

NEFRA Championship Show May 2024, York

Judge's Critiques

I would like to extend my thanks to NEFRA for inviting me to judge at this show, to my stewards Kathryn and Margaret for the running of the ring and keeping me in order, and to all the exhibitors who entered their dogs. I found my main winners to be excellent examples of the breed, so typical for type, size and soundness of movement. The limit classes were full of quality and difficult decisions had to be made. However, I did find that a fuller, round eye seems to be creeping in and hind movement is losing some of its drive, also feet could be better in a lot of cases. Mouths on the whole were correct. Temperaments were excellent, some happy dogs out there. In general, I found the depth of quality was in the bitches.

Dogs

Veteran (1)

1 BVD Joyce's Stranfaer Get Over It JW

A lovely start to judging with this correct sized dog, he has a pleasing shape and outline, excellent front construction with good depth of chest, level topline and good tailset. He moved well showing reach and drive and with excellent parallel rear movement. I would just prefer a little more refinement in head which was the deciding factor for BVIS.

Special veteran (0)

Minor puppy (1)

1 Stott's Steelriver Isle View Raven

6 month old puppy, sympathetically shown, he has a classical male head, well moulded with correct shaped, kind dark eye. A good reach of neck leads into well placed shoulders with good return of upper arm, he has good depth of body for his age, a level topline and short couplings. With moderate hind construction, he moved steadily with accurate footfall.

Puppy (3)

1 BPD BPIS Varty-Lindsay's Levliann Big Bang

This puppy is very mature for his age, he has a lovely flowing outline, a pleasing head with eye of correct shape and colour. A clean reach of neck flows into a level topline, he has good construction, front and rear with plenty of depth throughout. He moved easily on good feet with an even stride.

2 Hall's Hightyne Night Train

Another well developed puppy with excellent breed type, he presents a lovely, typical outline, he has good proportions all through, a pleasing head and eye, adequate neck, good length and depth to his body, strong rear construction, just a little lacking in animation today.

3 Dent's Ollieart's Sail by the Stars

This boy is well up to size for me, he took time to settle, enjoying his time in the ring. He has a typical male head with the kindest of eyes. He has moderate angulation front and rear, a shade longer in body than the first two puppies, he gave his handler a hard time on the stand, but settled more on the move.

Junior (3)

1 Lane & Lane-Ridyard's Kulawand Callisto

A medium sized boy, clean in outline, he has a classical well moulded head with dark, almond shaped eye, his neck leads into good front construction, he has ample bone for his size, stands on excellent feet and was the most together on the move in this class, showing a good stride in profile

2 Wild's Kvicksans The Master Piper at Bluewaters (IMP SWE)

This boy is well up to size and at the leggy stage of development, however he has elegance throughout with a beautiful, classical one piece head, with kind, dark eye, a clean reach of neck into a well laid shoulder with corresponding length and return of upper arm, he has a level topline and good hind angulation, he moved steadily, but was a little proud of his tail.

3 Sullivan's Wyrebeck Shockwave

A medium sized boy, he has a good male head with almond shaped eye. His neck reaches into adequate lay of shoulder, he has length, but would prefer a better return of upper arm. He carries a level topline and has a good tailset. He has well developed rear quarters with well let down hocks. He was really full of himself today and a little erratic in movement coming and going, but had a good stride in profile once settled.

Yearling(3)

1 Wild's Kvicksans The Master Piper at Bluewaters (IMP SWE)

2nd in junior

2 Long's Keepersway Live the Moment

A very mature dog of correct size, shown in good coat and condition, he has a pleasing head and eye, is well balanced throughout. He has good depth of chest and gradual spring of rib, well developed hindquarters, but a little long in stifle. He moved well in profile, but was a little loose in front and tad proud of his tail.

3 Clark's Hurstclough Night Owl at Flanova

This boy has a classical head with good eye shape and neat ears, he has a good lay of shoulder, but would prefer a better return of upper arm. He has moderate rear angulation, but didn't make the most of himself on the move today

Novice(1)

1 Hazelton & Vasey's Something In Your Eyes of Hazevyasey

An upstanding male, he has a typical head and eye and is moderate all through. He has good depth and length through his body with gradual spring of rib into correct loin. He was very erratic in movement today and needs to settle to make the most of himself

Graduate(6)

1 Wild's Bitcon Alliance with Bluewaters (AI) JW

This boy is clean in outline, has a pleasing head and eye, is well balanced with correct angulation both front and rear, he has a defined brisket with good width and depth of chest, gradual spring to short, square loin, and well muscled quarters with good width of second thigh. He covered the ground with ease on a free flowing stride which won him the class.

