

## **NEFRA 15<sup>th</sup> Championship Show 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

I would like to thank the NEFRA Committee for inviting me to judge their Championship Show on 5th November. It was a friendly, well organised and well run show and I was made to feel very welcome. My thanks go also to my excellent and extremely efficient stewards who kept my ring flowing so smoothly, it meant I could concentrate totally on judging the exhibits. Thank you too the exhibitors who accepted my decisions with such good sportsmanship, and my co judge Gemma Jacobs. We agreed on all the major decisions except for Best in Show which went to a referee decision.

I was delighted with my entry which was strong both in numbers and quality. Generally I found depth of quality throughout the entry. We have some very promising youngsters which is encouraging for the future, right through to the veteran classes which demonstrate that Flatcoats are, and should be a slow maturing breed.

Inevitably there are some negatives that we need to be watchful about; short ribs and long couplings, over angulated stifles and some very close rear movement.

I was looking for a medium sized bitch in fit condition and who was moderate all through, and who could do a day's work, and generally I found what I was looking for. I was very pleased with all my placings (in some classes I could have done with more cards) and in my final line up I was spoilt for choice.

### **Veteran (8 1a)**

1 Egginton's and Davis' Go With The Flow Dynamic Faithful (Imp Ned)

Nine and a half year old medium size bitch of lovely size and type who just flows from the tip of her nose to the tip of her tail. Well moulded head with correct dark eye giving that lovely soft expression. Good reach of neck into well laid back shoulders and good length of upper arm. Good depth of chest and body well ribbed up. Strong rear quarters with a moderate bend of stifle. Level top line and correct tailset, and short tail that just never stopped wagging. Moved straight and true both going away and coming back. Delighted to award her Best Veteran Bitch, and with my co judge's agreement, Best Veteran in Show.

2 Richards' Hameldowntor Moon River In Manhattan (Imp)

A slightly taller but well balanced bitch of good type with a lovely head and kind expression. Pronounced brisket and good width and depth of chest. Ample bone and super feet. She is well constructed both at the front and and rear with a good length and spring of rib and good couplings. Strong rear quarters with good width of second

thigh, level top line and good tailset. Moved soundly on a good stride maintaining level top line.

### **3 Kulczycka's Seaheart Brontë Of Everblack**

Certainly fulfils the criteria of 'bright active dog' and certainly doesn't look eight and a half, I loved her attitude. Another one of good size and type. Typical head with lovely dark eye and mischievous expression. Moderate reach of neck and good shoulders and return of upper arm. Well proportioned body with good length of rib and strong rear quarters, moderate bend of stifle. Good bone and feet. Moved well with good rear drive.

### **Sp Veteran (1)**

#### **Eggintons' Pajanbeck Tears In Heaven**

At ten years old a lovely and very typical example of our Breed who certainly belies her age. Feminine moulded head with correct almond eye giving that lovely soft expression. Good width and depth of chest and well angulated shoulder and upper arm. Gradual spring of rib and correct in couplings. Good bone and tight neat feet. Moved soundly on a good stride.

### **Minor Puppy (7 2a)**

#### **1 May's Lussac April Showers**

Confident seven month old puppy showing herself to advantage, and at the right stage of development for her age. Pretty well moulded head, and correct dark eye with just a hint of mischief. Reachy neck into well laid shoulders and good length of upper arm. Well defined brisket and good width and depth of chest, gradual spring of rib and correct in couplings. Strong hindquarters and moderate bend of stifle Good bone and tight feet. Took a little time to settle on the move but when she did her movement was straight and true.

