

NORTH OF ENGLAND
FLATCOATED RETRIEVER
ASSOCIATION 23RD BREED OPEN SHOW
Sunday 04 November 2007

I was pleased and honoured to be asked by NEFRA to judge dogs at this well organised and pleasant open show along with my co judge Mr Richardson. Thank you to my stewards who did a sterling job and made the day run smoothly. I had a lovely entry and saw some cracking dogs and would like to thank the competitors for allowing me over them and taking my decisions sportingly. I found a few exhibits that for me lacked a little in substance but in general the overall quality was good.

VETERAN (2 entered / 0 absent)

1st Mr & Mrs Joyce's Stranfaer Hercules

2 lovely veterans - 1st looked better today than I've ever seen him, nice eye, flat skull, good length of neck, nice topline, which he held on the move. In agreement with my co judge pleased to award him best veteran.

2nd Mr & Mrs Borrowghs Elmstock Midnight Legend at Rockness

Another nice dog all round but just a little loose in movement today.

SPECIAL VETERAN (1)

1ST Hall & Twiggers CH Ghilgrange Magic Magician JW ShCM

A sound well constructed dog with a lovely head. I've watched him with interest over the years. He couldn't have given more of himself he has a JW is a full CH with a ShCM and now he has made Special Veteran - truly a dog to be proud of.

MINOR PUPPY (7 / 2 absent)

Very pleased with the quality of this MP class I was spoilt for choice - looking forward to watching their progress.

1st Mrs D Brooks Castlerock Hold the Dream

Although a little clumsy in movement at the moment all legs! in profile has lovely extension. Good length and depth of muzzle and dark eye. Good front, super straight forelegs through the pasterns to good feet. Good length of rib, nice tail set and well let down hocks.

2nd Miss K Heaths Eskwinds Catcher in the Rye

A hard decision between these 2 they are of different types but equally as good. Lovely head and expression, deep chest, well laid shoulder, a little shorter in body than 1, moved well for age.

3rd Long & Ashcrofts Beanit Ned Kelly to Keepersway

4th Mr & Mrs Griffin's Eskwinds Chaffinch

5th Mr & Mrs Whitmore's Gwendillo Final Legacy from Clearfield

PUPPY (7 / 3 absent)

- 1st Mrs D Brooks Castlerock Hold the Dream
- 2nd Eskwinds Catcher in the Rye
- 3rd Mr & Mrs Botts Buckleyhill Starmaker at Maseloch
- 4th Mr & Mrs Whitmore's Gwenadilio Final Legacy from Clearfield

JUNIOR (11 / 1)

- 1st Mrs A Clarke's Satinbaze Sea Hawk

A medium sized dog with plenty of substance but not coarse or overdone, well moulded head, clean neck, correct angulation, good coat, moved true.

- 2nd Miss Middleton's Benvellyn Cape Constantia

Very similar build to 1st and a nice type, he has a lovely topline is well muscled for age and has nicely turned quarters, unfortunately he was anticipating his handler on the move which made his gait look awkward.

- 3rd Mr & Mrs Blithin's Castlerock Love Match avec Julesville
- 4th Mrs D Brooks Castlerock Eternal Love
- 5th Mr & Mrs Melrose's Steeplehouse Live the Dream

SPECIAL YEARLING (10 / 0)

- 1st & Reserve Best Dog Fox & Drewery's Blacktoft Ever Blazin

As soon as he entered the ring this dog took my eye he's beginning to body up nicely and has great ring presence. Beautifully balanced and workmanlike with an outstanding classical head, Elegant, racy and powerful with true freeflowing movement, has got to be on his way to the top.

- 2nd Hall & Twigger's Blacktoft Stray Cat Strut with Ghilgrange

Full brother to 1st and another good one, a size smaller but just as well put together didn't move with quite the drive of 1st.today.

- 3rd Mr & Mrs Trevor's Trevorsilk Galaxy Starlit
- 4th Miss Walker's Rainsgift Huckleberry Finn to Lizzlog
- 5th Mr & Mrs Wetton's Tacumshin Slaney

NOVICE (6 / 1)

- 1ST Mr & Mrs Wetton's Tacumshin Slaney

No mistaking this lad is male! Stood four square on lovely legs and feet, good body, correctly coupled, has a fair bit of wave in his coat but is an excellent mover.

- 2nd Benvellyn Cape Constantia
- 3rd Lee & Holdens Innisbeck Don't Say Goodbye
- 4th Stainthorpe & McNabs Loweyche Gatekeeper
- 5th Mrs Cockshott's Claret Low Moor

GRADUATE DOG (5 / 0)

1st Mrs Wright's Lakemere Moonlight Shadow

A very typey dog, nice size with a classical head. Beautifully balanced from head to tail with a soft flowing outline, nothing exaggerated, well muscled and in super condition.

