

MANCHESTER CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW. 17/1/2015
BORDER COLLIES

I would first like to say how privileged I feel to have received such a super entry. I thoroughly enjoyed my day, and would like to say a big thank you to exhibitors and to my excellent ring stewards who kept everything flowing and under control.

I had no idea who most of the dogs were, having done very few championship shows recently, so it was interesting for me, at the end of the day, when I finally got to see the results and the breeding of my winners.

A few Observations.

There are still quite a few short necks, steep croups, round eyes and round feet in evidence, please consider these faults when breeding future generations. Just because they are there does not make them correct.

Overall I feel quality is still more consistent in bitches than in dogs.

Quite a few dogs & bitches looked beautiful standing, but were disappointing on the move. This may have been due in part to handlers keeping a tight lead to try to control tail carriage, pulling the dogs head up and affecting movement, and in some cases constantly jerking the lead to correct the dog, throwing it off balance, and making movement impossible to asses. Nothing is nicer than seeing a good collie moving out on a loose lead with its head low, in the correct position, an absolute joy to watch.

Some seemed tense when being gone over, and I suspect this could have been due in part to the very noisy hall. Temperaments were for the most part very good.

Most were well presented and in a clean condition, though I was surprised to feel a few mats in feathering and in one case on top of a dogs back. If it is worth spending so much entering a show, it is worth taking time to groom the dog thoroughly, when 'splitting hairs' with decisions, such considerations do come into play.

Finally I was surprised at how many were overweight, in both dogs and bitches, and I am talking fat – not nicely covered.

Some puppy fat is to be expected on youngsters, but an alarming number of adults had no discernable waistline, when running hands down the back it was impossible to feel where the ribs ended and loin began. A lot also lacked hard muscle tone. The breed standard describes the body as 'athletic in appearance' I don't recall many overweight athletes. As an athletic working dog, an overweight collie would hardly be 'fit for function ' and if arguing that this is a beauty show, how many overweight beauty queens have there been ?

It was very nice to have so many puppies to go over, some only just 6 months old, and still coping very well with the noise and bustle. Looking good for the future.

I was very pleased with my final line up of both dogs and bitches, and found judging the bitch ticket particularly hard, there were quite a few I would have felt happy to hand the ticket to, I really was 'splitting hairs' at the end.

BEST OF BREED : 6260 RATCLIFFE Miss J Arrodare Devil In Disguise Jw
Dog CC : 6255 PORTMAN Mrs S & Mr C Sh Ch Caleykiz Smoke On The Water
Res Dog CC : 6191 FORSTER-COOPER Ms P A Sheltysam Space Spy
Bitch CC : 6260 RATCLIFFE Miss J Arrodare Devil In Disguise Jw
Res Bitch CC : 6244 MORLEY, Mrs S A & ROGERSON Mrs A Chikaramor Born This Way
Best Puppy : 6280 TUNNICLIFF Mr R E Littlethorn Shelby
Best Veteran : 6191 FORSTER-COOPER Ms P A Sheltysam Space Spy

MPD (11 Entries) Abs: 1

A strong baby puppy class, with a few real babies who behaved admirably in such a noisy hall.

1st: RAEDSCHELDERS Mrs N A Borders Make My Day From Dei Rovi Fioriti
Black/white, well balanced head, good alert expression and ear carriage, correct length of neck, balanced outline, sound flowing movement, should have a good future.

2nd: HARGREAVES Miss M Harbecca Shadow Dancer
Black/white. Another very promising youngster, slightly heavier in head than first, good bone, nice clean outline, moved well.

3rd: GREEN Mr R K Dalguise Dream On TAF

PD (8 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: MORRISON Mrs H J Patasam Cyclone
Black/white, Good bone, Pleasing head, correct length of neck, heavy coat, balanced outline moved well.

2nd: RAEDSCHELDERS Mrs N A Borders Make My Day From Dei Rovi Fioriti
First in minor puppy, could swap places with first when more mature.

3rd: FORSTER-COOPER Ms P A Sheltysam Shameless Saint

JD (8 Entries) Abs: 4

1st: TURNER, Mrs H & ALEXANDER Mrs J Locheil Dear Darlin
Black/white. Upstanding young male in excellent coat and condition. Well balanced head, tipped ears, correct length of neck, good bone, well angulated, and moved out well.

