

Thank you to the committee for my invitation to judge and for the excellent catering provided on the day. Many thanks to my stewards Niki and Karen for keeping the ring running smoothly and of course to the exhibitors who accepted my decisions in a sporting manner. Thanks to the co judge Allyson King who made the final judging a pleasure at the end of a long day and to the referee Carolyn Ward.

#### Minor Puppy (3,0)

1<sup>st</sup> Wilde's Shemella Shepherds Moon.

6 month bl/w. On the smaller side. Head of promising proportions with clean scissor bite. Good pigmentation to mouth. Eyes in harmony with coat, would prefer more oval. Growing into himself and slightly long in body at this stage and would prefer more bone. Nice slope of croup and correct tail length Coat still coming through. A steady mover, clean in side profile. Close behind at this point.

2<sup>nd</sup> Coles Janbell Love in the Dark

6 month B/W. Long in muzzle at this stage but good width of skull. Dark brown, oval eye. Well boned throughout. Touch short in neck and slightly straight in shoulder. Body of decent shape, looks a touch long and narrow at present but still a baby and has the time to fill out. Still needs to mature and drop and widen in chest. Coat of good texture with enough undercoat. Feet, arched and of good shape. Moved nicely around the ring, slightly erratic pace at times and untidy behind, but this will improve.

3<sup>rd</sup> Merritt's Kirkwind Fly Me to the Moon

#### Puppy (5,1a)

1<sup>st</sup> Akester and Wiltshire's Thwaitlake Wake Up Mr West

9 month b/w. Smaller cast. Dripping in coat of good texture with ample undercoat, This does make him look shorter on leg than he is, Nice overall shape, he is a touch long in body. Good front proportions, would prefer a touch more upper arm length in front and clean angles at rear with enough angulation to stifle. Head of nice proportions, just needs to fill out in muzzle, Well shaped and set tipped ears which he used to his advantage. Dark, oval eye. Tight, oval feel with good furnishings. Moved out well and nice in side profile. Again, close behind going away. BPD

2<sup>nd</sup> Webb's Borderbrook Fire and Flame

9 month B/W. Head of promising proportions with good eye, ears set well and used to give a lovely, attentive expression. Clean stop and scissor bite with good pigmentation. Ok for bone throughout. Again, a touch long at this point and needs to body out which he will given time. A bit erratic on the move but when settled, had good extension at the front. Slightly untidy behind.

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## Junior (7,2a)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Oliver's Tambuzi Stryka Blow

12 month B/W. A lovely youngster .Pleasing head of good proportions, with ears of good shape which he used well. Clean mouth with good pigmentation. Dark eye of oval shape. Good bone throughout. In profile a nice shape, neck of good length, good length of back, front straight and parallel with slope of pastern. Rear was correct with good turn of stifle. Coat of good texture, undercoat of good density. Tail reached to hock. Tight feet with good feathering. Moved out well and pleasing side profile keeping good topline and driving from behind. A little close behind.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Dalby and Green's Fayken Return of the King

15 month B/W. Another lovely youngster that has a pleasing outline. Lovely head of good proportions, Fullness of muzzle, clean, scissor bite. Dark brown eye of oval shape. Ears set correctly and of good shape. Used well. Good angulations front and aft. Well off for bone throughout. Tail of correct length. Turned out in lovely condition, coat was of good length with dense undercoat. Moved well going away and in side proportions. A touch close from behind.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Preston's Calareto Ticket to Ride

## Yearling (7,1a)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Oliver's Tidespring Storm Breaker

19 month B/W. A nice youngster that has a good shape in profile. Head of good proportions. Just needs to fill out in muzzle a bit more. Stop is slightly sloping. Bodyshape is good, although a touch long in loin. When viewed in front, stands parallel, good depth and width of chest. Well muscled at rear. Good spring of rib,. Enough bone through out. Coat of correct texture. Won this class on his movement. Moved out well, has good reach at front and drives from behind well, keeping his head low. Clean in all directions.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Oliver's Arroddare Royal Approval JW

22 months B/W. Another pleasing youngster who showed himself off well. Head of good proportions set with a dark oval eye which set off such a lovely expression. Ears of good shape and used well to finish off the picture. Another who is a touch long in body but was balanced throughout. Good muscling to rear. Turned out in lovely condition with coat of good texture with enough undercoat. Moved well in all directions. Just felt my winner had better extension on the move due to a better front.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Collins' Bordadale Blue Marvel