2 Walker & Roberts' Gloi Dubh Kristofer Robin JW

Close up to 1, this medium sized boy presents a balanced, racy outline, he has a classical head and dark eye. His neck is of good length and flows into a well laid shoulder with correct length and return of upper arm. He has excellent rear angulation, well muscled which gave him plenty of power in his movement once settled.

3 Peers' Tweedisle Masked Crusader

This boy is typical in outline, he has a well moulded male head is moderate all through with strong, well muscled quarters. He moved steadily on an even stride with a level topline, but was a little proud of his tail.

Post Graduate (5)

1 Burroughs I Know Him So Well at Rokaness JW

This dog won the class on movement, he flowed round the ring, level from nose to tail. He has a typical male head with kind dark eye, clean reach of neck into well laid shoulder with good length and return of upper arm. His body has depth with gradual spring of rib into a strong loin. His quarters are well developed with well let down hocks. He was expertly presented and handled.

2 Churchard's Flatcharm Griffin Dark at Churchking

This boy is developing nicely, he has a pleasing head with correct shaped, dark eye, a moderate reach of neck into good front and corresponding rear construction. He is deep though his body and has a strong, short loin. His quarters are well muscled and he moved well on a good stride, he was just not as tidy fore and aft as the winner today.

3 Mullins' Seaheart Daegan at Dexanluc

This boy is well off for bone and substance, he has a pleasing head and eye, a good reach of neck into excellent front construction, plenty of depth and good width of chest, and gradual spring of rib. His hindquarters are well developed, but he is a little long in stifle. He moved well in profile, but was a little soft in topline today.

Limit (13)

1 Nicholls, Nicholls & Price Llantrussa As Big As The Ritz

Loved this boy for his overall breed type and proportions, nothing overdone and all in the right place. He has a beautiful, classical head with eye of correct shape and good colour, a good reach of neck into excellent front assembly, he has good depth of chest with a pronounced brisket. His topline is carried level and he excels in hindquarters which are well muscled with a moderate bend of stifle. He moved out well with drive on a good length of stride.

2 Walker & Roberts' Gloi Dubh Just One Look ShCEx

Close up to 1, this is another well constructed dog showing balance all through, with correct length to height ratio, he has a pleasing head and eye, a clean reach of neck into a well placed shoulder with corresponding length and return of upper arm. He, too has plenty of depth and gradual spring of rib into a strong loin. His quarters are correct and well muscled, he is a stylish mover covering the ground with ease. Just preferred the head of the winner.

3 May's Ronevorg Dark Angel at Lussac JW KCWGC

This is a quality young dog I have done well before, he has a good masculine head with a dark eye of correct shape. He presents a clean outline with excellent front and rear angulation, a level topline flows into a strong, short loin and correct tailset. He moves with reach and drive, straight and true, on a good length of stride. He was just lacking the maturity of the first two today.

Open (5)

1 DCC & BOS Walker's Lizzlog Shotgun Harry JW

I have always admired this dog, he is just the size and type I was looking for. He has a typical male head with kind, dark eye, his neck flows into correct front assembly, he has depth and width of chest with gradual spring of rib, he holds a level topline both standing and on the move, has excellent rear construction, well muscled and with good width of second thigh and the best of feet. He is so light on his feet and I just love his free flowing movement, straight and true both fore and aft, and he shows good reach and drive in profile. He was presented to perfection and I was delighted to award him the CC.

2 RDCC Hessing's Ronevorg I Believe in Santa at Montechor

This dog was unlucky to meet the winner today, another I have admired from the ringside, he too appeals for breed type, size and good construction all through. His head is masculine with good proportions, he has a good reach of neck into a level topline and correct tailset. He presents a pleasing picture standing and holds his shape well on the move, showing good reach and drive, he was very well handled and thoroughly deserved the RCC.

3 Knight & Jacobs' Gemswin Erase and Rewind

This boy has matured well since I last judged him, he is slightly larger framed than the first two dogs, but there is plenty to like. His head is masculine with good proportions, he has an adequate reach of neck into a well laid shoulder, with enough length and return of upper arm, good depth and length of body. His quarters are well developed, he is a little long in stifle, but moves on an easy, ground covering stride.

Champion (1)

1 Bellamy's Sh Ch Woodfinch Masquerade

This boy presents a racy outline, he excels in head, classical and well moulded with a kind, dark eye of correct shape, he is soundly constructed, has a deep chest, level topline and good tailset. He is well muscled and stands four square on excellent feet with his forelegs well under his body. His movement is free flowing with a good reach of stride.