2nd: Mrs V TILLER Foxbarton Kings Knight
Sable/white. Preferred head and eye of first, excellent length of neck, well balanced body with clean outline, well angulated front and rear, nice bone, good muscle tone, moved soundly.

3rd: RICHARDS Mrs D S Chastanse Sweet William

YD (6 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: SMITH, Mr N M & RATCLIFFE Miss J Arroddare It's Now Or Never

Well presented, Black/white masculine balanced head, tipped ears, and kind eye, good length of neck, onto well angled shoulders, firm top line, good rear angulation, moved and showed well,

2nd: Mrs V TILLER Foxbarton Kings Knight
Second in junior.

3rd: TYDEMAN Mrs S & Mr C Karingal Mi Amigo

PGD (10 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: ATKIN, Mrs L & RATCLIFFE Miss J Arroddare All Shook Up

Litter brother to yearling dog winner, and all of the same comments apply. A young dog with a promising future I am sure.

2nd: HALL, Mr D & JORDAN-HALL Mrs T Locheil Rio Grande

Black/white, good bone, pleasing head and expression, in good coat and condition, moved out well, just preferred the overall outline of first.

3rd: TAYLOR Mrs A R H Minkynips What Yer Fink

LD (14 Entries) Abs: 5

Very good class

1st: SHAHMATOVA Dr M Nashdom Unpredictable

Black/white, good head ears and expression, nice length of neck set onto well placed shoulders, pleasing balanced outline, moved freely and with drive.

2nd: TUNNICLIFF Mr R E Littlethorn Triton

Black/white, lovely well balanced head good eye and earset, nice length of neck, good bone, excellent front and rear angulation, moved well.

3rd: WALKER, Ms J & ALCORN Mrs P Dalguise Celtic Rainbow

OD (10 Entries) Abs: 2

Good strong class

1st: PORTMAN Mrs S & Mr C Sh Ch Caleykiz Smoke On The Water

Prick eared Blue/white, Strong well-made dog, can imagine he would have the stamina to do the work he was bred for, masculine well balanced head, strong graceful neck, well-muscled and in good coat, balanced throughout, good angulation Good bone well-presented and handled, really moved out freely and with plenty of drive, C.C. just slightly preferred the bitches head for BOB

2nd: CARLEY, Miss V & CARLEY, Mrs J & WARD Mrs C Sh Ch Jupavia Seventh Heaven JW Sh.CM

Black/white, Strong masculine boy, well balanced head, good bone and in excellent coat and condition, nicely balanced throughout moved well.

3rd: COLLINS Miss J Bordadale Blue Savannah

VD (6 Entries) Abs: 1

Very good class

1st: FORSTER-COOPER Ms P A Sheltysam Space Spy

Black/white. This boy at 10 years old could out move a lot of the younger dogs, nice masculine well balanced head, good neck and well balanced body, excellent croup, and very hard muscle tone, A real workman of a dog, this boy looked like he could really do the job he was bred for, and confirmation was hard to fault. I don't understand why he has never gained his title. Res. C.C. Just had to give way to youth for top honours.

2nd: WILKINSON Mrs P A Altricia A Classic Touch

Another excellent boy not showing his age. Very pleasing head and expression, good neck, well balanced throughout, in good coat and condition, moved soundly.

3rd: ATKIN Mrs L Aculsia Starquest With Kedostel

MPB (9 Entries) Abs: 1

Super class of promising pups

1st: TUNNICLIFF Mr R E Littlethorn Shelby

Black/white, I really like this young bitch, super head and expression, very alert to everything around her, excellent neck, well angulated and balanced throughout, moving out well she shows promise of things to come. BP.

2nd: CARLEY Miss V Jupavia Arizona

Black/white, another very nice young bitch, feminine well balanced head, nice neck and good angulation, in excellent condition, moved well.

3rd: SPENCER Mrs A R Jephaniil Lady Bollinger At Tobermoray

PB (10 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: EDMONDS Mesdames B & C Tazaeos Cruizin

Black/white, another very promising youngster, nicely balanced feminine head and outline, excellent condition, well-proportioned throughout, moved and showed well.

