

Bournemouth Championship show. 11th August 2007. Border Collies

A lovely show, thanks go to my excellent steward, Betty, who kept things moving in the scorching heat.

Overall I felt there was a greater depth of quality in the bitches, a lot of dogs, who looked great standing, really disappointed on the move, with very sloppy loose front action and crabbing behind. Strong sound movement is essential in a dog that is supposed to be capable of working all day long; I accept that the intense heat could have been responsible for the lack of enthusiasm for moving in some exhibits.

There were a worrying number of level bites, which often seemed to be associated with short muzzles and over strong heads. On the plus side, temperaments were without exception excellent, there were very few short tails, and weak back ends or ten to two fronts were almost non-existent. I was very happy with my winners, and in a number of classes I was really spoiled for choice.

Minor puppy dog. 9 (2 abs)

1) Forster-Cooper Sheltysham Spelstruck. B/W. Delightful baby. Very nice head shape, and well constructed, with good angulations, moved in a straight line sufficiently for me to see sound movement. I am sure with a little schooling he will go far.

2) Emery. Florauna Seventh Heaven. BL/W. Well balanced head, soundly constructed, moved well, stockier type than first. Another very promising baby.

3) Kinton, Large & Wizinby. I said I am for Kinway.

Puppy dog. 6 (1 abs)

1) Brutto. Bekwey Muchacho. B/W. Prick eared giving an alert expression, well balanced head of correct proportions, good length of neck, well angulated front and rear, well balanced, moved very well, I will watch his progress as he matures. Very promising. Best puppy dog.

2) Florauna Seventh Heaven

3) Cannon. Valecroft Oberon

Junior dog 6 (1 abs)

1) Emery. Florauna Timeless. B/W Well proportioned head, nice outline, correct angulations front and rear, best mover in class.

2) Wilkinson. Altricia a Classic Touch. B/W. Excellent well balanced head with super expression, good angulations moved well would prefer a fraction more length of leg.

3) Large & Harlow Wizaland in for a Laugh.

Yearling dog 6 (1 abs)

1) Angier. & Kerr. Eyes of the world Excalibur at Bilyara (imp) BR/W. Masculine head of good proportion. Good length of neck, well laid back shoulders, deep chest, good angulations front and rear, moved soundly.

2) Ferber Wizaland Glenmorangie at Rossbrook. B/W well balanced head, slightly light in eye, good length of neck with well angled shoulders, straight top line, and sound back end, moved well

3) Chance. Goytre Chance to Dream.

Novice dog. No entries

Post grad dog. 10 (1 abs)

1) Chalke. Dellekko Silver Dollar of Ghostland. Blue merle. Lovely clear well broken merle. Well balanced head, with alert expression, good length of neck on to well angulated shoulders, level top line and well angulated rear, steady sound mover.

2) Ferber. Westirene Chilli Pepper at Rossbrook BR/W. Good head and expression, clean well balanced outline, good angles front and rear, moved well.

3) James Threjays Geraint

Limit dog. 16 (5 abs)

1) Anderson. Caristan Catch Me If You Can. B/W. Balanced head of correct proportions, good length of neck on to well angulated shoulders, level top line, sound back end, moved very well with impressive side gait.

2) Simmons. Foxbarton the Magician at Charaneta B/W.. Another well balanced dog of correct proportions, very pleasing on the move, just slightly preferred the head of my first place.

3) Peacock. Ellagant Stargate at Arnpriors.

Open dog 11

1) Broadhurst. Rosehurst No Nz is Good News. B/W Prick eared dog with correct well balanced head proportions, alert expression with correct eye shape, good length of neck onto well laid back shoulders, deep chest, strong straight front, level top line, excellent hind angulations with a sound back end. Strong steady sound movement. Well muscled. This dog looked like he could, and would, work all day, a very sound, honest, workmanlike dog, free from any exaggeration. C.C. and BOB.

2) Welch & Simmons. Sh. Ch. Janbelle Jamieson. B/W. Excellent head and eye, good length of neck, well angulated front and rear, excellent well balanced outline, sound steady mover. Res. C.C.

3) Green . & Gregory. Sh. Ch. Tonkory Guinness.

Minor puppy bitch 5

1) Lindsey & McCord Altemera Helana Snow Queen. B/W. Feminine young bitch, pretty head, well balanced outline, moved very well.

2) Gregory. Tonkory Moonlighting. B/W. Sweet head and expression, good length of neck and body shape, slightly heavier bone than first, moved well.

3) Grimes . Gleraston Goody Two Shoes

Puppy bitch 12 (3 abs)

1) Tunnicliff Littlethorne Porsha B/W Very nice feminine head, good neck and excellent body shape, with lovely clean lines, Extremely sound mover with impressive side gait for one so young. Best Puppy bitch and best puppy.

2) James Threjays Fflur B/W. Another super young bitch, excellent head shape, very good angulations all round, very well balanced, moved soundly.

3) Morrison & McCord Altemera Tartan Angel

Junior bitch 15 (2 abs) excellent class.

1) Pennington Altricia Fancy Free of Tudhurst B/w. nicely balanced head, good reach of neck, excellent angulations front and rear, presenting a lovely clean outline, moved soundly.

2) Ravenscroft Ravenscol Reach For the Sky B/w. excellent head and body shape, correct angulations, moved very well.

3) Saxon. Arnpriors Fields of Gold.

Yearling bitch 8

1) Hartfield. Moshanta Movin On Up J.W. B/w. Pretty, balanced head, good neck, clean outline, moved very soundly.

2) Large. Wizaland Soul Connection. B/w. Pretty head with gentle expression. Pleasing outline, moved well.

3) Saxon Arnpriors Fields of Gold.

Novice bitch. 8

- 1) Collier. Rossmarinus Rainmaiden of Pepperbox, Pretty feminine head, good body shape with clean outline, moved really well.
- 2) Ravenscroft. Ravenscol Reach for The Sky
- 3) Kerr. Melmera Let It be Borderclan

Post Grad. Bitch 17 (5 abs)

- 1) Tunnicliff Littlethorn Jazz. Lovely head and expression, Very good angulations, giving a well balanced outline, moved with drive showing an excellent side gait.
- 2) White & Scott. Lydeardlea Buttons and Bows of Belsmard. Another very nice bitch, prick eared with an alert expression, excellent sound mover.
- 3) Kronfield. Bekkis Forever at Ingoldfield

Limit bitch 16 (2 abs)

- 1) Wilkinson. Altricia Willow. B/w. Balanced head shape, good length of neck, well balanced clean outline, sound front and rear, moved very soundly. Res. C.C;
- 2) Porter. Locheil Really and Truly at Croxlea. Feminine head and expression, good length of neck, good angulations all through, sound front and rear, moved well.
- 3) Ward. Starside Lucy Lou.

Open bitch 11 (4 abs)

1) Angier. Arnpriors Silver Lady for Bilyara. Bl/w. Well balanced clean head shape, with alert expression, good length of neck onto well laid back shoulders, deep chest and well sprung ribs, level top line, correct hind angulations, in super condition, moved really soundly, despite the heat she went round the ring with real drive and enthusiasm. C.C.

2) Large, Harlow & Fitzgerald Am. Ch. Borderfame Gift of Love. Well balanced pleasing head, good length of neck, soundly constructed with good angulations, moved soundly.

3) Robinson. Frason Talk of the Town.

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