

SETTER & POINTER CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

Saturday 23rd November 2024

Thank you to the committee for asking me to judge Pointers at this special Centenary show. I was thrilled with my entry and want to thank the exhibitors for entering their lovely dogs for my opinion. The weather was against many of us and I tried to keep the dogs moving as much as I could because we all know Pointers don't do the cold! (neither do I!) I was spoilt for choice in lots of the classes and on another day, different venue and weather the places could change. I was particularly impressed by the puppy classes in both sexes which I thought bodes well for our breed for the future. The older classes again impressed me immensely with quality dogs going cardless. Delighted to watch my BOB take BIS and my BP take RBPIS and my Veteran who put on a good performance too.

VETERAN DOG (2,0)

1st O'Neill's Sh Ch Tenshilling Home Alone JW ShCM. 10 year old O/w handsome boy who belies his age. Have done well for him previously and my opinion hasn't changed. Super head with a slight dish & thin leathers. Curvy all over and balanced angles with correct bone & neat feet. On the move he is sound & stylish with lovely carriage and went on a light easy stride using his tail well and was in great condition. Best Veteran.

2nd Gordon's Hawkfield Audacity JW (ai). A favourite boy of mine and I don't think he has looked better. He has the most beautiful head with a kind soft expression, super front & upper arm, good ribs and solid topline. Long arched neck and attractive outline. I thought he was in great coat & condition. On the move he is sound up and back but would just like his tail carried better. Unlucky to meet 1, 2 lovely veteran boys.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (6,0) a very promising class I was spoilt for choice.

1st Wilkinson's Stocksfell Soloflight. I was really taken with this 6month old dog. Elegant O/w gorgeous typey head, good chiselling under his eyes & turn of lip with deep stop, good pigment and pronounced occiput. Long neck into good shoulders, correct bone & neat feet. Good ribs and short loin, curvy outline & well turned stifles. Well let down hocks and neat tail of correct shape that was well set on. On the move he is very much a baby as expected but I saw sound movement up and back and he used himself well in profile. I loved him and will watch him with interest. BPD only lost out to the Bitch as he was tired and not holding himself on the stack.

2nd Pearson's Ladyhawke Desert Orchid. Lemon/w chunkier dog all over to 1 but I thought he was very promising. Handsome head with good proportion's, lengthy neck into good shoulders. Lovely eye-catching outline when stacked. He moved better as the class went on and he gained confidence, he was sound and used himself well.

3rd Sheedy, Hand & Siddle Wilchrimane Pretzel.

PUPPY DOG (2, 0)

1st Stilgoe & Fox's Teisgol Sweet William. I was pleased this puppy came into this class to give a critique. In the previous class he looked such a baby but also very promising. Sweet head with dark eye and neat ears. Super outline, correct bone & feet. Well balanced all over & finished with a lovely neat tail. On the move he was sound up and back and went well on a good stride in profile.

2nd Baker's Mattiboo Million Love Songs. Again I was glad this boy came in again. Different type to 1, nice head & dark eye although they could be a little tighter. Long neck into good shoulders. He was well made all over with a curvy outline. Happy boy who moved well on a long easy stride, just needs to tighten up.

JUNIOR DOG (8, 2abs)

1st Wilcox Harvestslade Fire And Ice through Merynjen. A super typey o/w dog, Well balanced head, could have a little less skull but has good stop, turn of lip and lovely dark eye. Good length of neck and depth of chest, well ribbed back with a short loin. At first he tended to just roll his topline on the move but as the class went on and he relaxed he settled into his topline and held it well on the move. Used himself well on the go around and was sound up and back.

2nd O'Neill's Tenshilling Shboom. Attractive b/w lovely balanced head with good stop & occiput, clean neck into shoulders and correct bone & neat feet. Clean outline with balanced angles, I just found him a little steep in his croup. Super stylish dog on the move with great carriage & lashing tail. Good reach in front & drive behind and so sound coming and going.

3rd Harrison's Millpoint Watson.

YEARLING DOG (9, 0abs) A super class to judge and the first 3 could all change places on another day.

1st Tibbs' Raigmore Keep The Faith JW. A super stylish B/w dog who I have judged previously. Balanced head, with good stop & a dark eye. Long arched neck, depth of chest and good shoulders. Correct bone, sloping pasterns & neat feet. Well sprung ribs and short loin, good turn of stifle and correct neat tail. Exuberant stylish dog on the move who has great natural carriage and tail action. Huge open side gait and is so sound up and back. In the challenge he just lost out to higher honours as he wasn't quite as settled in front as he was in the class. His time will come I am sure.

