

Border Collie Club of Great Britain
45th Championship Show held 5th September 2021

I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge Dogs and thank you for my lovely present in a treasured bag. Very well run show, no easy task working around Covid restrictions; great atmosphere, very friendly courteous, enhanced by a guest visitor. Sunshine and large rings; big thank you to my two efficient stewards, spending their wedding anniversary looking after me and my ring.

I expected lock down to affect young dogs but it had made some older ones less confident, and some sensitive, seen on the move when handler changed pace or put pressure on the lead. Impressed in the majority to find dogs fit with muscle tone. Heads had improved with few having too deeper stops and heavy jowls. Shoulders and upper arms still need a lot of work, no point having drive without reach.

Minor PUPPY Dog 5

1st Laceway DON'T STOP ME NOW Miss H Fawcett 8month big boy but well balanced and lovely head and expression, good eye and tight lips and stop not over done . Good shoulders that gave him a long reach of neck. Tad long in loin, still has a lot of maturing to do love to see him when chest has dropped and ribs sprung then this won't show. Nice turn of stifle and good length of tail; rear movement still needs to strengthen thanks I expect to Covid.

2nd ALTRICIA LUCKY STRIKE Miss T Wilkinson Blue Merle with lots to like, nice head and expression nothing overdone. Head needs to flatten more which it soon will, good reach of neck as one would expect from well constructed shoulders and upper arm leading to a level topline. Good turn of stifle Again thanks to Covid, rear movement could be stronger.

3rd TIDSPRING TONIGHT I AM HERE AT TONORY Mrs J Gregory Slightly smaller of the three and well balanced (I hope he grows on). Best eye placement due to least exaggerated stop. Good conformation, movement just needs to tighten fore and aft.

PUPPY Dog 6 (1)

1st TIDSPRING TONIGHT I AM HERE AT TONKORY Mrs J Gregory more settled the perfect small package

2nd LUCKY FOR YOU WESLEY Miss A Domotori Chocolate and white With stronger head and deep stop. Had a tendency to stand wide in front. Level back, nice turn of stifle. Movement needs to settle.

3rd CHASTANSE DON JUAN Mrs D Richards Not the expression or the balance of one and two; body needs to mature to match head and would prefer slightly tighter feet, which will improve as country opens up.

JUNIOR Dog 9 (3)

1st PENDLEWAY TIME LORD Mrs J Barratt Appropriately named, as written old fashioned beside his number. Well sized moderate young man. Lovely head with gentle stop, well placed dark eye, good cheeks, tight lips, nice length of neck in good well placed shoulders and decent upper arm; level topline, little longer in loin barely noticeable as good turn of stifle. Movement good, ears useable but not a consistent showman.

2nd ARRODARE WONT BACK DOWN Mr N Smith Mr R Green Head had a deeper stop and shorter muzzle than one. More compact than some, but had good shoulders giving reasonable length of neck and perfect front. Level back held on the move and nice turn of stifle so movement flowed.

3rd ARRODARE TRUE LEGEND Lee & Ratcliffe Miss B & Miss J. Rangier ? age. Well made youngster with long tail would prefer a gentler expression and tighter lips. Moved well.

YEARLING Dog 2 (1)

1st FYGLIA CHERISHED DREAM Turns & Walkden MR&Mrs C & Miss C fourth in last class smaller dog with longer body. Prick ears that gives him an alert expression. Nicely made so moved ok but needs some show practice.

NOVICE Dog 3

1st HUNTLY FORGED IN STEEL FOR HYSTEPS Austin & Zolakova Ms S & Miss K very unsettled in Minor puppy. This time more settled different dog and moved ok. Nicely balanced young man. Good head and expression, shoulders and stifle ok; promising.

2nd FOXBARTON WAYWARD PRINCE Mrs S Price sable/white Taller rangier dog but beautifully constructed so moved well lovely length of neck level back; a very reluctant shower which gave the appearance of a very broad head.

3rd BORDALE BLUE MARVEL Mr & Mrs P Ashman Head ok with a definite stop and reluctant to use ears. Preferred the construction of 1 and 2. Movement rather erratic another covid affected ?

POST GRADUATE 7 (1)

1st QUINTOPIA FOOL ON THE HILL Geering C. Not the biggest of dogs, but well made good shoulders and nice length of neck though a little steep in upper arm. Level back held on the move. One of the few with a good bend of stifle. Good head and eye shape, though would prefer little less depth of stop, flat skull and well placed ears. Still growing his coat.

2nd FOXBARTON WAYWARD PRINCE

3rd JANBELL THE FORCE AWAKENS Mr D Pollard Nice head, with dark eye, rather a reluctant shower. Nicely made dog but movement not so true today.