Special Liver(3)

1 BLD & BLIS Varty-Lindsay's Levliann Waited for You

Another who has matured on since I last judged him, he has plenty of bone and substance, his coat is a deep, rich colour and of good texture. His head is typical and well moulded, his eye is a good colour and shape. He has good front construction with a pronounced brisket and plenty of depth. His quarters are well developed, he is a little long in stifle, but he moves with ease on a good length of stride.

2 Sullivan's Wyrebeck Shockwave

3rd in Junior

3 Shepherdson's Murphy's Treat

More refined than the first two dogs, he has a typical male head with eye of good shape and colour, he has a good reach of neck, but is a little upright in shoulder, his topline is level and he has adequate hind angulation. He was a little unsettled today which affected his movement.

Special Working (2)

1 BSWD & BSWIS May's Ronevorg Dark Angel at Lussac JW KCWGC

3rd in limit

2 Hewison's Casblaidd Island in the Sky SGWC KCWGC

This dog presents a pleasing outline being moderate all through, he has a classical, masculine head with kind, dark eye. His forequarters are well constructed, he has good depth and length of body with well made hindquarters. He moved well, just lacking the power and drive of the winner.

Special Beginners (2)

1 Stott's Steelriver Isle View Raven

Winner of minor puppy

2 Hazelton & Vasey's Something In Your Eyes of Hazeyvasey

Winner of novice

Bitches

Veteran (9,1a)

1 BVB & BVIS Dunnett's Hoedun Alexandra of Denmark

An elegant girl whose movement belies her years. She has a classical feminine head with a dark, almond shaped eye. She is racy in outline with pleasing proportions. Her neck flows into a well placed shoulder with good length and return of upper arm. She has a level topline and correct couplings, her quarters are well muscled and once settled she powered round the ring showing excellent reach and drive. I was delighted to award her BVIS over a lovely dog.

2 Holmes' Wiccanssage Virtue at Rydanah SGWC

A different type to the winner, she is a very fit and active girl showing excellent construction throughout, she has good width and depth of chest with a defined brisket. Slightly shorter through the body, but all in proportion to her size. She moved with drive and style and was very attentive to her handler.

3 Bellamy's Ch Woodfinch Hydra JW

9 years young, presenting a lovely outline, she has a classical head with kind dark eye. She too is well constructed both front and rear, with good depth and length of body, in excellent coat and condition, she just wasn't as positive in movement as the first two today.

Special Veteran (2)

1 Knight & Jacobs' Ch Moonstruck Macadamia SGWC

This girl has just got better with age, has a pleasing head and eye, she is soundly constructed which enabled her to make the most of herself on the move, straight and true and with good reach and drive. I just felt she tired a little in the challenge for best veteran bitch and had to give way to the youngster!

2 Hewison's Donascimento Danilo from Casblaidd VW SGWC KCWGC

Another lovely veteran who I have done well before, she is feminine all through, she has good angulation fore and aft, holds a level topline and has good muscle tone. I preferred her head to the winner, but today she was a little erratic in movement.

Minor puppy (1)

1 BPB Walker's Lizzlog Naughty Nun at Night

7 months old, this girl has a feminine head with dark eye, a good reach of neck into well placed shoulder with adequate length and return of upper arm. She is quite mature for her age with good depth of chest, gradual spring of rib into correct length of loin. She has a level topline and has moderate rear angulation and stands on tight feet. She moved positively both fore and aft, with good reach in profile which won her best puppy bitch

Puppy(4)

1 Moxey's Dymexe My Cherie Amour

This bitch is developing nicely along the right lines, she is pleasing in outline and shape, she has a lovely feminine head, well moulded and of good proportions, a clean reach of neck into good shoulder placement, good length but would prefer a bit more return of upper arm. She holds her topline well and has well developed quarters, and moved well to win this class.

2 Huyton's Hightyne Guns and Roses

This girl is longer all through than the winner at the moment and not quite the balance. She has a pleasing head and eye, adequate neck into moderate front angulation, but would prefer a better return of upper arm. Her length comes from her body, her couplings are correct, she tends to dip a little behind the withers, but this should improve as she matures. She has moderate rear angles and moved soundly.

3 Varty-Lindsay's Levliann She Bangs

Slightly larger all through, this girl has a lovely feminine head, dark eye of correct shape, her neck flows into correct front assembly, she has good depth for her age and is well off for bone, she has strong rear quarters, just a little long in stifle. She has a good length to her stride, but didn't carry her topline well today which spoilt her outline.

