

The Border Collie Club of Great Britain, Championship Show, 16th March 2025

It is always an honour to judge at any level at a club show, but to be invited to judge at the Championship show at the parent club for me is and was a great experience, my thanks to Pete, Anita and the whole committee for this prestigious appointment. My thanks are also extended to the members and exhibitors that support the club shows. I can report back that the Border Collie today is in good hands and is fit for function!

Border Collie (Dogs)

Baby Puppy Dog, 2 entries

1st, Oliver's, Smart As A Whip Danger Zone At Tambuzi (Imp Esp) 5 months old black and white, very promising and of good breed type that makes a lovely shape in profile, head developing well with dark eyes of moderate size, scissor bite, neck slightly arched, body of good length and well proportioned, parallel front legs viewed with ample bone and oval feet, well presented and shown, one for the future. Best Baby Puppy in agreement with co-judge Mrs Bodle.
2nd, Jordan's, Nobite No Tux Required With Jakovall, 5 months old tri, smaller and finer build, medium size developing head, dark eyes and scissor bite, neck of good length into slender developing body, front legs viewed parallel with medium bone and sloping pasterns, smooth mover.

Baby Puppy Bitch 1 entry,

1st, Mercer's, Kirkwind Secret Soul. 5 months old very promising, unlucky to meet the dog puppy!

Minor Puppy Dog, 2 entries (2 absent)

Puppy Dog 3 entries

1st, Austin and Zolakova's, Hysteps Come By, 9 months old black and white that makes a nice shape in profile but he is top size and a big lad all through, masculine head with medium sized erect ears, dark brown oval shaped eyes, scissor bite, neck of good length and slightly arched fitting well into his body, ample bone and well angulated quarters, moved steady and positive. Best male puppy and reserve best puppy in show.
2nd, Tunnicliff's, Littlethorn Kona, 10 months old black and white, lovely type with just enough coat, medium length head with distinct stop, ear set well apart, dark oval shaped eyes, front legs viewed straight with ample bone, for me he is a touch long in body, well turned stifle, free mover.

3rd, Frawley's, Littlethorn Ghost

Junior Dog 3 entries

1st, Barwick's, Tobermoray Touch Of Class, 12 months old black and white, well proportioned masculine head, dark brown eyes alert and attentive to handler, ears well carried, scissor bite, muscular neck into well laid shoulders, front legs viewed straight with good bone and feet, his body is nice both stood and on the move, hocks even going away.

2nd, Barker's, Tobermoray Piper, 12 months old black and white, litter brother to winner, well proportioned masculine head, dark brown oval eyes, ears well carried, scissor bite, muscular neck, firm back a touch long with ribs well sprung, front legs viewed nearly straight with good bone and feet, on the move he used his tail as a rudder going around and carried high, nice rear quarters, moved out steady with hocks close.

3rd, Littlethorn Ghost.

Yearling Dog 6 entries

1st, Portman's, Laceway Black Sabbath, 19 months old black and white, masculine head of equal proportions, distinct stop and fairly broad skull, oval shaped dark eyes, scissor bite, ears sensitive in use, slightly arched neck into athletic body with well sprung ribs, front legs parallel stood with strong bone and good feet, balanced angulation that was confirmed on the move. I liked him, considered for the reserve CC, that was won by his sire, told later.

2nd, Bell and Sloan's, Janbell Look At Me, 22 months old black and white, masculine head of equal proportions, flying his ears, dark eyes and scissor bite, I liked him for overall balance and nice coat that defined his shape, front legs parallel stood with ample bone, well turned stifle and let down hocks, movement was nice coming and rear even going away.

3rd, Walters, Goytre Born to be Wild (AI)

Novice Dog 2 Entries

1st, Tandy's, Borderbrook Stolen Affair, 21 months old black and white, medium strength head with high set ears, dark brown oval shaped eyes, scissor bite, neck of good length and slightly arched fitting well into his body, ample bone and well angulated quarters, moved converging front and no power from the rear.

2nd, Knight's, Dreamwork Shades Of Grey, 10 years young blue merle, very tall and with long body, parallel front legs stood, harsh coat texture, on the move he drops his head and flies tail with reach and drive, close hocks.

Post Graduate Dog 5 entries

1st, Buckley's, Amkamel Half Blood Prince JW, 2 years old black and white, masculine medium length head with dark eyes, ears sensitive in use, scissor bite, nice overall type and weather proof coat, front legs viewed straight with medium bone and good feet, free and even mover.

2nd, Stenson's, Malindibeach Woodforde, 3 years old black and white, bigger boy but nice shape, masculine head with light coloured eyes, scissor bite, big coat and tail used for balance while moving which was even going around but with close hocks going away.

