

THE BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW – 20th March, 2011.

Many thanks to the Members for voting for me to Judge at this Show. Grateful thanks to the hard working Committee and most efficient Stewards, who calmly and without ado had my exhibits ready for me at each juncture – thank you.

Having judged Border Collies now for well over 35 years I was appalled at ‘presentation’ – my hands were filthy after every class, some dogs looked nice, lots of preparation on the coat to make it shine; but on examination their coats were dirty and unkempt. It doesn’t take much to give a dog a good brush every day to keep the undercoat clean and fresh! Some mouths were, can I say ‘interesting’, either too few or too many teeth and some were really dirty and had bad breath, even in a few younger dogs. Where have all those ‘big’ feet come from? ‘Fit for Function, Fit for Purpose’ – some exhibits were so fat, I think they may have found it hard to wobble from the car to the ring!

However, ‘cream always comes to the top’ and my placed dogs (and some unplaced too) were lovely examples of the Breed and I was happy with my decisions.

Minor Puppy Dog

1. Turner & Alexander’s - **Lochiel by Demand** – Great head on this baby with good ear carriage, eye set and colour. Good reach of neck, well set into good shoulder placement. Angulation was good in all respects therefore achieving brilliant movement both going and coming. Nice coat, of good substance and presented well
2. Young’s **Altricia Masterpiece at Collshep** – Another good puppy. Masculine head, good shape eye and colour. His body shape was good and his overall picture was a pleasure. Good movement. Good coat, well presented and handled.
3. Norman’s – **Cookvale Cruz Control.**

Puppy Dog

1. Walton’s **Dorvale Dance Master** – Liked him a lot. Absolutely lovely temperament and disposition, together with great looks. Nice male head, good stop, ear set and eye colour. Good strong neck fitting into a good lay of shoulder. Good length to back to well angled hindquarters, showed when he moved as there was power but grace and he moved with ease.
2. Moss’s – **Dorvale Rock and Roll** – Litter brother to above. Liked him too and same comments apply – just nit picking for the placing today – could change each time they meet each other. Again, wonderful temperament and attitude to life.
3. Gillespie’s – **Detania Murphy’s Mactrilogy.**

Junior Dog

1. Beaumont's – **Borderbeau Snow Business JW** – What a lovely dog to get my hands on – under that coat is the most fit and athletic dog. Handsome head, good stop, good ear carriage and colour of eye. Good strong neck, running through to a good lay of shoulder. Nice deep chest with plenty of heartroom – fit strong body and well angled rear end. Moved off with ease and covered his ground well. Very well presented and handled.
2. Fisher's – **Lochiel George Clooney** – Another fit and workmanlike dog. Lovely head, ear set and eye. Strong muscular body. Moved very well both coming and going.
3. Barratts's – **Pendleways Rhythm N Blues.**

Yearling Dog

1. Lock's **Tonkory Viceroy JW** – Presented a nice outline – dark athletic dog with a masculine head, correct ear carriage and shape to eye with colour to compliment coat. Strong arched neck which fitted well into his shoulder, muscular loin and well angled rear end. Good length to hock which helped propel his ease of movement. Very well presented and handled and I feel this handler will have fun with his dog.
2. Paton's – **Willianways Double Scotch** – another well turned out dog of athletic build, who powered his way around to show off good muscletone. Good strong masculine head, good ear and eye.
3. Forster-Cooper's – **Sheltysham Sparklin Soda.**

Maiden Dog

1. Leibscher's – **Troumerle Lad's Silver Speck.** This dog had presence, was well presented and well handled. Lovely male head, great ears and eyes to compliment his coat colour. A well made dog with great angulation.
2. Turner & Alexander's – **Lochiel Sudden Impact** – Another with presence – also had great angles to his body. Strong male head. Good feet – tail held well on the move and movement was good both coming and going.
3. Gillespie's – **Detania Murphy's Mactrilogy.**

Novice Dog

1. Thompson's – **Indalees Summerski** – I like this dog – he is not overdone – he is very well made – he is all male, his head is good, his neck is strong and well arched and fits nicely into his good lay of shoulder, his body is toned and muscular and his rear end is strong. He presented, alert and happy and a true working dog.

2. Rickword's **Blackgold Back to the Future** – another well toned and happy dog, Good head, prick ear – great shape to body – moving very well, Good feet.
3. Gillespie's – **Detania Murphy's Mactrilogy**.