Junior(16,3a)

1 Walker & Roberts' Gloi Dubh Lady Muck JW

This girl has a clean, racy outline and is correct for size. She has a feminine head with dark eye and neat ears. Her neck flows into good front construction with good depth of body, she is strong in topline and loin with a correct tailset. Her quarters are well muscled and she becomes a power pack on the move showing reach and drive.

2 Walker's Lizzlog Tittle Tattle

Close up to the winner, she too excels in head and eye, has good construction all through, she has a tad more length than depth at the moment, but her topline is carried level and her tail is well set. She moved well, straight and true, but not quite the drive of the winner.

3 Hedges' Satinbaze Tranquil Sea

This girl is a size larger and more mature than the first two, she has a classical head with a dark eye, a good reach of neck into balanced angulation front and rear. She has good depth of body, her topline is carried level both standing and on the move which was steady, but accurate.

Yearling(9,3a)

1 Orme's Hurstclough Joy of the Moors at Elmstock

Beautifully presented, this girl is feminine all through with a pleasing head and eye, a clean reach of neck into moderately angulated front assembly, she has enough depth of body, level topline and good tailset. Her hindquarters are well developed and muscled, she moved straight and true covering the ground well.

2 Douglas' Kalexas Upper Class at Greenbayhill(IMP NOR)

A medium sized girl of excellent proportions, she has good angles both front and rear, a pronounced forechest with ample depth of body. She was carrying a little extra weight, but moved with drive. I just preferred the head of the winner.

3 Hewison's Benvellyn Marakele into Casblaidd

A pretty, elegant girl with a racy outline, she has a feminine head with correct eye shape and colour. With good angulation all through she moves with ease, just lacks animation standing.

Novice(9,2a)

1 Holmes' Rydanah Devils in the Detail

A pleasing outline on this fit and active girl, presented in excellent coat and condition, she has a typical feminine head, her neck flows into a level topline, she has excellent front construction and shows good balance. She stands four square with her forelegs well under her body and she covered the ground well on an easy stride.

2 Hedges' Satinbaze Tranquil Sea

3rd in junior

3 Moxey's Dymexe My Cherie Amour

Winner of puppy

Graduate(9,2a)

Collins' Telurn Falling in Love with Steeplehouse

Presented in excellent coat and condition, this girl is up to size for me, but her quality cannot be denied. She has a balanced outline with correct length to height ratio, a lovely head with dark, correctly shaped eye, good reach of neck into a well laid shoulder with good length and return of upper arm, her topline is level and she has a good tailset. She has well made quarters which she put to good use of on the move covering the ground with ease.

2 Hewison's Selloana Monoceros for Casblaidd

A size smaller than the winner, more workmanlike in shape and outline, she is well proportioned with adequate angles both front and rear, a good reach of neck, she has good muscle tone throughout and moved well, I just preferred the elegance of the winner.

3 McQuade's Gemswin River of Dreams

Up to size and more up on her legs than the first two, she nevertheless has balance through her body, although I would prefer a little more refinement in head. She has a good reach of neck into a level topline, gradual spring of rib into correct loin. She moved ok fore and aft, but would like to see a little more reach in profile.

Post Graduate(7,2a)

1 Dunnett's Hoedun Miss Atomic Bomb

The soundest mover which won her the class, she presents a pleasing outline, her head is feminine and all of a piece, she has a clean reach of neck into adequate shoulder placement with good length and return of upper arm. She has a level topline, has strength and moderation to her quarters, and she moved on a good length of stride.

2 Orme's Hopevalley Dream of Elmstock

A very feminine girl, beautifully presented and handled, she has a pleasing head with a dark eye, and small, neat ears. Hands on she has an adequate reach of neck and has good front and rear assembly, a level topline, she has good depth of chest and stands four square on good feet. She moved well in profile, just a little close behind today.

3 Sullivan's Wyrebeck Live Forever

Well presented girl, she has scores in head, feminine and well moulded with eye of good shape and colour, she has a good reach of neck into moderate front angulation, she is a shade longer in body than the first two, her hindquarters are well muscled, although she is a little long in stifle, she moved well in profile, just a little untidy fore and aft.

Limit(13,1a)

1 BCC & BIS Price & Nicholls Windyhollows English Holly at Llantrussa

This was exactly the type of flatcoat I was looking for, I find her quite outstanding, she has a classical, feminine head, well moulded with a kind, dark eye, her clean reach of neck flows into excellent forehead construction, she has depth of chest, her body length is from her ribs and she has a correct length of loin. Her hindquarters are well developed, she has a moderate bend of stifle and stands on excellent feet. She was presented to perfection and her movement was free and flowing, level from nose to tail, at one with her handler. It was my pleasure to award her the BCC, and her effortless, flowing movement continued in the challenge to win her Best in Show.