2nd: MILHAM Mrs K Tazaeos Cruizin For Love

Litter sister to first, and all the same comments apply, two very nice pups.

3rd: FORSTER-COOPER Ms P A Sheltysam Shameless Angel

JB (15 Entries) Abs: 4

Very nice class

1st: GORLEY, Mrs G & RATCLIFFE Ms J Arrodare Good Luck Charm

Black/white, feminine head with good eye and ear carriage, excellent length of neck, lovely flowing outline, good croup, moved well.

2nd: WALTERS Ms A Goytre Daddy's Saucie Girl

Black/white, hard choice between this and first, just preferred neck on first, lovely head and outline Excellent condition, moved very well.

3rd: BARRATT Mrs J C Starside Sadie Of Pendleway

YB (9 Entries) Abs: 1

Very nice class.

1st: CARLEY Miss V Jupavia Just For You

Black/white, very promising young bitch, excellent well balanced head and expression, nice neck, well laid back shoulder, good rear angulation lovely croup, moved out well.

2nd: ROSS Mrs A Bordaquest Diamond Dust

Another extremely nice young bitch, similar in type to first and same remarks apply, well balanced throughout and moved well.

3rd: GOWING Miss A G Miraje It's Too Darn Hot At Pikara

PGB (20 Entries) Abs: 5

Excellent class where I was spoilt for choice, first and second were very hard to split, and could easily have changed places.

1st: RATCLIFFE Miss J Arrodare Devil In Disguise Jw

Black/white, well-proportioned head with tipped ears and alert expression, good length of neck onto well laid back shoulders, correct topline and croup, medium bone, came into her own on the move with a free, effortless gait, CC & BOB.

2nd: MORLEY, Mrs S A & ROGERSON Mrs A Chikaramor Born This Way

Tri, I really loved this girl, and she came so close to first – and the ticket – just let her handler down a little by deciding to fly her tail, obviously a character! Super feminine head, good neck and clean out outline, lovely shoulders and rear angulation, excellent croup, in very good condition, moved soundly nothing overdone. Res. C.C.

3rd: MACFARLANE Mrs S Jupavia First Love

LB (19 Entries) Abs: 5

Another excellent class that was hard to split

1st: BLOOMFIELD Mr P Goytre The Next Chapter Of Olistazia

Black/white, a strong contender in the challenge, head of correct proportion, good reach of neck and well laid back shoulders, nicely balanced with good angulation, moved out well on a long loose lead, lovely to see, in excellent condition. Just preferred the croup of the cc and rcc winners.

2nd: WALKER, Mrs E & WALKER Ms J Ravenskirk Ms Independence Shcm

Black/white, feminine head and alert expression, good ear carriage, nice neck and good angulation front and rear, moved freely and soundly

3rd: SPENCER Mrs A R Littlethorn Infinity At Tobermoray JW

OB (16 Entries) Abs: 5

Excellent class, and hard to split my placings.

1st: MACDONALD Mrs B Jupavia Seventh Blessing JW

Black/white, well-proportioned head with good eye and ear carriage, good length of neck, Very nice outline and good croup, moved soundly and with drive.

2nd: FORSTER-COOPER Ms P A Sheltysam Shockin Showoff

Black/white, another very nice bitch, same comments as for first, just slightly preferred croup on first, but splitting hairs. Good sound movement, with drive, in excellent condition.

3rd: CLARKE Miss C Caleykiz Twist The Nite Away

VB (11 Entries) Abs: 5

Good class, showing some excellent movement.

1st: GRANT Mrs J Locheil All Thats Magical Avec Coussiere

Black/white. Very nice bitch in excellent condition, pleasing head proportions, nice ears and eye, excellent condition, well angulated, moved extremely well.

2nd: HAMSON Mr G W & Mrs L A Wizaland Highland Diamond

Black/white, Nice head and expression, well-proportioned throughout and in excellent condition, Moved well with plenty of drive, just preferred neck of first.

3rd: TAYLOR Mrs A R H Minkynips What A Mess

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