

The Border Collie Club of Great Britain

Open Show

26th October 2025

I would like to thank the committee for this invitation and the exhibitors for their entries.

This open show was held in conjunction with the Championship show and I would like to thank the exhibitors for their patience.

I would also like to make a special thank you to Derek and Isabelle Allsop who were my trusty stewards for the day. Isabelle especially demonstrated spectacular stewarding skills and this bodes well for the future.

I have a great passion for this breed having owned and lived with two who both stole my heart. I was surprised to find exhibits with very small teeth, some with missing teeth and some with level bites.

Typically a border collie drop their head on the move and this is difficult for the dog if they are being encouraged to hold their head up with the positioning of the lead. I would recommend that exhibitors attempt to show their dogs on a looser lead as this is likely to result in their dog moving in a more typical way.

Baby Puppy Dog (1,0)

1. Mr S Young' Langamay Ace of Diamonds. 4 months. Bit longer than tall. Good bone. Coat developing well. Best Baby Puppy Dog & Best Baby Puppy in Show

Baby Puppy Bitch (3,0)

1. Ms L Warren's Bordabears True Deception. 5 months. Balanced angles both ends. Adequate bone. Slightly longer than tall. Such a happy girl with a wonderful waggy tail. Lovely head shape. Good neck and shoulders. Good feet Best Baby Puppy Bitch
2. Ms T Baxter's Wild Storm Tamita (IMP ESP) 5 months. Nice head. Good topline. Longer in body than 1. Really good coat and coat texture.

Minor Puppy Dog (3,2)

1. Miss T Solyom's From Dush Till Dawn by the Lake. 6 months. Good bone and topline. Tail of correct length. Chest shape and coat good. Good shape of eyes and placement of ears. Head shape good. Currently moving a little close behind and loose in front. Best Puppy Dog

Puppy Dog (2,1)

1. Mrs R Wilcox's Blackgold Age of Aquarius. 9 months. Good head shape. Good eye shape and good ear shape and placement. Good muzzle and flat skull. Lovely topline and good bone. Feet of good shape and tail of good length. Moving a little close behind but steady on the move.

Junior Dog (3,0)

1. Ms H Dawkins-Hirst's Kirkwind Soul Man – This dog has a typical border collie outline. Head down on the move. Good coat texture. Longer than tall. Adequate bone. Good reach and reasonable drive on the move.
2. Dr A Oliver's Smart As A Whip Danger Zone at Tambuzi (IMP ESP) Well named Chaos. He has good bone. He is more upright in front and angled in the rear than 1. This results in lots of drive and short stepping in front. He has a good shape, eyes and ears. Topline was good as was his tail length. I appreciated his character.

Yearling Dog (3,0)

1. Ms H Dawkins-Hirst's Kirkwind Soul Man (see Junior Dog)
2. Ms A Kempton's Art of Blossom Drowned in Emotion into Borderbrook JW (IMP ESP) Very handsome dog. Very glamorous and beautifully presented. More upright in shoulder than I prefer and more angulated on the rear. Head drops a bit on the move. He has very good bone and substance and coat. He has a tail of correct length.

Postgraduate Dog (1,0)

1. Mrs J Bell & Mrs F Sloan's Janbell Look At Me. Handsome boy of good size and substance. Good topline and good tail set and length. Lovely coat and chest shape. Moved steadily.

Limit Dog (6,1)

1. Mrs J C Barratt's Pendleway Time Lord. A dog of good substance and coat. Good head which dropped on the move. Good topline. Moved ok once he was settled. Lovely waggy tail. Raised his game in the challenge to become Reserve Best Dog.
2. Mr P Simmons and Mrs Y Inverno's Sashdan Pure Imagination with Simmovon (IMP AUS) JW. Dog of good substance. Shorter in the muzzle than 1. Neck ok.

Topline and Underline good. Moves better on a looser lead. More angulated in the rear than 1.

Open Dog (4,1)

1. Mr P & Mrs M Longhurst's SH CH Simmovon Charm Writer at Sporarton JW. Medium dog with a good outline and good bone. His feet are the correct shape and his angulations were balanced both ends. He has a good point of chest, good scissor bite, good stop and a nice head. He has a lovely expression and moved fluidly.
2. Miss B Lee and Miss J Ratcliffe's SH CH Arroddare True Legend. This dog is longer in body than 1 and longer in loin. He has adequate bone, good head ears, eyes and bite. He is more angulated in the rear and has more lift to his feet on the move than 1.

Special Any Other Colour Dog (9, 3)

1. Mrs S Hughes's Piece of Happiness Olaf. Lovely head and ear set. Good teeth and bite. Good point of chest. Excellent coat and texture. Good bone and feet. Balanced angulations fore and rear. Moved fluidly with head down. Really raised his game during the challenge to become Best Dog & Best Opposite Sex in Show and Best Any Other Colour in Show.
2. Mrs J Bell & Mrs F Sloan's Janbell Fifty Shades. Good coat and topline. Good outline and height to length. Adequate bone. Moved well. Best Veteran Dog & Reserve Best Veteran in Show.

Special Working Dog (4,2)

1. Mrs W Coles's Janbell Love in the Dark. Good head. Eyes slightly round. Good bone. Good coat and texture. Good Topline. Only slightly over angulated on the rear. Moved well. Best Special Working Dog & Reserve Best Special Working in Show.
2. Mrs S Murray's Just Bay at Elsanna Good point of chest and good ribcage. Would prefer more bone. Good expression. Lovely eyes and ears. Good tail. Some lift of the legs on the move.