#### **2 Bellamy's Bochilbarley My Girl**

Another quality puppy and they will probably change places on another day. Feminine head with soft expression, good reach of neck and good shoulders and length of upper arm. Well balanced body with gradual spring of rib and short couplings. Good width of thigh and good bone although would prefer tighter feet. Moved soundly with good forward extension

### **3 Richards' Kimberfield In Love Again**

Just six months and not at all fazed on her showing debut, her tail never stopped wagging. A well balanced puppy with plenty of scope, carrying a little extra weight at the moment. Lovely head with the softest of expressions. Moderate reach of neck and good shoulders and length of upper arm. Ample bone and substance and neat feet. Good depth and length through the body and correct in couplings. Moved steadily with lovely tail action

## **Puppy (11 1a)**

### **1 May's Lussac April Showers (1st in minor puppy).**

#### **2 Carter's Seaheart Effie At Harmarlanda**

Well balanced outline with good bone and substance and tight feet. Well moulded head with correct dark eye giving a soft expression. Pronounced forechest and good width of chest. Well placed shoulders and good length of upper arm. Gradually sprung ribs and correct in couplings. Level top line maintained on the move, and moving soundly with good forward extension, just moving a little close behind on the day.

#### **3 Goodmans' Flatcharm Fabulous Moolah At Beanit**

Completing a trio of lovely puppies. Another very pretty puppy with lovely head and expression and presenting a balanced outline when standing. Well boned and good feet. Well constructed all through with pronounced forechest and good width and depth to chest. Strong level top line and good tailset. Moved well on an easy stride.

## **Junior (7)**

### **1 Eggintons' and Davis Pajanbeck One Moment In Time**

A medium sized workmanlike bitch, not flashy in any way. Lovely feminine head with a soft expression and small neat ears. Neck is moderate and flows into excellent shoulders with good return of upper arm. Body has depth with a gradual spring of rib and short in couplings. Good rear quarters with a moderate bend of stifle, good bone and super feet. Moved soundly with good forward extension.

#### **2 Woodiwiss' Woodidream Fortune Cookie**

Lovely liver bitch of correct size and type built on racy lines. Good head, well filled in between the eyes with a melting expression. Moderate in neck with adequate shoulders and good length of upper arm. Gradual spring of rib and good couplings, moderate bend of stifle and tight feet. Good top line and tailset, moved well, good profile movement.

### **3 Ormes' Hurstclough Joy Of The Moors At Elmstock**

A nicely balanced bitch full of Flatcoat 'joie de vivre' and giving her handler a hard time until she settled. Feminine head with dark eye and mischievous expression, she is well balanced all through with good bone and tight feet. Adequate front and good shoulders and upper arm and moderately angulated rear quarters. Moved with good forward reach but moving a little close behind on the day.

### **Yearling (10)**

#### **1 Joyces' Stranfaer One Fell Swoop**

Liked this bitch's overall balance being slightly longer than she is tall, of medium size, shown in lovely coat and condition and carrying just the right amount of weight. Lovely one piece head and dark almond eye giving a soft expression with just a hint of naughtiness. Well constructed both front and rear quarters, good bone and tight neat feet. Strong top line and well set on short tail. Moved well showing both reach and drive.

#### **2 Welch's Stranfaer One Hit Wonder**

Another lovely bitch of correct size and type, and I see litter sister to the winner and very similar. She just needs to develop in confidence to make the best of herself. Feminine head with kind dark eye and sweet expression. Good in forechest with good width and depth. Adequate layback of shoulder and good return of upper arm, gradual spring of rib and correct in couplings. Good top line and tailset. Moved straight and true both going away and coming back.

#### **3 Finlay's Blacktoft Venezia Aughnaleck**

A nicely balanced young bitch of good size and type, looking immature at the moment but plenty of potential. Pretty well proportioned head with good depth of muzzle, and a soft expression. Moderate reach of neck and well constructed forequarters with well defined brisket. Good rear quarters and quality bone. Strong top line and good tailset. Moved out well with enthusiastic tail action.

### **Novice (7)**

#### **1 Welch's One Hit Wonder ( 2nd in Yearling)**

#### **2 Eggintons' and Davis' One Moment In Time (1st in Junior)**

### **3 Zuberbuehler Starworkers Invincible Me ( ATC BA 48718DNK)**

Taller than the first two and going through the 'legs and wings' stage so looking a little unbalanced at the present time but this should correct itself as she matures. Pretty feminine head with a soft expression, and good reach of neck. She is well angulated at the front with good shoulders and length of upper arm, and good top line and tailset. A little straight and long in stifle at the moment, but hopefully this will also come in time. Moved steadily and true.