2nd Rose's De Las Navazuelas Stormcloud at Ridanflight (imp ESP). I have admired this elegant b/w ringside and was glad to get my hands on him. Different type to 1, super head with dark eye and neat ears. Long clean neck with correct bone & feet. On the move he is sound and uses himself well on the go around. His outline is so eye catching, flows from nose to tail and is curvy everywhere. He just lost out to 1 on maturity & body today but I will watch him with interest.

3rd Watkins' Lakewinds Benchmark (imp AUS)

NOVICE DOG (7, 0abs)

1st Wilkinson's Stocksfell Soloflight.

2nd Wilcox's Harvestslade Fire And Ice through Merynjen.

3rd Cooper & Pearson's Keepersfield Hope And Glory.

GRADUATE DOG (6, 2abs)

1st Cooper & Pearson's Keepersfield Hope And Glory. Elegant o/w nice head & neat well set ears. Needs some more fill in chest, balanced in angulation with good ribbing and super oval bone and feet. Moved ok up and back and needs to settle into himself.

2nd Bell's Brent Deville's Advocate at Owlspoint (ai). Balanced dog, plainer in head than 1 but with good proportions. Good bone & neat feet, clean in neck and curvy outline. In great coat & condition, more settled in this class and went well using his tail.

3rd Pratt's Hawkfield Wickham.

POST GRADUATE DOG (7, 0abs)

1st Sillince's Davigdor Flanders Field. A lovely sized o/w dog with good overall shape, nice well-balanced head, good stop & neat ears. Super body & angles with tight skin, would prefer better feet. Nice neat tail of correct shape. Super mover, with a long clean stride and drive from behind. Feel he would benefit more from being moved a touch faster.

2nd Meeney & Sweeney's Joneva Just Imagine. O/w lovely head with kind eye & neat ears. A taller rangier dog than 1 but in proportion, elegant outline and curvy lines. Long arched neck into good shoulders, correct bone & pasterns. Balanced angles and neat tail carried correctly off his back and lashing as he went. Moved well, with good reach & drive.

3rd Matthews' Sonham Raising The Game JW.

LIMIT DOG (10, 0abs) a really lovely class where good quality dogs went cardless.

1st Gerrard, Bell & Galloway's Carmandine Oh C'mon Then JW. O/W dog who has the most beautiful head, chiselling under the eye and pronounced occiput finished with kind dark eye. Correct bone and I feel he is the ideal size for a dog, elegant yet masculine, super curvy, eye catching outline with tight skin and flows from nose to the tip of his tail. He is well made all though and is totally balanced. He is light on his feet on the move and so sound up & back. On the go around he has reach & drive and holds his topline. He was in super condition and handled well, he was just what I was looking for in dogs today and feel he totally deserved the CC in this entry.

2nd Hill's Kanix Sourdough with Calaquendi JW BEL JR CH. O/w who is stronger all through than 1. Masculine head with small neat ears. Powerfully built with good overall shape, and balanced angles. Good length of neck, well ribbed back and good depth of chest. He impressed me today on the move, tail was lashing and he went with power and drive. Foot perfect up and back and a big open side gait on the go around. He was in fantastic muscular condition & won the RCC in great company today.

3rd Lewis & Macara's Kanix Snapdragon at Fallowfield.

OPEN DOG (10, 2abs) A fantastic class of dogs.

1st Martin & Martin's Sh Ch Sunhouse Banged To Rights. B/w shapely dog, balanced head, with good stop and neat well set ears, would maybe just like a little more detail to finish it off. Good length of neck, correct oval bone and feet, with good pasterns. Excellent shoulders & upper arm, good spring of rib and short loin. Lovely neat tail of correct shape, good turn of stifle with let down hocks. he is totally balanced and on the move went with power and drive using his tail well. In fantastic coat and hard muscular condition.

2nd Adams' Carofel Wings Of Hope JW WW23 SWISS JCH. Different type to 1, lovely headed O/W with nice turn of lip, good stop and pronounced occiput. Kind expression with dark pigment and nice neat thin leathers. Good clean neck and well laid shoulders. Short coupled with good spring of rib and short loin. Correct bone, neat feet and good pasterns. Just enough turn of stifle behind and is balanced all through. He has tight skin and was in great condition. I liked him on the move where he had good carriage and used his tail well. Lost out to 1 on maturity but his time will come.

3rd Martin and Martin's Sunhouse You're Nicked.

FIELD TRIAL DOG OR BITCH (1, 0abs)

1st Anderson-Rowell's Little Owl Scandiaca for Daledancer (imp SVK). What a sweetie who was doing her best for her mum today. Pretty headed B/w with a good body and in great condition. Balanced angles and good overall outline. Oval bone and feet. I liked her neat little tail which she used well on the move. Best Field Trial.