Graduate Dog

1. Davis's – **Kinaway I am Sir Matt for Jacamalis** – A good strong masculine dog. Nice head, good stop, eye shape and colour. Good strong well arched neck fitting into a well laid shoulder, plenty of heartroom, good strong loin, well angled at rear with good 'push off' showing good movement. Very well presented and handled.
2. Brown's- **Tonkory Takeover Borderbeck JW** – Another strong male of true type. Liked his head, expression and presence. Moved well.
3. Collin's – **Mirage Top Spec JW**.

Post Graduate Dog

1. Gregory's – **Tonkory Up and Coming** – appropriately named, cos he won't be missed. Lovely dark dog with good proportions to each part of him. Excellent male head, good expression, nice eye. Lovely strong neck, well laid shoulder, good strong back and well angled rear. Coat of good texture. Moved extremely well – well presented and handled.
2. Davis's – **Kinaway I am Sir Matt for Jacamalis**.
3. Gillespie's – **Detania Glencastle Oskar**

Mid Limit Dog.

1. Atkin's **Aculsia Starquest with Kedostel** – What a lovely dog – had spirit, aware of all around him and oozed with workability. Good male head, eye shape and colour. Strong arched neck, fitting well to his athletic body, plenty of muscle and substance. Lovely coat, good texture to it and not over done. Rear end well made, strong and able to propel off on a good movement. Extremely well presented and handled. **Reserve CC**
2. Amos & Taylor's – **Minkynips So What for Cories** – what a lovely dog he has grown into. Stood over his ground well and presented in great condition. Lovely male head. Strong neck, good shoulder, body and rear end. Loved his 'sheepdog' look and the responsiveness to his handler.
3. Turner & Alexander's – **Lochiel Its Showtime**.

Limit Dog

1. Wilkinson's – **Altricia My Spot On** - and he was Spot On – just said 'me,me,me' Great male with presence, has a lovely strong head with good stop, eye shape and colour and good ear set. His neck was strong and fitted so nicely into his shoulder – good deep chest with plenty of heart room. Strong back through to loin, well turned stifle and strong hock. Good feet. Good texture to coat. Tail carried well on the move. When asked to move he just powered around to show off good stride. Extremely well handled and presented. **DCC**
2. Tunicliff's – **Littlethorn Scirocco**. Lovely dark dog with a good attitude to life. Good head, eye and ear carriage. Excellent body proportions and great movement both coming and going. Very well presented and handled.
3. Forster-Cooper's – **Sheltysham Spring Splendour**.

Open Dog

1. Hales's – **Sh. Ch. Wizaland Cool Nifty Fifty JW** – Another cracking male dog – stood over his ground and called out for me to take notice of him. Excellent male head, good stop, eye colour and shape. Strong neck, well laid shoulder, deep chest, plenty of heartroom, strong back. Has great musculature which showed on his extremely powerful movement, handled extremely well. Well presented. Lovely coat – good feet.
2. Wiltshire & Carter's – **Sh.Ch. Caleykiz Mystical Dragon JW** – have a little soft sport for this dog. He is a true male, not overdone, not fussy – strong, athletic and well toned. Good dark head, strong neck, well laid should, deep chest, good back and strong loin. Moved with ease and drive. Well presented and handled.
3. Wilkinson's – **Sh.Ch./Ir.Ch. Altricia Lover Boy**.

Special Open (Working) Dog

1. Thompson's – **Indalees Summerskai**
2. Rickword's – **Blackgold Back to the Future**.
3. Mockford's – **Snowmere Tarn JW AW**

Special Open (Colour) Dog

1. Amos & Taylor's – **Minkynips So What for Coires** – Red Merle.
2. MacDonald's – **Lochiel Once in a Blue Moon** – Lovely Blue/White Dog of athletic build, good male presence and true movement.
3. Cook's – **Cookvale Code Red**.

Veteran Dog

1. Uylatt's - **Resleap First Nowell at Cornhaze** – Well look at you, coming back to see me in the Veteran Class and looking as good as you did when you were younger. So Masculine, lovely head, eye colour to compliment his coat colour, good ear set. Great overall body shape and he moved like magic around the ring. Nice to see him enjoying himself.
2. **Sh. Ch. Anscot Cameron** – What a cracking head on this dog. Lovely Temperament. Had presence in the ring and moved extremely well.
3. **Young's** – Stillmoor Simply Special At Collshep ShCM.

Judge – Kathleen Frawley.