### **Graduate (10 3a)**

#### **1 Mellor's Flatcharm Guilty Pleasure**

I liked this bitch very much. She is up to size but is well balanced, and shown in super coat and condition. Lovely moulded head with good width and depth of muzzle, and dark almond eye, soft expression. Good reach of neck into well laid back shoulders and good return of upper arm. Body well ribbed, of good length and short and square across the loin, very strong rear quarters and moderate bend of stifle. Level top line and correct tailset. Moved soundly with very good profile movement.

#### **2 Chambers' Hototo Pretty Ballerina**

Another quality bitch, of lovely type and presenting a balanced outline although not in her best coat at the moment. Feminine head with dark eye and soft expression. Good reach of neck, with well angulated forequarters balanced by strong rear quarters. Good length of body and moderate bend of stifle. Hocks well let down, moved straight and true both going away and coming towards me, lovely tail action.

#### **3 Sullivan's Wyrebeck Live Forever**

Another quality bitch shown in excellent coat and condition, I liked her attitude. Pleasing head with soft dark eye and kind expression. She is well made all through with good front angulation and a good length and depth to body, level top line with good tailset. Ample bone and super tight feet. Moved soundly with a lovely tail action.

### **Post Graduate (10 1a)**

#### **1 Warrington's Woodavens Frozen Flame**

A lovely young bitch presenting a balanced outline and standing four square, shown in excellent coat and condition. Classical head with correct dark eye and soft expression. Clean in neck and pronounced brisket with good depth and width of chest. Well laid back shoulder and corresponding length of upper arm, body is well ribbed

up of good length and strong hindquarters, and moderate bend of stifle. Moved well on a correct footfall.

## **2 Eggintons' and Davis' Pajanbeck Georgy Girl**

Another quality bitch of lovely size and type with a neat flowing outline. Lovely one piece head with dark almond eye giving a soft expression. Moderate reach of neck and correctly angulated forequarters, excellent shoulders. Good length and depth of body and short in loin. Strong rear quarters with hocks well let down, good top line. Moved straight and true both going away and returning.

## **3 Rees' Braemist New Moon For Eskwinds**

Completing a group of lovely bitches, a medium sized and very typy bitch in beautiful coat, just carrying slightly too much weight today. She has a lovely moulded head with the softest of expressions, and moderate reach of neck. Soundly constructed all through with good lay back of shoulder and length of upper arm. Body well ribbed with good depth and correct in couplings, moderate bend of stifle. Moved soundly.

## **Limit (15 2a)**

Such a lovely class full of quality, I was really spoilt for choice and really wished I had more prize cards to hand out.

## **1 Romeo-Dieste's Hopevalley Morning Wicked**

I really liked this bitch, she is well balanced with everything in proportion and in lovely coat and condition. Classic in head with correct dark eye and soft expression. Good reach of neck which flows into well laid back shoulders and corresponding length of upper arm. Good length and depth of body and short square loin. Strong at the rear with moderate bend of stifle and well let down hocks. Moved well keeping her level top line and with enthusiastic tail action.

## **2 Stevenson's Blacktoft Caress Of Steel**

A typy elegant bitch presenting a lovely profile. Feminine head and correct shaped eye with just a hint of mischief. Well made and moderate all through with good front angulation balanced by strong rear quarters with a moderate bend of stifle Sufficient bone and super tight feet Moved soundly with good profile movement.

## **3 Eggintons' Pajanbeck Nine To Five**

Completing a trio of lovely bitches and at two and a half the best is yet to come. Nicely balanced with the correct length to height ratio, good bone and lovely feet. Well moulded head with good fill in between the eyes and soft expression. She is well

angulated at the front with good depth of chest, and moderate rear quarters and good stifle. Moved well in profile with good forward extension.

## **Open (7 2a)**

### **1 Holland's Woodfinch Highland Fairy For Flatcharm**

Looked a picture standing, with an elegant, racy profile and presented in immaculate coat and condition, quality bone and the best of feet. Lovely moulded head with a dark eye and just a hint of mischief. Well defined brisket with good width and depth of chest. Well angulated fore quarters are balanced by good rear quarters with good width of second thigh. Level top line and short well set on and enthusiastic tail. Moved straight and true and with style.