SPECIAL WORKING GUNDOG (1, 0abs)

1st Blowers' Fowington Lar Ti Dar at Deadaway. Pretty O/w bitch who I thought was quite lovely. I have admired her ringside so was glad to get my hands on her. Lovely head, with kind eye & expression and thin leathers. Clean arched neck into good shoulders. Depth of chest and correct bone and feet. Well sprung ribs, super topline and turn of stifle. Lovely natural carriage on the move, lashing tail and really using herself on the go around. She had a curvy balanced outline, tight skin and was well muscled all through. She stood alone in this class but is a worthy winner.

VETERAN BITCH (11, 3abs)

1st Norbury & Adams' Medogold Bamalam at Heartbury OSW OW ShCM ShCEx. This Liv/w girl really shone today. I thought she looked fab, in great body and condition and went so well. Lovely head with great pigment and eye colour, long reachy neck into good shoulders, depth of chest and rib. Well turned stifles and let down hocks. nice neat tail which she used well on the move.

2nd Matthews' Medogold Tartini with Sonham OSW JW ShCM ShCEx. Litter sister to 1 and quite different actually, longer cast but very well made, good shoulders and well turned stifles, pretty head with nice dark eye & kind expression. Good body and moved with purpose.

3rd Lowe Lowsmoor Shiralee.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (6, 0abs) What a lovely class of babies.

1st Siddle, Siddle & Kruger's Wilchrimane Pistachio TAF. Was quite taken with this pretty O/w beautiful head, with slight dish and dark eyes. Nice thin leathers which were well set on and pronounced occiput. long clean neck into good shoulders with depth of chest. Correct bone, sloping pasterns & neat feet, well ribbed and good turn of stifle. She has a great overall shape and was curvy everywhere. She was in good condition and handled well as always. Moved with great carriage and confidence. She used herself well in profile and keep showing right until the end which gained her Best puppy over a lovely dog puppy. BPIB and RBPIS well done!

2nd Hall & Sarou's Wilchrimane Sorbet into Gartarry NAF. Sister to 1 and many of the same remarks apply. Such a pretty O/w who has a dark eye and kind expression. Correct oval bone & tight feet, good shoulders, balanced angulation with depth of chest and ribbing for her age. She was sound coming and going and showed good reach in profile.

3rd Pearson's Ladyhawke Winning Colours.

PUPPY BITCH (5, 3abs)

1st Kennedy's Droveborough's Hells Bells. Super liv/w pretty head, with good eye colour, turn of lip, pronounced occiput and nice thin leathers. Clean arched neck into good shoulders and depth of chest. Well ribbed and short loin. Totally balanced in her angles and nothing was overdone. She moved sound coming and going and showed great reach and drive in profile. She would benefit with more weight to fill her frame but I will watch her with interest.

2nd Stilgoe, Stilgoe & Fox's Teisgol Rose Champion. I was pleased this o/w came into this class and was able to be critiqued. Again, I thought she was a real baby in the previous class but quite promising too. Smaller all over, Pretty head with good proportions, well made all through, short coupled with balanced angles. She moved soundly with reach & drive and with great confidence.

JUNIOR BITCH (9, 2abs)

1st Gordon's Hawkfield Happy Times. Really liked this O/W Lovely head, slight dish, dark eye and kind expression. Pronounced occiput and thin leathers, good reach of neck into well laid shoulder and good return of upper arm. Well ribbed and good turn of stifles. Correct oval bone, neat feet and sloping pasterns. Eye catching outline and curvy all over. Tight skin and in good muscular condition. She moved on a light easy stride with great carriage and lashing her neat little tail.

2nd Preece & Gilding's Harvestlade Star Ruby. B/W very pretty girl, slight dish, dark eye and lovely expression. Good shoulders, depth of chest and was well ribbed back. Had a good turn of stifle and well let down hocks. Curvy all over and was balanced and had good proportions. She moved well and used herself well in profile. She was in lovely coat and condition. Close up to 1.

3rd Dunn's Meadowpoint Hocus Pocus.

YEARLING BITCH (5, 0abs)

1st Wynne- Evans' Droveborough Frost Queen. B/w well balanced head with dark eye, good reach of neck into good shoulders with correct bone & neat feet. Super topline and neat well set tail. Eye catching outline where everything flowed into the next part. She moved soundly coming and going and went on a good stride.

2nd Tibbs' Raigmore Faith In The Future. Lovely b/w girl I liked her size and substance. Lovely head & kind expression. Good bone and neat feet. She was balanced in her angles and had a neat tail, a little steep in her croup. Super easy mover, using her tail well when she went.