3rd, Tambuzi Ride The Storm

Mid Limit Dog 4 entries 2 absent)

1st, Shahmatova's, Nashdom All Eyes On You JW, 3 years old black and white, masculine head of moderate length, dark brown oval shaped eyes, scissor bite, ears set well apart, short neck into medium size body with coat of good texture, front legs viewed straight with ample bone and good feet, free mover with clean hocks going away.

2nd, Coles's, Janbell Love In The Dark, 5 years old black and white, another big boy with broad masculine head, hazel eyes that I would prefer darker, flies his ears and good scissor bite, front legs viewed parallel with strong bone and big oval feet, full coat, muscular rear quarters, smooth and free on the move.

Limit Dog 8 Entries

1st, Castles's, Jupavia Divine Dream, 2 ½ years old black and white, this is a quality boy shown to advantage, balanced masculine head with oval shaped dark eyes, ears well used, scissor bite, slightly arched neck into a correct length body with firm back and nice over his croup, tail well carried, front legs viewed parallel and stands on good feet, well bent stifle, brisk, free mover well presented.

2nd, Longhurst's, Simmovon Charm Writer At Spotarton JW, 20 months old black and white, nice overall size, strong head of medium length with fairly broad skull but a little too heavy in stop for me, dark brown eye, scissor bite, neck slightly arched into athletic body, straight front legs viewed with ample bone and compact large feet, well bent stifle, hard to see his hocks on the move with big pants (just need thinning out), moved out free and steady well shown.

3rd, Knight's, Wizaland Put A Sock In It

Open Dog 12 entries (3 absent)

1st, Akester and Wiltshire's, Sh Ch Thwaitlake Buzzman, 4 years old black and white that oozes breed type and is well balanced, crisp, clean outline that

makes a nice silhouette in profile and a pleasure to go over, masculine head with medium sized ears, dark brown oval shaped eyes, scissor bite, neck of good length and slightly arched fitting well into his athletic body, ample bone and well angulated quarters, moved typical, free and positive. Dog CC and with agreement from my co-judge Bridget Bodle Best in Show.

2nd, De Cree and Schevenels's, Eyes Of The World Silver And Gold, 4 ½ years old black and white, so unlucky to meet winner, but a credit to his owner as he looks nice, of good breed type and athletically built, masculine head of equal proportions, dark oval shaped eyes, scissor bite, neck of good length into firm body with ribs well sprung, front legs viewed straight with good feet, very typical mover, well presented and shown, called back in to challenge and I was pleased to award him the Reserve CC

3rd, Green and Paterson's, Sh Ch Arroddare Family Tradition Jw

Special Open Any Other Colour Dog, 5 entries (2 absent)

1st, Diserns's, Int Sh Ch/Swiss Ch Bordercot Magic Rhythm, 8 years young blue and white, I have come across more stronger blue colours and they have had blue noses in the past, nice overall for size, strong head of medium length with fairly broad skull, dark brown eye, scissor bite, neck slightly arched into firm body, ample bone and well bent stifle, moved out free and steady.

2nd, Price's, Foxbarton Wayward Prince, 6 ½ years old red tri, another top size lad with a strong skull with medium sized erect ears, scissor bite, neck of good length and slightly arched fitting well into his body, parallel front legs viewed with ample bone and well angulated rear quarters, drops his head low on the move.

3rd, Jordan's, Raesfell Cosmic Ice For Jakovall

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Dog 4 entries

1st, Hysteps Come By. Repeat: Puppy

2nd, Amkamel Half Blood Prince Jw, Repeat: Post Graduate

3rd, Janbell Love In The Dark,

Veteran Dog, 5 entries (1 absent)

1st, Smith and Ratcliffe's, Sh Ch Arroddare It's Now Or Never JW, 11 years young black and white, masculine head of equal proportions, dark oval shaped eyes, tight wry bite, neck of good length into firm body with ribs well sprung, front legs viewed straight with good feet, a very sound mover, well presented and shown. Best Male Veteran and Reserve Best Veteran in Show.

2nd, Int Sh Ch/Swiss Ch Bordercot Magic Rhythm. Repeat: Special Open Any Other Colour Dog

3rd, Barton's, Brytess Achilles

Special Open Working Dog 2 entries

1st, Chance's, Goytre Chance To Reflect, 4 ½ years old black and white, masculine head, dark brown eyes alert, ears well carried, scissor bite, muscular neck, his body is nice stood, front legs viewed straight with good bone and feet, on the move he crosses his front and swings his hocks which is not good.

2nd, Foxbarton Wayward Prince. Repeat: Special Open Any Other Colour Dog

Judge: Keith Baldwin