2nd Mr & Mrs Whitmore's Gwendillo Highland Lad at Clearfield

Again a well proportioned dog of good type, lovely legs and feet, good topline and tailset was equal to 1st in movement just preferred head of 1.

3rd Mr & Mrs Griffin's Eskwinds Black Moss

4th Mr & Mrs Blythin's Glenluath Wild Indigo at Julesville

5th Mr & Mrs Whiting's Torwood Able Azo of Spenbeck

POST GRADUATE (5 / 1)

1st Mr & Mrs Bott's Levelmoor Woodwardia at Maseloch

Good head with melting expression, well raked neck into lovely shoulders, neat elbows, deep and long rib cage to strong couplings, super feet. moved well.

2nd Mrs Bellamy's Springlindi Sullivan

Equally as good in head, conformation and movement, is of a lovely type, well muscled and in hard condition, would just prefer a tad more of him.

3rd Mrs Jury's Bolfoer Lad at Torwood

4th Glenluath Wild Indigo at Julesville

LIMIT (8 / 2)

1st Ashcroft & Longs Levelmoor Bowermans Nose to Keepersway

A dog that is maturing nicely in lovely coat and condition, good brisket, good bone and clean shoulders, well raked upper arm, correctly sprung in rib well muscled back and strong in quarters, active and workmanlike.

2nd Mr & Mrs Green's Hertarns Dr Pepper

Have judged this dog before and he is improving all the time, his head is looking more refined, with a clean neck of a good length. He scores in his long well laid shoulder and upper arm and lovely tail set, didn't move quite as well as 1st.

3rd Mr P Wetton's Riberot Dances with Wolves

4th Miss K Heath's Eskwinds Best Kept Secret

5th Mrs J Mescus's Mecum Hurricane

OPEN (2 / 0)

1st & BOB Mrs V Stibbe Willis's Madison Wild Indigo JW

A super upstanding dog with great presence in lovely condition and full coat. Well carried beautifully balanced head with an intelligent expression and almond eye, clean unladen shoulders, lovely top line to strong loin and quarters with a good length of second thigh and low hock placement. In the challenge the 2

rings were made into 1 and when he really got into his stride he looked a picture of muscular power without lumber. With complete agreement of my co-judge pleased to award him BOB.

2nd Mrs D Jury's Croftgun Midnight Fizz at Torwood

Its a shame this dog doesn't carry more coat as if he did I am sure he would be up there with the best of 'em. He is of a medium size, has a nice head and gentle expression, well constructed throughout, which shows in his sound freeflowing movement.

SPECIAL LIVER (3 / 0)

1st Mrs D Jury's Bolfoer Lad at Torwood (Imp)

Stronger in head than 2 he has a good eye colour and a deep muzzle. A lovely racy outline with a deep chest, well ribbed up and a good stifle to low hocks, his movement was excellent in profile but a little loose in elbows toward.

2nd Mr & Mrs Trevors Trevorsilk Galaxy Starlit

I liked his head very much. Not quite as mature as 1st he needs to develop a little in width of chest. He has a lovely coat and flowing outline, good shoulders, nice turn of stifle, moved straight.

3rd Mrs Cockshott's Claret Low Moor

Elaine Whittaker

BITCHES

VETERAN: 13 (8abs)

1. Moults - Castlerock Ennerdale. Excellent 7 year old who is soundly constructed. Gorgeous head with so much work in it. Good forehead. Well muscled quarters. Carried herself well on the move with balanced free strides. Nice overall type. Well presented and handled.
2. Brocklesby's - Spenbeck Maggies Dream from Brocksloot. 9 year old who was similar in type to 1. Feminine with soft, kind expression. Balanced throughout. Well arched feet. Strong level back with correct tailset. Not so positive on the move as 1.
3. Joyce's - Stranfaer Spruce Goose.

SPECIAL VETERAN: 2 (1 abs)

Whiting's - Clowbeck Peacock Fly of Spenbeck. Still willing to please her handler at 12 years. Nice overall type. Tail never stopped wagging. Enjoying her day out (and the tit bits).

MINOR PUPPY: 8 (2abs)

1. Ball's - Champunzie Touchy Feely. Good overall breed type who is not overdone in any way and has most of the essentials. Just the right of maturity for age. Attractive head piece with gentle expression. Strong neck flowing into good shoulders. Good straight forelegs and tightly fitting elbows. Good feet. Well made body. Moderate bend of stifle. Moved with confidence and purpose. Didn't put a foot wrong all day. **BPIS**.
2. Lutner's - Castlerock Follow The Dream. Quality youngster who has good balance. Excelled on the move with her young handler. Clean lines with strong quarters. Feet not as good as 1. Pleasing head which has quite a bit of development to go. Good type.
3. Wells's - Gilduffe Shimmy's Bequest.

PUPPY: 10 (1 abs)

1. Champunzie Touchy Feely.
2. Lewis's - Keamarcla Nightingale. Nice type but carrying a little too much weight. Very sound in both directions. Good head with intelligent expression. Well made throughout. Deep brisket. Not quite the elegance of 1. Well developed quarters and correct tail set.
3. Gilduffe Shimmy's Bequest.