## Novice Dog (2,1a)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Dalby and Green's Fayken Return of the King 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior class

2<sup>nd</sup> Porter's Kirkwind Shooting Star

4<sup>th</sup> in Yearling class. 17 month B/W. Head is a touch long in muzzle and narrow. Needs to fill out more to add to width. Clean scissor bite. Ears a touch heavy and lopped. Eye shape and colour ok. Ok for bone throughout. Coat of nice texture. Carrying a bit too much weight over shoulder and rib which impeded movement and rolled slightly on move. Clean coming but close behind.

Postgraduate (10,3a)

1<sup>st</sup> Milham's Locheil Secret Surprise at Elystari

2 ½ year old B/W. In profile, a nice shape standing. Head of good proportions with good width of skull, clean bite. Good bone throughout. Ears of good shape and correctly set. Used well to complete his lovely expression, dark oval eye. Stands parallel from front, slightly sloping pastern and tight oval feet. Good length of back and well sprung rib. Balanced rear angles. Moved cleanly in all directions. Slightly fond of his tail but this dropped as he settled on the move.

2<sup>nd</sup> Shahmatova's Nashdom Putting on the Style JW

2 ½ B/W. Close up to 1st. Just felt my winner had better head proportions. Well balanced and boned throughout. Touch long in muzzle but good width to skull and eye shade and shape gave him a good expression. Ears of lovely shape used well to finish the look. Turned out in lovely condition. Muscle tone was good throughout and coat was in excellent condition and texture. Moved well in all directions. Good reach out front and drove from behind. Kept a good topline moving round.

3<sup>rd</sup> Janbell The Force Awakens

Mid Limit (1, 1a)

Limit (10,1a)

1<sup>st</sup> Beaumont's Kanamaren Trick of the Tail at Borderbeau JW ShCM

3 yrs old B/W male. Turned out in excellent condition and coat. He creates a lovely picture in side profile. Have judged this boy before and he's matured on beautifully and thankfully also settled down to the job in hand. Head of good shape, defined stop. Brown oval eye, nicely shaped ears, which he uses to his advantage, such a cheeky, attentive expression. Stands parallel when viewed from front. Excellent bone throughout. Legs with ample feathering and tight oval feet, Good Length of back. Tail down to strong hock. Well-muscled and toned throughout. In full coat of ample length with plenty of undercoat. Steady mover and clean in all directions. Fought his corner in the challenge and couldn't deny him the RCC. I'm sure his future is a very bright one.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wiltshire, Carter & Akester Thwaitlake All Fired up JW

4 year old B/W. This boy has such a lovely shape to him. Lovely head or balanced propotions. Oval eye and ears set well and used to finish a pleasing picture. Strong

neck onto laid back shoulder. Good length of upper arm. Slight sloping pasterns. Good feathering throughout. Stands true and balanced in profile and lovely to go over. Toned and well boned throughout. Coat of good texture. Moved well around the ring, clean in all directions with minimum lift. Kept his topline all the way round. No doubt his time will come.

3<sup>rd</sup> Johnson's Tonkory Talking Point at Tidespring

Open (13, 5a)

1<sup>st</sup> Fawcett's SHCH Laceway Photo Finish

7 year old. B/W. Another who was turned out in excellent condition and beautifully presented. Topped this class with his confirmation. Lovely boy to go over. Pleasing head, would just like a slightly stronger stop. Clean bite, good thickness to muzzle. Dark brown oval eyes that draw you in. He shouts look at me. Well off for bone throughout, and beautifully toned and muscled. Excellent front, laid back shoulder and excellent length of upper arm. Correct length of back. Good rear angulation and strong, well-muscled thigh. Tight, oval feet. Coat of good length and texture. Abundant undercoat. Flowed around the ring, keeping a good topline and clean in all directions. Excellent reach out front and so attentive to his handler.

2<sup>nd</sup> Smith and Radcliffe's SHCH Arrodare It's Now or Never JW

6 year old B/W. Presents a lovely picture in profile. Head of good proportion in length of muzzle to skull. Would prefer a bit more width to muzzle to finish it off. Ears used well giving alert expression. Balanced angulations throughout. Ok for bone. He moves and flows well round the ring keeping a good topline. Reaches out well. A little untidy and close behind, perhaps due to the speed he is ran at.

