

## **Crufts 8/3/2019 Border Collie Bitches**

It was a huge honour and privilege to be allowed to go over so many beautiful bitches. I thank exhibitors for accepting my decisions so well, a lot were very difficult to make, and I was really splitting hairs in some classes. Temperaments and condition were excellent throughout, and a credit to the owners, with such large classes and only five places it was inevitable that some very nice bitches went unplaced, but placed or not you should be proud of your girls, and I thank you for entering them under me.

Thanks also to my two very efficient stewards, who kept everything moving for me, your efforts were very much appreciated.

I was looking for bitches that in my opinion had both the conformation and stamina necessary to enable them to work all day covering considerable distances over varied terrain, and showed that typical border collie enthusiasm and attitude of 'Come on, what are we waiting for?' I wanted that classical low head carriage and economical ground covering movement so necessary in a true border collie that would allow it to keep going without tiring, with everything in moderation and no exaggerations.

BCC MR R K GREEN - SH CH FAYKEN I AM LOVE JW

RBCC MR HOSKINS - BIRK CROSS GRACIE AT LEFEVRE

**Class 1189 VETERAN B Entries: 21 Absentees 6**

An excellent class, and great to see so many bitches with their ages in double figures moving soundly and with an enthusiasm that belied their age.

1st MISS J WETTERN - SH CH GRANDVER IN STYLE JW. 10 yrs 5 mths, Pretty Tri bitch, tipped ears, excellent head shape and proportions, alert and attentive to her owner, correct bone, pasterns and feet, Sound movement holding her topline, sloping croup and lovely long tail, well put together and in excellent condition, well-muscled and looking very good for her years.

2nd MRS C & MISS D WILTSHIRE - SH CH CALEYKIZ RHYTHM IN BLACK JW. 11yrs 2 mths, b/w A bitch I have always admired, tipped ears, well balanced head proportions, with an intelligent alert expression, excellent reach of neck, Good rib and body. Well set and carried tail of good length, Sound and free moving with reach and drive.

3rd MRS J GRANT - LOCHEIL ALL THATS MAGICAL AVEC COUSSIERE, 12yrs 1 mth, b/w Pleasing head with a mild expression, tipped ears, Well placed shoulders and good ribcage, sufficient length in body, well set on tail. Good rear angulation moved soundly in all directions, certainly does not look her age.

Res MRS E & MS J WALKER - RAVENSKIRK MS INDEPENDENCE SHCM

**Class 1190 MIN PUPPY B Entries: 0 Absentees 0**

**Class 1191 PUPPY B Entries: 11 Absentees 1**

Very nice class of puppies, with some very good prospects for the future, I wish I had been able to award more placings.

1st MRS H & MRS J TURNER & ALEXANDER - LOCHEIL LADY HARPER, 10 mths. b/w . Feminine head and alert expression showing typical border collie attitude, tipped ears, nice length of neck, good forehand with decent bone and well-padded feet. Good ribbing. Strong loin. Sound and free moving.

2nd MISS B & MISS J LEE & RATCLIFFE - ARRODARE ROYAL FLUSH, 10 mths, Blue/w. Appealing head, good under jaw, kind expression, with correct eye colour, good reach of neck, correct angulation front and rear with well let down hocks, well ribbed with deep chest, moved soundly in all directions, very attentive to her handler and presented in excellent condition.

3rd MR & MISS GREEN & RATCLIFFE - ARRODARE BEAUTIFUL TRAUMA, 9 mths, b/w Well balanced feminine head with neat tipped ears and correct eye shape, nice length of neck, well angulated front and rear with a nicely balanced flowing outline throughout, excellent croup and length of tail, moved soundly.

Res MRS S A & MRS A MORLEY & ROGERSON - CHIKARAMOR BLACK MAGIC

**Class 1192 JUNIOR B Entries: 14 Absentees 2**

1st MR P & MRS I SCHEVENELS-DE CREE - WOLVES COUNTRY STAR CHEYENNE [ATC AV01211DEU] 1 yr 4 mths b/w. Attractive bitch, alert to her surroundings with well balanced head, good eye shape and neat tipped ears which she used all the time, good reach of neck, well angulated front and rear with level topline which she held on the move. Moved soundly in all directions.

2nd MISS W E ALLISON - ZEABO YANKIE GIRL (IMP ITA) 1 yr 3 mths blue merle. Very pretty blue merle, full of character, well balanced feminine head, tipped ears, good reach of neck, well placed shoulders, and nice sloping croup, moved soundly when she settled.

3rd MR P, MRS Y & MRS D SIMMONS & INVERNO - SASHDAN NEVER ENDING STORY (AI) 1 yr 5 mths b/w attractive young bitch with a pleasing well balanced head, good length of neck and well placed shoulders and nicely angulated rear, good bone and pasterns, long tail sound and tireless on the move.