Mid LIMIT 6

1st JANBELL WHAT A BLINDER Bell and Sloan Mrs J & Mrs F Not the tallest of males but construction well made up for that. All male clean head with nothing over done; defined stop, no heavy jowls well shaped and placed dark eye. Flat skull, neat well placed ears which he used. Good length of neck leading to well made shoulders and good depth of chest. Level back, nice turn of stifle on good neat feet. Movement good, excellent side on little closer going away.

2nd FAYKEN I AM LEGACY Green & Ratcliffe MR R & Miss J. More compact than one and just coming into coat. Another well constructed and balanced male with everything in moderation. Preferred expression and front movement of one but nick picking.

3rd TAMBUZI STRIKE A BLOW Dr A.J. Oliver Not the quite the expression of the 1 &2 with deeper stop and heavier jowls and movement not so tidy, but not surprised as many inhibited by covid.

LIMIT 4 (1)

1st LACEWAY READY TO RUMBLE Miss H Fawcett. Loved this bigger young dog would say the nearest to correct height. Good moderate head defined stop with dark well shaped and placed eye. Nice tight lips. Ears well placed on top of flat skull good length of neck leading to well made shoulders and upper arm. Level back fair length of loin will not notice so much when filled out and ribs sprung more, expect around 3 or 4 years of age. Good turn of stifle with excellent movement as becomes his conformation. Reserve CC

2nd LITTLETHORN INTERCEPTOR Mrs K Frawley Liked his head and expression nothing over done and good formation. Moved a bit erratically and determined to show off his long tail. A nice moderate dog of decent size.

3rd SHEMELLA DARK STAR Lewis Mr IJ and Mrs MJ Lewis A pleasing head and expression with deep stop. Not the front of one and two but a good stifle and sweep over croup moved with drive.

OPEN 8 (1)

1st ARRODARE HEAR ME ROAR Ms J Ratcliffe Lovely head and expression given by well placed shaped dark eye. Flat skull and topped by neat ears which he could use when not stacked. Nice length of neck to good shoulder construction and upper arm. Good depth of chest and spring of rib level back on the move driven by well turned stifles and short hocks reasonable length of tail and sweep of croup. Thick dense coat. Moderate well balanced dog pleasure to give the CC to his 3rd I gather

2nd SH.CH. ARRODARE IT'S NOW OR NEVER Smith & Ratcliffe MrN.M & Miss J . Striking male over his kennel mate and much of above comments apply but was carrying a little more weight and not quite the reach him.

3rd ACULSIA RHYTHM IS A MYSTERY Lucas Mr R. &Mrs D. & Miss H Another very nice moderate male with lovely head and expression. Nice depth of chest and spring of rib. Well constructed just not quite the drive of one.

SPECIAL OPEN COLOUR 6 (2)

1st JANBELL FIFTY SHADES Bell & Sloan Mrs J & Mrs F Well broken blue Merle that really took the eye. Good head and expression helped by dark eyes well defined stop and neat well placed ears. Good length of neck and construction. Little longer in body (could carry more weight or undercoat ?) liked his depth of chest and lovely croup. Movement not only had drive but reach as well.

2nd FOXBARTON WAYWARD PRINCE

3rd COOKVALE CAUSIN RIOT Joyce & Stamp Mr D.C. & Mrs J.A Nice head of Older type as was his outline lovely to see. Little unsettled standing still and start of move but a lovely well made boy.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME 3

1st LITTLETHORN INTERCEPTOR more settled

2nd BILYARA RIVER RANCH ShCM Tansley Mr B & Mrs V 12yr old dog very sound. Nice head and expression not quite the confirmation of one.

3rd BRAMLESAZ AQUA FREEDOM p-beg ex BrierleyMrs M &Mr A Nice head but eye slightly lighter. Good outline and body shape. Movement needs to settle try different collar and lead for show.

VETERAN DOG 8 (3)

1st ARRODARE JUST SO Miss L Compton Lovely head and expression with good eye, gentle stop and well filled cheeks decent under jaw. Deep chest and well sprung ribs to go with his excellent conformation. Liked his croup and stifles. Lovely flowing movement, Best Veteran In Show

2nd SHEMELLA BLACK SHADOW Lewis Mr I &Mrs M Good head with moderate stop, nice dark well shaped eye, good underjaw. Decent length of neck. Good front and spring of rib. Well made shoulders. Level top line. Well muscled young man 10.5 years old and moved well as made.

3rd BILYARA RIVER RANCH Sh CM

SPECIAL OPEN WORKING 5

1st ALL ABOUT BANKSY JW SBCHT Mrs A R Spencer A legend in his own right that enjoys all he does. Lovely head and expression well defined stop, well placed and shaped eye, good underjaw and well filled cheeks. Neat well carried ears good length of neck leading into well constructed shoulders. Well sprung ribs giving good depth of chest. Level top line. Movement a pleasure to watch.

2nd FOXBARTON WAYWARD PRINCE

3rd SHEMELLA DARK STAR

Judge

Penny Forster-Cooper