JUNIOR: 14 (0 abs) Quite a few different head types in this class.

1. King's - Kingsisla Gigha. Classical head with so much work in it. Excellent front assembly. Correct ribcage. Clean balanced outline. Good width of thigh and bend of stifle. Excelled on the move with effortless free balances strides. In full bloom. Total quality.
2. Stibbe-Willis - Braemist Burnt Orchid by Madison. Good sized bitch who was not in the best of coats. Liked her degree of raciness. Presents very balanced picture despite lack of furnishings. Pleasing head with intelligent expression. Strong neck flowing into good front assembly. A bit full of herself and took time to settle on the move. Sound and positive movement on good feet.
3. Jones's - Benvellyn Cape Grace.

YEARLING: 6 (0 abs)

1. Hall & Twigger's - Blacktoft I'm No Angel with Ghilgrange. My girl of the day! Excellent breed type who has most of the essentials. Gorgeous classical head with typical expression. Very feminine throughout. Shoulders set well into back. Good forehand. Strong, level topline. Well muscled quarters. Smooth ground covering action with good forward reach. In good coat and condition. Quality from nose to tail.
BEST BITCH & RBIS.

2. Kingsisla Gigha
3. Fox's - Blacktoft Blue Like Jazz

NOVICE: 8 (1 abs)

1. Kingsisla Gigha
2. Benvellyn Cape Grace. Samllaer type than 1. Good head and expression. Firm body properties. Excellent feet. Strong topline. Correct tailset. Very much at one with handler. Covered the ground well.
3. Winton's - Gwenadillo Final Fling at Braidwynn.

GRADUATE: 5 (0 abs) Most difficult decision of the day between 1 and 2.

1. Walker's - Calswish Rosebud for Lizzlog JW. Quality bitch who presented a very balanced picture. Totally at one with handler. Excellent body properties. Good head with intelligent expression. Excellent front assembly. Moved freely on balanced free strides. Considered that her quarters were slightly stronger than 2. Excellent breed type.
2. Hall & Twigger's - Bochilbarley Winter Angel Among Chilgrange. Excellent size and shape with well made firm body. Quality head. Correct ribcage. Good tight feet. Held topline well on move.
3. Mault's - Croftwell Isn't She Lovely.

POST GRADUATE: 5 (1 abs)

1. Brook's - Castlerock Magic Moment JW. Good sized bitch who has scope & elegance. Never stopped showing. Excellent typical head with kind expression. Reachy neck flowing into withers. Shoulders set well into back. Strong well muscled quarters. Excelled on the move with smooth ground covering action. Just needs a bit more time.

2. Scaife's – Rayalidan My Girl at Shennanjoy. Smaller type than 1. Good breed type who was very much lacking in tummy feathering. Firm, level topline. A bit down in pasterns. Super firm body. Moved with purpose.
3. Griffiths – Castlerock Magic Star.

LIMIT: 11 (2 abs) Several quality bitches in this class.

1. Buckley's Branchalwood Aylan Fara of Buckleyhill. Liked this good sized bitch for her clean, balanced lines and excellent overall breed type. Great head with kind, soft expression. Good straight front with tightly fitting elbows. Excellent reach of neck flowing into good lay back of shoulder. Deep brisket. Strong, well muscled quarters.

Moved with bags of drive and style. RBB.

2. Stibbe-Willis – Madison Wild Indigo JW. Another good sized quality bitch who was very much out of coat. Pleasing head with typical expression. Excellent forehand. Well defined brisket. Good wide thighs. Well muscled quarters. Moved soundly in both directions.

3. Salt's – Levelmoor Vitifer Leat.

OPEN: 5 (2 abs)

1. Jury's – Torwood Pyjama Party. 7 Year old and greying a little. Nice type. Good balanced profile. Happy, free mover.

2. Brocklesby's – Spenbeck Maggies Dream from Brocksloot. Liver. Looked good whilst standing but didn't hold her shape on the move. Pleasing head. Good lay back of shoulder and straight front. Liked her degree of raciness. Good tight feet.

3. Brooks – Culmquill It's A Lovely Day JW

SPECIAL LIVER: 5 (2abs)

1. Hewison's – Harvest Moon of Casblaidd – Liked her type. Well balanced throughout. Good head. Firm body. Well muscled, developed quarters.

Excelled on the move. Best Liver in Show

2. Spenbeck Maggies Dream from Brocksloot.

3. Trevor – Trevorsilk Galaxy Starlet

JIM RICHARDSON (Judge)

BRACE (7)

1st Fox's

2nd Hall and Twigger's

JUNIOR HANDLING

6-11yrs (5)

1. Choloe Morley

2. Laura Lee

12 – 16yrs

1. Sam Cockshott

2. Christopher Stainthorpe

Arnold Ryder