Res MRS J C BARRATT - BEARDSWORTH MINNIE GIRL

**Class 1193 YEARLING B Entries: 22 Absentees 2**

1st MISS J & MR R K RATCLIFFE & GREEN - ARRODARE HERE YOU COME AGAIN 2 yrs b/w pleasing head shape and proportions, tipped ears, alert and attentive to her owner, good reach of neck, correct angulation front and rear

well ribbed, correct bone, pasterns and feet, Sound movement with good reach and drive, sloping croup and lovely long tail.

2nd MRS M TURNER - LITTLETHORN AERO 1 yr 10 mths b/w. another really nice bitch, feminine well balanced head with tipped ears and correct eye shape, good reach of neck, well angulated front and rear, with hocks well let down, good pasterns bone and feet and moved soundly in all directions.

3rd MRS K MITCHELL - BORDABEARS SPECIAL LEGACY 1 yr 11 mths b/w well balanced head with pricked ears giving an alert expression, good reach of neck with nice angulation front and rear, firm topline and nice sloping croup giving a nice clean profile, moved soundly.

Res MRS J J, MISS S C & MR I & MISS K SMIT-SIRAAL, SMI - FROM BORDERS HOME UNIQU IN EVERY WAY [ATC AV02140NLD]

**Class 1194 UNDERGRAD B Entries: 15 Absentees 2**

1st MRS S SMALL - TOBERMORAY GODREVY BEACH, 1 yr 2 mths b/w Attractive feminine well balanced head, neat ears. Good forehand with good depth and breadth of chest. Well ribbed with strong loin and level topline, moved soundly in all directions.

2nd MRS K MITCHELL - BORDABEARS SPECIAL LEGACY. Third in yearling.

3rd MRS S & MR T O BARON & EAGLE - FROM BORDERS HOME VALLEY OF FIRE 1 yr 3 mths b/w attractive well balanced, head with pleasing mild expression. Well boned with nicely padded feet. Good ribbing. Well angulated front and rear. Sound and free moving.

Res MRS V HAWKER - JUPAVIA MIDNIGHT SECRET BY TAYTINJA

**Class 1195 GRADUATE B Entries: 14 Absentees 1**

1st A HARTFIELD - MOSHANTA MOVIN ON JW SHCM 4 yrs 1 month b/w Attractive and feminine head, neat ears. Good forehand with adequate depth and breadth of chest. Well ribbed, level topline, sloping croup and good length of tail moved soundly.

2nd MISS PAGNIN - NEW DREAM'S BORDER PRIDE [ATC AW00045ITA] 1 yr 10 mths b/w Pleasing head with a keen, expression, good ears. Good reach of neck, nice forehand with moderate bone and good feet. Well ribbed with good depth and breadth of chest. Moved soundly keeping a good outline at all times.

3rd MSS P & MS K AUSTIN & ZOLAKOVA - HYSTEPS MADE TO MEASURE, 2 yrs 4 mths b/w Well balanced head with good eye and ear set, alert expression good reach of neck and good angulation front and rear, firm topline with sloping croup and long tail, correct bone with nice pasterns and feet, moved well in all directions.

Res MISS A G H CRAWSHAW - BARTOK SINGAPORE SLING

**Class 1196 POST GRAD B Entries: 12 Absentees 3**

1st MR M & MRS C JOHNSON - TONKORY REVERIE AT TIDESPRIING, 2 yrs 5 mths, b/w well balanced pretty head with good eye and ear placement, appealing expression, good reach of neck onto well placed shoulders, deep broad chest with well sprung ribs, firm loin and sloping croup presenting a balanced smooth outline, correct bone with good pasterns and oval feet, moved well in all directions.

2nd MISS J & MRS L RATCLIFFE & ATKIN - STORY REX MISS BEWITCHED BY ARRODARE (IMP ITA) 2 yr 9 mth, tri. Attractive tri with Well proportioned head, alert expression and mobile ears, Good breadth and depth of chest. Well ribbed. Sound and accurate on the move.

3rd MRS J GRANT - COUSSIÈRE DANCING QUEEN, 3 yrs 9 mths, b/w . Nicely proportioned head with alert expression, good neck, well boned with nicely padded feet. Good ribbing. Strong loin. Sound and free moving

Res MR G A M VAN HEUGTEN - VIOLET IN BLOOM FROM FOREVER CLEVER [ATC AU03217NLD]

**Class 1197 MID LIMIT B Entries: 21 Absentees 4**

A strong class with some very nice bitches having to go unplaced.

1st MR HOSKINS - BIRK CROSS GRACIE AT LEFEVRE, 3 yrs 3 mths, b/w This girl caught my eye as she entered the ring, so much attitude and raring to go, very pretty feminine head, neat ears and correct eye shape, good reach of neck onto well angulated shoulders, level topline which she held on the move, well sprung ribs with a deep chest, correct bone, pasterns and feet, nicely angulated rear with a sloping croup, close fitting jacket presenting an overall clean and flowing outline, very sound on the move in all directions, this girl deserves her title and I am sure it will not be long in coming, pushed very hard for the CC and more than happy to award her the RCC.

