

Border Collie Club of Great Britain

10<sup>th</sup> November 2019

I would first like to thank the officers and committee for inviting me to judge their prestigious show, I would also like to thank my stewards for the day and of course the exhibitors for their entries.

Minor puppy Bitch (2,0)

1. Fawcett's Laceway Raise the Roof, lovely 8 month old B/W beautifully constructed all over. Very pretty girl with a lovely head and expression. Good reach of neck with well laid shoulders and a good upper arm, well sprung ribs, lovely topline and a sloping croup with correct length of tail, both front and rear legs parallel, good turn of stifle. Movement coming and going was good, her side gait should improve greatly when she matures and settles on the move.
2. Butterworth's Tambuzi Over the Top, another nice 8 month B/W and very well constructed, just preferred head on class winner, that just a personal preference, this bitch's side gait was better on the move than my winner but sadly she was slightly lame.

Puppy Bitch (4,1)

1. Green & Ratcliffe's Fayken I am Here, 10 month old B/W, Nice head with correct eye shape and a keen expression, Really liked her topline and croup on this young bitch which was held well on the move, a very powerful mover, with reach and drive, I will be watching this bitch with interest, very well presented and handled.
2. Fawcett's Laceway rock the Boat 8 month old, litter mate to my minor puppy winner who I did prefer, still a nice bitch, sadly unsettled on the move, preferred her rear movement than my 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
3. Preston's Calareto This Bird has Flown

Junior (3,1)

1. Smith & Green's Fayken Final Destination, 12 Month old, Very feminine bitch without weakness, super head and expression full of life, keen at one with her handler, very good reach of neck, well laid shoulders and a good upper arm, legs front and rear parallel with movement fore and aft was very good, very good topline which was held well on the move, beautiful sloping croup with a low set tail of correct length, good depth of chest with well sprung ribs. In excellent condition and handled to perfection, her side gait was excellent and effortless, looked as though she could go all day. Best Bitch and RBIS on referee's decision.

2. Lampier's Pencoppen All Time Love, Very nice bitch, excellent in conformation, preferred head on my winner again a personal preference, very interested to see how this bitch matures as I really liked her, but sadly she was slightly lame, I shall be watch this girl in the future.

#### Yearling (2,1)

1. Allinson's Zeabo Yankie Girl (IMP ITA) 23 month Blue Merle, excellent upper arm on this bitch, good depth of chest with well sprung ribs, nice top line with lovely sloping croup, correct length of loin, very well-muscled, she went well moving around and her rear movement was good going away, she was a little wide on her front coming towards, I do believe however it was caused by her knowing she was about to move in a circle, one for the handler to look out for in the future.

#### Graduate (4,3)

1. Kinsey's Miraje Infinity and Beyond, 4 year old bitch, lovely head and correct eye shape, lovely reach of neck with good shoulders, very well-muscled and in excellent condition.

#### Post Graduate (4,1)

1. Preston and Large's Wizaland Breakaway Beth 3 year old, feminine of good size, excellent condition, lovely head and expression, parallel legs front and back, good turn of stifle. Well handled but just a helpful tip would be to flatten her coat on the back end as it makes her topline look poor which it isn't, would have preferred her slightly shorter in the loin.
2. Horne Carter's Kinaway Chocolate Delight 5 year old red & white, lovely top line which was held well on the move, I did prefer the length of this bitch to my class winner but her head was a little strong for my liking, like her overall shape.
3. Pepper's Altricia Lady Midnight for Pedmore

#### Limit (8,1)

1. Oliver's Arroddare Game on 3 year old, loved this girls head, very much my type, I also liked her overall size, good reach of neck, excellent depth of chest and good width, very good upper arm with well laid shoulders, excellent croup with low set tail, movement in all directions was correct moved well with reach and drive, although slightly over weight but as the handler informed me she had just returned to the ring after a litter and was still getting back to her former condition.
2. Gowings Miraje It's too Darn Hot at Pikara ShCM, loved this girl's temperament such a friendly forthcoming girl, outstanding on the move, as was my class winner, I did prefer her topline to 1 but rear angulation on first place. I could however watch this girl move all day long which I'm sure she could with ease.
3. Wetter's Alpana Strike A Pose

### Open (8,3)

1. Fawcett's Laceway Echo Falls 5 year old, Nice head and expression, excellent upper arm and well laid shoulders, good depth of chest with well sprung ribs, correct length of loin, excellent top line and sloping croup, low set tail of correct length, good turn of stifle with well let down hocks, strong pasterns, in excellent condition with hard muscle, perfect movement both coming and going, side gait was effortless with reach and drive with minimum lift of feet.
2. Walters Sh Ch Goytre Daddys saucie Girl JW, I was pleasantly surprised with this bitch, I never really paid much attention to her in the past, but once I got my hands on her it was a pleasure. This was a hard choice to make and on a different day placings could change easily. She has all the qualities of my winner and was in superb condition with hard muscle, which sadly is becoming a rarity within the show ring.
3. Gregory's Tonkory Putting on the Style

### Special Open (5,1)

1. Fawcett's Janbell Out of the Blue at Laceway, Blue Merle with excellent markings, very good reach of neck with well laid shoulders and a good upper arm. Good depth of chest legs parallel front and rear, wonderful topline which was held well on the move. She has a lovely sloping croup with a good turn of stifle, moved soundly in all directions, my only criticism I would prefer a slightly shorter muzzle.
2. Horne Carter's Kinaway Chocolate Delight
3. Elliot's Goytre Bamburgh Beach Babe

### Special Working Bitch (2,2)

### Veteran Bitch (5,2)

1. Wettern's Sh Ch Grandver IN Style JW, 11 year old Tri colour, I loved judging this class, it was all about movement, they could certainly go all day, sadly the handlers couldn't. I really like this bitch, beautiful head and expression, excellent reach of neck with well laid shoulders with good upper arm, wonderful topline and a sloping croup, well-muscled, she certainly could do a days work, she is the older type of Border Collie which is not meant in a disrespectful way, she, in my opinion is what border collies are supposed to look like and was a breath of fresh air.

2. Grant's Locheil All About Magic Avec Couissiere, you wouldn't believe that this bitch is 12 ½ years old, she out moved most of the exhibits today, I thoroughly enjoyed judging her, excellent in conformation, movement and in all directions was perfect, an extremely close class.
3. Pepper's Starside Special Song for Pedmore

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bitch (6,2)

1. Allinson's Zeabo Yankie Girl (IMP ITA)
2. Snook & James Tonkory Quickstep with Pitcombe (AI) JW ShCM
3. Elliot's Goytre Bamburgh Beach Babe

Judge

Kathryn Entwistle