angulated hind quarters, moving sound with good reach and drive.

2nd O'Neill. Chesterhope Agent. Orange. Another beautifully made youngster with many similar attributes, not so accurate in footfall as 1 today.

3rd Oliver, Oliver, & Oliver. Wilchrimane Florin to Olivesong.

PUPPY DOG (Ent 6)

1st Martin & Martin. Sunhouse Quintessential. B/W with the most appealing head of good proportions, he flowed on handling. He has a strong front with great depth for a youngster, found him striking on the stack and didn't disappoint on the move. BPD

2nd Oliver, Oliver & Oliver. Wilchrimane Florin to Olivesong. 3rd in previous class, appeared to get his act together in this class. A raw pup that needs time, he is of good type with everything in the right place. He has time on his side.

3rd Harrison. Millpoint Mr Loverman.

JUNIOR DOG (Ent 7)

1st Matthews. Sonham Just The Ticket (ai). An up to size L/W with good breed type and balance, still filing his frame. He has a masculine head and is well made in front with lots of depth. He moves sound with a long stride covering the ground with ease. A bit of a handful for his handler but held it together.

2nd Siddle, Siddle & Mazzeo. Wilchrimane Cereal Killer. B & W, a size smaller and of good balance, he is well made throughout but not so good coming as 1.

3rd Scotland. Daledancer Victor Mcdade.

YEARLING DOG (Ent 7, Abs 2)

1st Stilgoe, & Fox. Teisgol Sweet William JW Jun Ch. Loved this O/W for make, shape and size, super head and strong in front, well ribbed back to short loin and well muscled hind quarters. Moved sound.

2nd Matthews. Sonham Just The Ticket (ai) - Repeat.

3rd Millett. Laveto Remember When.

POST GRADUATE DOG (Ent 10, Abs 2)

1st Millet. Riowood Orange Twist. O/W with a fabulous head with that look of aristocracy! I found him so good to handle with everything in the right place and flowed from nose to tail. He has plenty of depth and substance, moved sound with striking side gait. My res cc in strong competition.

2nd Matthews. Sonham Just The Ticket (ai) – Repeat.

3rd Black & Black. Raigmore Defender Of Faith.

MID LIMIT DOG (Ent 8, Abs 1)

1st Trueman. Bradleypoint Floki. B/W, very much my type of Pointer, unexaggerated with breed type and balance in abundance that I look for. He has a most appealing head, plenty of depth through to short loin and strong, well muscled quarters. He moves sound with reach and drive.

2nd Sweeney, & Sweeney. Joneva Just Imagine JW. Up to size O/W with lots to like, balanced head, strong front and correct in body. Moved sound.

3rd Watkins. Lakewinds Benchmark (Imp AUS).

LIMIT DOG (Ent 4, Abs 1)

1st Philo. Sunhouse Black Is Back at Salmonmist JW (ai). A blanket B/W that stands four-square on good legs and tight feet. He has the most appealing head and eye, has a strong well made front with plenty of depth, well ribbed back to short loin. He has strong quarters with good width over the rear, stylish mover with reach and drive and impressive side gait.

2nd Guy & Tuthill. Cumbrian Night King at Carofel (Imp USA). Another blanket B/W, a size smaller, he has many attributes of I but couldn't match him for style today.

3rd Ram. Jilony Brown Velvet.

OPEN DOG (Ent 12) What a cracking class, spoilt for choice!

1st Oddie. Sh Ch Sharnphilly Boondoggle JW. B/W that excels in layback of shoulder and front assembly, spot on for body condition and muscle tone. He has a super head of correct proportions and intelligence in expression. He has maturity of body with depth in abundance, well ribbed back to strong short loin. On the move he comes alive with typical Pointer movement, sound as a pound on the up and back and like a well oiled machine in side gait showing power and efficiency. I was delighted to award him the CC & BOB and to learn that this win gave him the breed record. Watched him put in a stellar performance in the group to take G2. Congratulations!

2nd Oliver & Stilgoe. Sh Ch Teisgol Love Is In The Air ShCEx. What a difference 3 years makes! One that I judged as a youngster, now the mature finished article and one that needs to be handled to be appreciated, a mature O/W that was in top form here. There is a lot to like about him with appealing head and kind expression, strong in front with lots of depth and substance. Sound on the move.

3rd Adams. Sh Ch Carofel Wings Of Hope JW Ww23 Swiss Jr Ch.

VETERAN DOG (Ent 2)

1st Henshaw & Goodchild. Ir Ch Ch & Sharnphilly Vice Versa with Peteshe Sgwc. B/W litter brother to my cc winner. He is of good breed type and has lots of good points. However, I was disappointed with his body condition and could certainly carry more weight to advantage.

2nd Lowe. Lowsmoor Crazy For You JW. O/W with lots to like, he is well made throughout and moves sound. Carrying a little excess weight today.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (Ent 9, Abs 5) Two very nice girls here, splitting hairs.

1st Barham. Droveborough Witchy Woman JW. L/W girl with a classy head, she has super depth to her well made front assembly. She moved out sound with a striking side gait.

2nd Klaiber. Hawkfield Scandalous. An O/W with a pretty head & well ribbed body who pushed I all the way. She moved sound on good legs and neat feet.