Veteran Dog (1,0)

1. Miss N Holtappel's Romanybay Morning Star at Bryning. 8 years. Good outline. Adequate bone. Good coat and texture. Would prefer less angulation on the rear.

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Dog (6.3)

1. Mrs J Buckley's Amkamel Half Blood Prince JW. Head has good stop. Shorter in the muzzle than I prefer. Good pigmentation. Adequate bone. Good coat. Moved much better in this class.
2. Ms A Kempton's Art Blosson Drowned in Emotion into Borderbrook (IMP ESP) 2nd in Yearling

Minor Puppy Bitch (5,1)

1. Miss N Holtappel's Bryning Psychedelic Kisses 8 months. Good bone and feet. Good outline and underline. Good pigmentation. Good topline. Head dropped on steady movement.
2. Miss N Holtappel's Nightollie's Wild Flower. 7 months and at her first show. Good outline. Excellent coat texture. Good topline and underline. Good head measurements. Good stop. Good eye shape and ears. Not as confident at the moment as 1.

Puppy Bitch (5,1)

1. Miss N Holtappel's Bryning Psychedelic Kisses 1st in Minor Puppy Bitch
2. Mr I & Mrs M Lewis's Shemella To The Moon and Back. Good outline. Good topline. Good head, eyes and ears. Good coat and feet. Adequate bone. More angled on the rear than 1 which resulted in less balanced and fluid movement.

Junior Bitch (8,4)

1. Ms J Mercer's Kirkwind Secret Soul. 12 months. Pretty bitch. Good bone and feet. Good head, eyes, ears and pigmentation. Good topline and underline. Lovely waggy tail. Moved well. Continued to move well to become Best Bitch and Best in Show.
2. Mr I & Mrs M Lewis's Shemella Shepherd's Delight. Good eyes and ears. Good topline and underline. Finer on the bone than 1 and shorter in muzzle. Straighter in front and more angled on the rear resulting in unbalanced movement.

Yearling Bitch (1,0)

1. Mrs V Hawker's Taytinja's Shooting Star. 14 months. Good head planes and stop. Good eyes and ears. Good point of chest. Good topline and underline. Good coat and tail. Slightly upright in shoulder and bit over angulated on the rear. Good feet and bone.

Graduate Bitch (8, 3)

1. Miss J Spur's Dreamwork Notorious. Good outline and moved well. Good head, eyes and ears. Good topline. Not too much lift on the move and angles balanced both ends. Adequate bone and slightly long feet.
2. Mrs L Hodson & Mrs R Johnson's Littlethorn Mini Two. Good head, eyes and ears. Good teeth and bite. Good topline and underline. Good coat. Adequate bone. Slightly long feet.

Post Graduate Bitch (5,1)

1. Mrs J Grant's Simmovon Among The Stars Avec Coussiere JW. Moved steadily. Good coat. Good head planes, eyes and ears. Adequate bone and good feet.
2. Mr K Britton's Bordabears Striking Love. Good outline and underline. Good coat and tail. Longer feet than one. Moved well.

Limit Bitch (8,3)

1. Mrs K Mitchell's Bordabears Strikin Liaison. Good topline and underline. Good coat and texture. Good eyes, ears and neck. Good head measurements. Good feet and not too much lift of legs on the move.
2. Mrs H Bligh's Borderbrook Princess Raya At Ravencrag JW. Good topline. Good front and chest. Good feet. Prefer head of 1 but loved the cheeky expression on this bitch.

Special Any Other Colour Bitch (12, 4)

1. Mr I & Mrs M Lewis's Shemella Shepherds Delight. Good head planes, stop and ears. Slightly round eye of good colour and placing. Good neck. Short Loin. Good

length to body. Good bone and feet. Good coat and texture. Good tail and set. Moved steadily with little lift to the feet. Best Special Any Other colour Bitch. Reserve Best Special Any Other Colour in Show

2. Miss Turns's Fyglia Dark and Stormy. 7 years old. Good head and stop Good coat. Good topline. Longer feet than 1. Dark eyes well placed and good pigmentation.

Special Working Bitch (8,3)

1. Mrs V Hawker's Moshanta Magic Penny for Taytinja JW. Moves really well. Good head measurements. Good Topline and underline. Good coat and tail. Good eyes, ears and feet. Fantastic muscle tone and this showed on the move. Reserve Best Bitch and Reserve Best in Show. Best Special Working in Show.
2. Mrs K Milham's Elystari This Must Be Love JW. Good topline and underline. Good feet. Good coat & texture. Good eyes and ears. Moving well.

Veteran Bitch (5,2)

1. Mrs J Grant's Coussiere Dancing Queen 10.5 years. Good head lengths. Good ears and eyes. Good pigmentation. Good topline and underline. Good bone. Lovely waggy tail. Moved well. Best Veteran Bitch and Best Veteran in Show.
2. Miss J Wettern-Bloomfield's Alpana Strike a Pose. Very Pretty Bitch of 9.5 years. Good topline and tail. Good feet. Longer than 1. Lighter in bone than 1. Moving with reach and good drive. Some lift of feet on the move.

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bitch (8,5)

1. Mrs H Bligh's Borderbrook Princess Raya At Ravencrag JW. 2nd in Limit. Moving better in this class.
2. Miss K Dodd's Bordabears Be My Surprise at Molumiki AW(S). Good topline and underline. Good tail and coat. Good feet. Shorter in the muzzle and longer in body than 1. Also lighter in bone than 1.

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