2 Matthews' Gemswin She's Got the Look

Another quality girl with lots to like. She is a shade larger and longer than the winner, has a pleasing head and eye with a good reach of neck into a well laid shoulder with corresponding length and return of upper arm. She has well muscled quarters and holds her topline well on the move which is straight and true, just not quite the flow of the winner.

3 Huyton's Go With the Flow Dreams Can Be Joyful by Hightyne

A medium sized girl she has a feminine head of good proportions, her neck leads into good front assembly with a pronounced brisket and good depth of chest, she has well made quarters and moved well, but would benefit from a little less weight.

Open(5,1a)

1 Romeo-Dieste's Hopevalley Morning Wicked

A top quality girl all through, beautifully presented, she has a classical, feminine head with eye of correct shape and colour with a soft expression. Her neck leads into a well laid shoulder with good length and return of upper arm, her body has good depth and length, her loin is correct. She has well made hindquarters and presents excellent balance all through, she stands four square on tight feet and moved straight and true with good reach to win this class, unfortunately in the challenge she did tire a little.

2 Walker's Lizzlog Fanny By Gaslight

A very elegant, racy girl with a classical head and eye, an excellent reach of neck into well constructed front assembly and matching rear angulation. She stands on the best of feet and covered the ground with ease and style, I just found her a little longer cast than the winner, but a quality girl nonetheless.

3 Salt's Levelmoor Blackadder

A size larger than the first two, she has a typical head and dark eye, her shoulder is well placed, but would prefer a better return of upper arm. She holds her topline well, has moderate rear construction, but a little straight in stifle. She moved out well in profile, but was a little close behind today.

Champion(2,1a)

1 RBCC & RBIS Jones' Sh Ch Braemist Witches Fire

Loved this quality girl, she is feminine all through with a classical, well moulded head, correct shaped dark eye showing a bit of mischief. She is clean in neck and has excellent front construction with depth of chest and a pronounced brisket. She has rock solid hindquarters which enabled her to move with drive and style. Although she was carrying a little extra weight than ideal, she was still light on her feet and this in no way detracted from her classical breed type and sound movement which was the deciding factor in awarding her RBIS.

Special Liver(4,1a)

1 Knight & Jacobs' Gemswin Goody Two Shoes

Super coat and eye colour on this girl, she has a well moulded, feminine head, a clean reach of neck into well placed shoulders, a level topline and well muscled quarters. She moved well on an easy, ground covering stride.

2 McGeehan's Levliann Red Louboutin

A size smaller than the winner, another with an excellent coat colour and texture, she is not as mature as the winner, she has a pleasing outline, just lacking in depth of body at the moment, she moved steadily and accurately.

3 Woodiwiss' Woodidream Fortune Cookie

This girl is built on racy lines, she has a feminine head with good eye shape. She is moderate all through, has a level topline and moved on an even stride, she just seemed distracted today, lacking in animation.

Special Working(4)

1 BSWB May's Lussac Winter Witch JW SGWC

A workmanlike girl who won this class on movement, she is well balanced throughout, has a feminine head of pleasing proportions with a good dark eye, her neck leads into excellent shoulder placement with good length of upper arm. She has correct spring of rib into a strong short loin, well muscled quarters with good width of second thigh, she moved out well on a ground covering stride, but couldn't quite match the power of the dog in the challenge for best working in show.

2 Knight & Jacobs' Ch Moonstruck Macadamia SGWC

Winner of special veteran

3 Richards' Hopevalley Morning River through Kimberfield

A very feminine girl with a beautiful head and eye of correct shape and colour, she has a profuse coat, under which she is very well put together. She is well muscled throughout, stands four square on tight feet and moved well.

Special Beginners(4)

1 Pacey's Satinbaze Tea for Two with Shelkaru

Although this girl is up to size for me, she has a lovely, feminine well moulded head with eye of good shape and colour and kind expression. She has a good reach of neck and is moderate throughout. She moved steadily on a reasonable length of stride.

2 Richards' Kimberfield In Love Again

A pretty girl with a pleasing head and eye, I like her size although she is at the stage where she is showing a little more length than depth, however she is developing nicely, she has moderation throughout and she moved accurately with good reach in profile.

3 McQuade's Gemswin River of Dreams

3rd in graduate

Helen Fox