3rd Stilgoe & Fox's Teisgo Alohomora.

NOVICE BITCH (3, 0abs)

1st Moule's Codnorhawk Daisy Ding Dong. A new one to me liv/w pretty bitch, lovely well-proportioned head and neat ears. Long arched neck into good shoulders, return of upper arm and depth of chest. Well ribbed and short loin. Good turn of stifle and well let down hocks. Moved on a loose lead with great carriage using her tail well.

2nd O'Neill & Timothy's Tenshilling Sweet Nothings. B/w lovely head, with dark eye and kind expression. Balanced angles with good depth of chest. Found her quite steep in her croup and could have better tail and carriage.

3rd Wilkinson's Ferndel Sapphire Mist over Stocksfell.

GRADUATE BITCH (6, 2abs)

1st Boulton's Codnorhawk Starlight on Moreoldglen. Really liked this super liv/w bitch. Old fashioned stamp but a really honest sort. Nice head with good proportions, thin leathers which were well set on. Long arched neck into good shoulders, depth of chest. Correct oval bone & neat feet with sloping pasterns. Good ribbing and short loin, super topline which she held on the move. She was curvy everywhere you looked and flowed all over. She was so true up and down and covered the ground effortlessly on the go around in profile with great carriage whilst using her tail.

2nd Moule's Codnorhawk Daisy Ding Dong.

3rd Gordon's Hawkfield Black Swan.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (7, 2abs)

1st Brooksmith's Millpoint Golden Pippin JW. Feminine O/w bitch lovely head with dark eye and kind expression. Good ribbing, short loin and good turn of stifle. She is so well made with nothing over done and is totally balanced all over, she never stands wrong. She was well conditioned, had tight skin and was curvy. Moved so soundly up and back and used herself on the go around showing good reach & drive.

Unfortunately, in the challenge she dropped her tail on the move, which was a shame.

2nd O'Neill's Tenshilling To Sir With Love. Pretty o/w with lovely pigment, good turn of lip and slight dish to her face with chiselling under the eye. Thin leathers which were well set and pronounced occiput. Good depth of chest with correct oval bone & feet. Well ribbed back and short loin, was balanced in her angles front & back and moved so true lashing her tail and covering the ground with ease. Close up to 1.

3rd Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Smoochie at Stargang.

LIMIT BITCH (15, 3abs) A fabulous class!

1st Macara & Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Sooty at Stargang. My star of the day was found in this B/W bitch who couldn't be denied, she came in and stole the show. Her head is well balanced, with a dark eye & kind expression. Long clean arched neck into super shoulders & upper arm, depth of chest, correct oval bone & neat feet. Super topline which was held perfectly stacked and on the move. Good turn of stifle which complimented her front construction. She was curvy at every angle I looked at her. Everything just fits together perfectly and she flows from her head to the end of her tail. She comes alive on the move where she goes with minimal effort covering the ground effortlessly with reach & drive. So sound up and back with perfect footfall. She was shown in optimum coat & condition. BCC, BOB & ultimately BIS Huge well done!

2nd Wilkinson's Stocksfell Shockwave. B/w a lovely bitch and previously won the RCC under me the last time I judged, my opinion hasn't changed. Feminine head, with dark kind eye, chiselling under the eye and nice turn of lip. Good shoulders, depth of chest, well ribbed back and turn of stifle. She is well balanced all though, curvy and has tight skin. She is another who flows from head to tail and isn't much to fault. She is sound coming and going and covered the ground well in profile. Today I feel on the final go around she just lacked the sparkle of the winner which cost her higher honours in the challenge when called back in.

3rd Moss' Davigdor Poppies.

OPEN BITCH (12, 5abs)

1st Siddle, Siddle & Madeiros' Wilchrimane Frankly Darlin. Well known O/W who is ultra feminine, pretty head with good stop & pronounced occiput. Clean arched neck, well ribbed back & short loin, correct oval bone & neat feet. Curvy eye-catching outline, tight skin, well turned stifles & let down hocks. On the move she goes on a loose lead and is stylish and has great natural carriage, covering the ground with ease and lashing her tail which won her the class & RCC. In super coat & condition and as always was handled to get the very best out of her.

2nd Webb's Sh Ch Tenshilling The Wanderer. A very pretty O/W bitch, feminine head with lovely eye, dark pigment and thin leathers. Good depth of chest, bone & feet. Well sprung ribs and short loin. She was symmetrical and well balanced both ends. Moved soundly up and back using her tail well and covering the ground in profile. In super condition.

3rd Blackburn-Bennett's Kanix Skyfall.

SAM ODDIE - judge