### **2 Bellamy's Moontorn Goddess Of Love**

Well balanced medium size bitch shown in good coat and condition. Pretty well moulded head with lovely dark eye, just a hint of naughtiness there. Moderate reach of neck and good lay of shoulder. She is well angulated at the front with good length and depth to body. Strong hindquarters with good width of second thigh, level top line and short well set on tail. Lovely tail action on the move and good in profile, moving a little close behind today.

### **3 Eggintons' and Davis' Pajanbeck Angels On My Side**

Mature and workmanlike bitch of correct size and type. Lovely one piece head with kind dark eye and good depth of muzzle. Well constructed forequarters with a moderate reach of neck into well laid shoulders. Gradual spring of rib and correct couplings. Level top line and good tailset, and moderate bend of stifle. Moved soundly, on an even stride.

## **Champion (5 1a)**

Such a lovely class of top quality bitches.

### **1 Anderson's Sh Ch Feldkirk Dior Of Kazval**

A beautiful bitch who for me epitomises 'Flatcoat' and who, at six years old, is at full maturity and looking her best. Correct size, racy and moderate and presenting a lovely profile. Classical in head with correct dark almond eye and lovely expression. So well-constructed all through with excellent forequarters and well defined brisket. Body is well ribbed up and of good length with short square loin. Strong hind quarters with moderate bend of stifle and hocks well let down enabling her to move with drive. So stylish, and a delight to watch on the move, especially in the larger ring where she

moved on a free and easy stride, maintaining her level top line. Delighted to award her the CC, and delighted that she was awarded Best in Show on the referee's decision,

## **2 Smithermans' Sh Ch Seaheart Cecilia**

Well balanced elegant and mature bitch shown in lovely coat and condition and beautifully presented. Feminine well moulded head with good depth of muzzle and dark smiling eyes. Good length of neck into a well laid back shoulder with corresponding length of upper arm, excels in forechest. Well proportioned length of body and correctly coupled. Moderately angulated rear quarters with good stifle and good width of second thigh. Level top line and correct tailset completed the picture. Moving straight and true on a good stride and with a good side gait. Delighted to award her the RCC and, in agreement with my co judge, Reserve Best In Show.

## **3 Jones' Sh Ch Braemist Witches Fire**

Another beautiful bitch, of correct size and full of breed type. Presenting a lovely outline with front legs well under her body and a super top line and tailset. Sadly not in her best coat. Loved her well moulded head and dark expressive eyes with a hint of mischief. Adequate in neck with good shoulders and length of upper arm, and well defined brisket. Body has both length and depth with correct couplings. Well angulated hind quarters with a moderate bend of stifle and hocks well let down. Quality bone and the best of feet. Moved soundly.

## **Special Liver (5 1a)**

### **1 Colson's' Windyhollows Flaming Katy**

A balanced lovely dark liver with good pigment, racy and workmanlike, and maturing on the right lines. Very pretty head with dark eye and sweet expression. Good front construction and well defined brisket. Body is of good length with a gradual spring of rib and short loin. Moderate bend of stifle and short hock to floor placement, tight neat feet and good bone and substance. Moved soundly on a good stride with good profile movement. Delighted that, with the agreement of my co judge, she was awarded Best Liver In Show.

### **2 Sullivan's Wyrebeck She's My Surprise**

Medium size, also a lovely dark liver with good pigment, shown in good coat and condition, not as racy as 1st.. Pleasing head and eye and moderate length of neck. She is balanced with good length and depth of body and good couplings. Good bone and tight neat feet but would prefer a better tailset. Sound on the move with good side gait showing both reach and drive.



### **3 Woodiwiss' Woodidream Fortune Cookie (2nd in Junior)**

#### **Special Working (4 3a)**

#### **1 Haley's Skybrook If By Chance (AI)**

Probably the fittest Flatcoat here today, in hard condition and extremely well muscled. Workmanlike with good bone and tight neat feet. She has a pretty head with a dark eye and alert expression. Good reach of neck and well constructed forequarters, good top line and tailset and good length to body. A little straight in stifle, moved straight and true on an easy stride.

*Jane Jones (Judge)*