2nd MRS S, MR I J & MRS M J GOOD & LEWIS & LEWIS - SHEMELLA MOONLIGHT DREAM, 4 yrs 1 mth b/w another very nice bitch, correct in all departments, feminine well balanced head, Excellent forehead with good reach of neck and well laid shoulders, well ribbed with good body proportions, sloping croup and well turned stifle, moved soundly with reach and drive.

3rd MISS S C, MR I & MRS J J SMIT, WILTSHIRE & SMIT-SI - BIRK CROSS REMEMBER HER NAME 2yrs 1 mth b/w, attractive well balanced head, good eye shape and ears, Excellent forehead with well laid shoulders, good bone, legs and feet. Adequate depth and breadth of chest. Lovely outline moved soundly with reach and drive.

Res MR M & MRS C VAN DEN STEEN & DE DEYNE - MAKING WAVES OF MARANNS HOME [ATC AV02981BEL]

**Class 1198 LIMIT B**

**Entries: 20 Absentees 1**

Another very strong class, with many very nice bitches having to go unplaced

1st MRS K ENTWISTLE - ROGANSROCK DREAM MAKER AT BEESTING, 3 yrs 2 mths, b/w another really nice bitch, excellent head proportions, with an alert expression correct eye shape and neat tipped ears, good reach of neck, deep chest and well sprung ribs, correct bone pasterns and feet, sloping croup with good length of tail, presenting a lovely flowing outline, moved soundly and seriously considered for top honours, just slightly preferred the side gait of the winners in the final challenge but one to watch in the future.

2nd MS J RATCLIFFE - ARRODARE FUEL TO THE FLAME JW, 3 yrs 7 mth b/w Well balanced feminine head and expression, good length of neck, well laid back shoulders and deep broad chest, well ribbed with strong loin, good rear angulation with hocks well let down, good bone pasterns and feet, sound flowing purposeful movement.

3rd MRS J K GREGORY - TONKORY SOME HAVE IT JW, 2 yrs 3 mths b/w another very nice bitch, attractive head, good reach of neck, balanced throughout with good angulation front and rear, good bone with nice well padded feet, moved soundly in all directions.

Res MISS S L STACEY - STORY REX IRREPLACEABLE (IMP ITA)

**Class 1199 OPEN B**

**Entries: 33 Absentees 5**

Very difficult class to judge, only being able to place five from twenty eight meant so many quality bitches had to go unrewarded.

1st MR R K GREEN - SH CH FAYKEN I AM LOVE JW 2 yrs 11 mths b/w. Super balanced head with medium sized semi-erect ears, eyes good shape and size. Constantly alert and aware of what was going on around her, Good length of neck, shoulders well laid back and elbows close to body, well sprung ribs with a deep broad chest, good bone with a slight slope to pasterns and oval well padded feet, nicely angled rear with hocks well let down, sloping croup finished with a good long tail. Moved soundly in all directions with reach and drive showing a smooth tireless gait with minimal lift holding her firm topline she moves like a girl on a mission, correct close fitting double coat enhanced the picture, was very happy to award her the CC.

2nd MRS H & MRS J TURNER & ALEXANDER - RUS CH LOCHEIL AFFAIRS OF THE HEART, 4 yrs b/w another really lovely bitch, correct in all departments, excellent head and expression, good reach of neck, correct bone, pasterns and feet, Good depth and breadth of chest. excellent body proportions and angulation, sloping croup and level topline giving a smooth graceful outline. Moved soundly in all directions.

3rd MRS C & MRS V WILTSHIRE & ROTTGER - CALEYKIZ BOOGIE ON JW 4 yrs 3 mths b/w Beautifully balanced with a feminine head and expression. Good rib and body. Sloping croup with a well set and carried tail of good length. Moved well covering ground in true border collie fashion.

Res MR R E TUNNICLIFF - LITTLETHORN SHELBY JW

**Class 1200 WORKING TR B Entries: 0 Absentees 0**

**Class 1201 HERDING B Entries: 0 Absentees 0**

**Class 1202 GOOD CIT B Entries: 14 Absentees 2**

1st MRS K MITCHELL - BORDABEARS SPECIAL LEGACY. Third yearling, second under graduate.

2nd MS K & MS A ZOLAKOVA & VLASCIC - HATS OFF OF BORDERTREOWE JW (IMP SRB) 3 yrs 9 mths blue merle attractive well balanced head with alert expression, good length of neck, nice angulation front and rear, correct bone, pasterns and feet, sloping croup with good length of tail, moved soundly in all directions.

3rd MRS V TILLER - FOXBARTON NOBLE LADY, 9 mths, sable. Very promising sable pup, attractive head and expression, nicely balanced throughout with good angulation and sound movement, will be interested to see how she matures.

Res MR B J & MRS V M TANSLEY - BILYARA ICE MAIDEN

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