3rd Cooper & Pearson, Keepersfield Celest.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (Ent 8)

1st Blake. Wilchrimane Flomotion TAF. This very pretty O/W girl is full of promise, filled my eye for her breed type and balance. she has a feminine head with good pigmentation. I found her delightful to handle and she flowed. On the move she is sound and well coordinated for one so young.

2nd Welch & Hazeltine. Corotine Noir Blossom with Hookwood. A quality B/W with a lot to like, another with beautiful breed type and balance. She handles well, just needs to tighten in front a little.

3rd Siddle & Siddle. Wilchrimane Florentine.

PUPPY BITCH (Ent 8, Abs 1)

1st Gordon. Hawkfield Bewitched. This O/W caught my eye as soon as she entered the ring and I was not disappointed on closer inspection. She has a beautiful head and eye, reachy neck into a sound front with good depth. She has correct body to strong quarters, she moved sound with style. Just need to gain more confidence. BPB & BPIB

2nd Martin & Martin. Sunhouse Quintessence. An appealing B/W with a very pretty head and eye, she is correct in make and shape with good body. She moved clean but not quite the flow of 1.

3rd Harrison. Millpoint Silver Wings.

JUNIOR BITCH (Ent 10, Abs 1)

1st Hinton, Luke, Leman, Hilary Fleurfield Betty Barclay. This B/W girl filled my eye for her non exaggerated make and shape, very much the type I like. She is a nice size and flows on handling, she has plenty of depth, correct in body and strong well muscled hind quarters. Moved sound and steady with striking side gait.

2nd Matthews. Sonham Just A Pretty Belle (ai) JW. A quality L/W with good substance, she is a little stronger in head than I. She is well made and flows on handling, is balanced in profile, correct in body and spot on for condition with well muscled quarters. Moved sound.

3rd Parkin & Parkin. Fleurfield Henrietta Hayes at Ellapoint.

YEARLING BITCH (Ent 7, Abs 2)

1st Wilkinson. Ferndel Sapphire Mist over Stocksfell. A B/W with a pretty head of good proportions, she is very strong in front construction with plenty of depth, well sprung in ribs extending well back. She is well balanced on lovely legs and feet. Moved sound with purpose. RCC

2nd Matthews. Sonham Just Good Friends (ai) JW. This L/W is of good breed type, not so feminine as I and needs time to mature on. Moved sound with reach and drive.

3rd Gerrard, Bell & Galloway. Riowood C'mon It's Time for Carmandine JW.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (Ent 9, Abs 1)

1st Stilgoe & Fox. Teisgol Alohomora. This O/W impressed me immediately on the stack for make shape and size and didn't disappoint on handling. She has a feminine head, kind eye, strong front assembly with good depth and well ribbed in body. She comes alive on the move, sound.

2nd Klaiber. Hawkfield Scandalous – repeat.

3rd Dunn. Meadowpoint Hocus Pocus JW.

MID LIMIT BITCH (Ent 9, Abs 3) Two super B/W's.

1st Earl, Wheldon & Jones. Flinthill Some Like It Hot at Caithpoint This girl has a pretty, shapely head and scores in front over 2. She has correct body with plenty of depth, well ribbed back to short loin. Her quarters are strong and well muscled, neat feet, moves sound with reach and drive.

2nd Parkin. Keepersfield Simone. Another one with super head and expression and shares many attributes with the winner. She was on top form with correct body and thick well muscled thighs, stands on neat feet. She moves sound, pushed I all the way.

3rd Nelis. Freebreeze Special Effects JW.

LIMIT BITCH (Ent 11, Abs 2) A quality class which took a little sorting.

1st Dunn. Caithpoint Kora at Meadowpoint ShCEx. This B/W has the most appealing head and eye, she is so well balanced and keeps her shape on the move. She is spot on for body weight and condition, loved her width over the rear. She moves sound.

2nd Guy. Carofel If I Had Wings JW. A pretty O/W girl that shares many attributes as I and pushed her all the way. Moves sound with style.

3rd Martin & Martin. Sunhouse Partners In Crime.

OPEN BITCH (Ent 5, Abs 1) A class of beautiful examples of this breed.

1st Siddle, Siddle & Medeiros. Sh Ch Wilchrimane Frankly Darlin. This mature O/W is a joy to handle, your hands just flow seamlessly from one area to the next. She is clearly from the top drawer with a classic head, strong elegant neck into textbook front assembly with depth in abundance. She is in fabulous condition and a lesson in how a Pointer should move with power and elegance in unison with her handler. CC & BOS

2nd Hinton, Luke, & Leman. Sh Ch Fleurfield Black Caviar. This unexaggerated B/W so deserving of her title, she has a very pretty head and well made in front. She has good depth, correct in body and strong well muscled quarters, moves sound.

3rd Gerrard, Bell & Galloway. Sh Ch Chesterhope C'mon Over To Carmandine (Imp NZL).

VETERAN BITCH (Ent 3, Abs 1)

1st Oliver, Oliver & Oliver. Olivesong Kiss Chase. A B/W girl that appealed for size, she has a pretty head and eye, has a good front with plenty of depth. She is correct in body with strong well muscled hind quarters. She moves sound and steady. BVB & BVIB

2nd Tibbs & Tibbs. Raigmore Worth The Wait. A very nice O/W that has good breed type and balance, she has a feminine head and good depth throughout. She moves sound but not quite the reach and drive of 1.

MICHAEL MASTERS - judge