3<sup>rd</sup> Beaumont's Harlow's Simaro James Bond (IMP DEU) JW

Special Open (Colour) (3,0a)

1<sup>st</sup> Pollard's Arnpriors Harvest Gold

8 year old/ Gold/White. Pricked eared male. Pleasing head, with oval eye of shading harmonising with his coat. Lovely expression. A little narrow in front but good length of upper arm and lay of shoulder. He could do with a little more length in body balance him out fully. Good length and texture to coat, with enough undercoat. Once settled he moved out well. Good reach out front and kept a good topline. Looked nice in side profile.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wells' Bordabears Winter Surprise

16 month BI/White. Nice head shape, oval eye but too light. Found his ears a touch heavy. Clean scissor bite. Good reach of neck, straight in shoulder. On the change so lacking undercoat. Clean topline and slope of croup. Tail of good length to hock. Moved ok.

3<sup>rd</sup> Joyce and Stamp's Cookvale Causin a Riot

Good Citizen (5,2a)

1<sup>st</sup> Tansley's Bilyara River Ranch ShCM

10 year B/W. Pleasing head with lovely expression. Dark brown oval eye. Ears set well apart and use well. Has a good outline with good bone throughout. A balanced picture. Tail set could be slightly lower and tail could be longer. Good reach of neck and strong shoulder. Enough upper arm and enough slope to front pastern. Enough angulation at rear and ok for muscle. Good feathering. Moved out well with enough reach at front. A little narrow and close behind going away.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wildes' Shemella Shepherds Moon – 1<sup>st</sup> in Minor Puppy

3<sup>rd</sup> Wells' Bordabears Winter Surprise

Veteran Dog ( (13,4a)

1<sup>st</sup> Hales' SHCH Laceway Lone Ranger JW

9 ½ year old B/W. Judged this dog a couple of years ago and gave him top honours. Again, today he couldn't be denied. Such a beautiful example of the breed. On first look he has a lovely outline in profile. Nothing exaggerated. Completely balanced. Head of good shape, enough stop. Brown oval eye and ears of excellent shape and set, used to his advantage giving a beautiful focused expression. Good length of neck onto well laid shoulder. Front angulations excellent and good breadth/depth of chest. Enough angulation to rear and good muscling to thigh, This dog has the true border collie movement, which was sadly lacking in a lot of dogs today. Head down he drove forward, lovely front extension and minimum lift. Kept a solid topline all the way round the ring. In the challenge, he stepped it up a gear again on the move. A worthy winner. CC and BIS/BV with the agreement of my co judge.

2<sup>nd</sup> Tasker's Goytre Smoking Gun

9 year old B/W. Lovely head. Ears used well to give an overall lovely expression. Eyes of good shape and shade. Good length of neck onto strong shoulder, good depth to chest. Balanced front and aft with enough turn to stifle. Good bone and in lovely toned condition. Well sprung rib, good slope of croup. Correct set of tail which reached to the hock.in good coat. Steady mover with clean paces, extends out well and keeps good shape round the ring. Clean paces in all directions.

3<sup>rd</sup> Gowing's Wildblue It's the Business (IMP USA) ShCM

Special Open Working (4,1a)

1<sup>st</sup> Spencer's Tobermoray All about Banksy JW

4yr BI/W. Larger sized male turned out in fantastic coat and condition. Has a good outline to him on first inspection. Masculine head of good proportions. Ears set well and used completing such a lovely focused expression. Good reach of neck, strong shoulder, chest of good width and depth to elbow. Strong bone throughout. Good length of back with enough tuck up. Clean angulation to rear to complete the balanced picture. Full coat of correct texture and enough undercoat. You could see his strength and fitness on the move. Really working and driving from behind and good reach in front keeping a good topline in all directions.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lewis' Shemella Black Shadow

9 year old. B/W. Head of decent proportions, would like a slightly shorter muzzle. Dark brown oval eye. Clean bite and good pigmentation. Good reach of neck and shoulder placement.. Balanced in front and rear angulation. Good tone and muscled throughout. Ok for bone. On the move had a lovely side profile. Clean coming but close behind going away.

3<sup>rd</sup> Brierley's Bramblesaz Aqua Freedom