

Northern England Flatcoated Retriever Association
Championship Show 7th November 2010.

Judges Report :- Dogs.

Judge : Karen Joyce (Stranfaer)

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Thank-you to the association for my invitation to judge at this well organised & very friendly show. Thank-you to the exhibitors for the sporting way they accepted my decisions.

The last time I judged I commented on the growing size of the breed and this still hasn't changed there are some very tall youngsters coming through and we need to be mindful of this. I also have some concerns with movement this was particularly evident moving towards and away from me with a number of dogs 'crabbing'. I was however very pleased with the balance of my final line up all moved true and with drive as they competed for the top honours.

Veteran Dog. (6, 1 abs)

1st:- Connor's GEMSWIN STARMAN J.W. At 8yrs this boy still doesn't realise he is a veteran. Presented in good coat with all the trimmings. Typical head with dark eye, good reach of neck to level topline which he held on the move. Correct tailset & carriage. Correct rear angulation which helped his true movement. Good bone and tight feet.

2nd:- Green's HERTARNS DR. PEPPER ShCM. Almost 9yrs of age. Gentle expression good dark eye. Level topline with correct tail carriage on the move, didn't move with the drive of 1st or have coat & furnishings of the winner on the day.

3rd:- Broadbent's DUNCTONWOOD COSMIC CHARLIE.

Special Veteran Dog. (2)

1st:- Youen's CH. TARANBECK PHYNN'S LAD AT RIVERGLIDE. If my veteran winner didn't realise his age then this boy certainly doesn't with hardly a grey hair he was beautifully turned out and thoroughly enjoying himself. Up to size with a lovely head shape and kind expression. Good reach of neck and well laid shoulders level topline held on the move excellent bone and tight feet a wagging tail completed the picture.

2nd:- Shelley's CASTLEROCK SCANDALE BECK. At 10½ years this dog was dripping in coat, good bone tight feet, good angulation fore & aft correct tailset & topline. Again a happy showman.

Minor Puppy Dog:- (14, 1abs)

A strong class and some nice puppies went away cardless.

1st:- Hewison's PEPSMARK JETSTREAM AT CASBLAIDD. A very raw baby at just 6 months but such a sweetheart I could not deny him the head of this huge class. He was totally at home and not at all overawed by his first outing to a show. He is of correct size and balanced, he moved well both coming, going and in profile even managing to hold his topline. A lovely head and expression good reach of neck and well laid shoulders, adequate bone for this stage of development with tight feet.

2nd:- Fox's STEELRIVER BLAZIN HOT AT BLACKTOFT. Another youngster of correct size, at 8 months he had more body than 1st and presented a lovely profile when standing. Well moulded head and dark eye good topline and tail set. Not quite as settled moving as winner.

3rd:- Leigh's WILLAURA BEACHIN BRACKEN.

Puppy Dog:- (6)

1st:- STEELRIVER BLAZIN HOT AT BLACKTOFT. Second in minor puppy.

2nd:- Leigh's WILLAURA BEACHIN BRACKEN. 3rd in minor puppy, 7½ months medium sized puppy with a nicely developing coat. Well balanced presenting a good profile with level topline and wagging tail when standing and on the move. Typical head dark eye, good bone and feet unlucky to come up against first 2 in minor puppy.

3rd:- Slack's ISLSTROM GLENDHU.

Junior Dog:- (9)

1st:- Coackley's GWENADILLO WILD KNIGHT. 12 months, A nice balanced dog of correct size with all the trimmings, lovely in profile standing and on the move. Good bone and very tight feet. Typical moulded head, good reach of neck well angulated front, level topline and correct tailset.

2nd:- Chipperfield & Higginbotham's BONNYHILBRAE GENTLE PRINCE AT HOWLINGALE. Finer than winner but of similar size presented a balanced profile with level topline and correctly carried tail. Gentle expression dark eye, good reach of neck, correct angulations throughout did not move with the drive of winner.

3rd:- Gale's WILLOWSWIND WHISPERING ELM.

Yearling Dog:- (8)

1st:- Donnelly's ESKMILL TORRES 23 months balanced dog of correct size, typical head dark eye and kind expression. Good front well boned with tight feet level topline with constantly wagging tail. Moved with drive rather like his namesake!

2nd:- BONNYHILBRAE GENTLE PRINCE AT HOWLINGALE.

3rd:- CASTLEROCK NORTHERN MOON AT HEATHERIDGE.

Novice Dog:- (8)

1st:- GWENADILLO WILD KNIGHT 1st in Junior.

2nd:- STEELRIVER BLAZIN HOT AT BLACKTOFT. 1st in Puppy.

3rd :- Connor & MacDonald's GRANGEHURST LEUCANTHEMUM.

Graduate Dog:- (9, 2 abs)

1st:- Coote's BONFILIAJOY ARIEL VIA STREGAYA J.W. Balanced medium sized dog lovely in profile. Gentle expression good reach of neck correct angulation front &

rear level topline held on the move with correct tail carriage. Considered for the reserve CC I am sure his time will come.

2nd:- Tomlinson's RAINESGIFT OVER THE MOON J.W. Unlucky to meet first. Another balanced and stylish dog, good bone and the tightest of feet. Kind expression, good reach of neck level topline held when moving. Movement was positive and true.

3rd:- Youen's CONTAR SHADE OF DUSK WITH RIVERGLIDE.

Postgraduate Dog:- (13, 1 abs)

1st:- Young's BALLYRIVER BLAKE. Up to size but a very stylish and balanced boy typical head with dark eye & melting expression, good angulation all round level topline & correct tail carriage on the move. Well boned with excellent feet excellently handled to show him to advantage.

2nd:- Walker's RAINESGIFT HUCKLEBERY FINN TO LIZZLOG J.W. A dog I liked as a youngster who has gone through his awkward adolescent stage and is now maturing nicely. He moved really well driving round the ring holding a level topline. Lovely head with gentle kind expression and dark eye. Good bone and feet, Correct front angulation and appropriate bend of stifle, unlucky to meet 1 on the day, could easily change places.

3rd :- Winton's BRAIDWYNN BENNIGAN.

Limit Dog:- (11)

1st:- Holland's CALZEAT CAUSA COMMOTION AT FLATCHARM (IMP). A dog I did well as a junior and he is now maturing into a lovely adult he has all the style & mischief typical of the breed. Correct size and well balanced he moved effortlessly round the ring. Beautiful head with gentle expression, good reach of neck into well laid shoulders. Presented a balanced profile standing & moving. Res. CC. and in agreement with my co-judge Res. BIS.

2nd:- Stevenson's TORRWEAVING BEST MATE OF FALAHALL. Similar in size to 1st good bone and feet, typical head dark eye, good lay of shoulders, held topline when moving although not as settled as 1st Presented a pleasing profile, thick shining coat but not furnishings of winner.

3rd :- Allen's WOODAVENS CRACKERJACK JW.

Open Dog:- (11, 2abs)

1st:- Irvine's SH.CH. VBOS THE KENTUCKIAN. A beautifully balanced dog and truly worthy of all his winning, it is the first time I have ever judged this boy, it was worth the wait! At 9yrs old he is stunning. Presented in gleaming coat and hard condition he moved round the ring effortlessly like the showman he is. Well moulded head with kind expression, good reach of neck to well laid shoulders correct angulation front and rear, strong bone and tight feet. Level topline standing & on the move, at one with his handler. Dog. CC. and in agreement with my co-judge B.I.S. and therefore also B.V.I.S.

2nd:- Stensby's ANIARA'S CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS. Of similar size to first, a happy and balanced boy. Typical head & expression, good reach of neck, correct shoulder placement and rear angulation. Level topline standing and on the move. Moved true.

3rd:- Tomlinson & Keight's CH.RAINESGIFT SEYMOUR.

Special Liver Dog:- (4, 1abs)

1st:- Knight, Jacobs & Holmes GEMSWIN SON OF A PREACHER MAN WITH CANDIDACASA J.W. Extrovert, enjoying the moment a balanced boy with level topline & tail carriage. Nicely moulded head good reach of neck, well boned with tight feet. Appropriate bend of stifle, moved true once settled.

2nd:- Burrough's WIZARDWOOD TAWNY TRACKER AT ROKANESS. Slightly broader head than winner, correct eye colour, in good coat with good colour. Level topline in profile good bend of stifle and rear angles. Constantly wagging tail. Less settled on the move than winner.

3rd:- Nicholl's LLANTRUSSA ETON MESS WITH LINEOVER.

Special Working Dog:- (1)

1st :- Hewison's MADDISTREAM INDIGO JACK AT CASBLAIDD. Correct size, typical moulded head with kind expression, good front and shoulder placement Level line of back but slightly proud of his tail on the move good turn of stifle.

Special Members Stakes (6,1abs)

Judged jointly with my co-judge Mr. C. Atkinson.

1st:- Jones BENVELLYN CAPE GRACE J.W. Balanced and well coated bitch of correct size gentle expression and dark eye, good bone & tight feet, angulated correctly moved true.

2nd:- Fox's BLACKTOFT BLUE LIKE JAZZ. A happy showgirl sweet expression good reach of neck correct front & rear angulation, tight feet moved with drive.

3rd:- Colson's WINDYHOLLOWS FLORIBUNDA