

London & Provincial Collie Club Open Show 21st February 2016

I would like to say thank you to the Officers and committee for inviting me to judge at this well run and friendly club show, I very much enjoyed my day. I was very pleased with my winners who, for me, all embodied what I hope for in a collie, beautiful and fit for function.

Smooth Collies:

V (1,0) 1. Benton's Alopex Marionette of Oakestelle. 7 yr old b/m b shown in hard condition. Balanced head with neat ears, strong neck flowing into a good length of back. Correct angles, well off for bone and nicely broken clear colour. Just starting to show her age on the move, RBOB & BVIS.

P & J (0,0)

PG (2,0) 1. Brown's Blamorder Back In Town. This 21/2 yr old tri b has much to like about her. Excellent angulation, solid bone, really black harsh coat and good topline. Her head shape is correct, but ears could be tighter to enhance her expression. Movement needs to tighten up. 2. Glover's Oakestelle Indie Rock at Stormsett.

L (1,0) 1. Peacock's Blamorder Back To The Start For Saraneth. Tri litter sister to the winner of PG and she is very similar in many ways. Extremely fit bitch with a correct balanced head, excellent neck and perfect angles making a lovely outline. On the move, she is however a little out of control. Still though an easy BB & BOB.

OD(2,1) 1. Benton's Oakestelle Vivaldi. 21/2 yr old tri, who still needs to mature a little. Correct head planes and lovely rounded muzzle, good length of back, harsh coat and well carried tail. Movement was adequate, but many dogs today were a little hesitant on the flooring. BD.

OB (1,0) 1. Benton's Oakestelle Venus De Milo. Litter sister to the OD and she too needs time to mature. Harsh coat of correct colour, good head planes, but stop still needs to clear. Neat well used ears, nicely arched neck and strong topline. I would prefer a little more length of back for that ideal collie balance.

Rough Collies:

VD(3,1) 1. Arrowsmith's Ch Saganan Aristotle. Glamorous tri in excellent condition for a 10 year old. His head is balanced with a lovely combination of stop, eye and ear carriage, well boned, correct angulation and a really black, lavish coat. Moved well enough but I would prefer a little more length of back. 2. Adams & Carlyon's Tudorlyn New Hope.

MPD(2,0) 1. Page's Lynmead Amalie Bring Me Back. Very promising s/w baby of just 6 months. Nice size for his age, very good angulation and length of back, his head handles well with a nice stop and a very sweet expression. Very steady on the move. 2. Knight's Fontaneblui Chesterfield at Nknigh (Imp Hun).

PD(2,0) 1. Randall's Ladnar Moondust. Georgous 10 mth tri of a good size. Very flat head planes, well broken stop, sweet expression and responsive ears. Correct angulation, solid bone, neat feet and a thick but fitted coat. Very steady on the move, BPD, RBD & RBPIS. 2. Jewell's Trenic Blue Diamond From Moorland.

JD(4,0) 1. Geddes' Ingledene Spirits Arise. This up to size 15 month tri just oozes breed type. Excellent length of head, sweet, dark eye and tight ears. He makes a picture with his correct angulation, good length of back, well carried tail and really black harsh coat. Where he excels however is on the move, the best mover of the day by far. I was really pleased to be able to award

him BD, BOB & BIS. 2. Maxwell & Wallace's Trenley Tavanagh at Hamisks. 3. Carter's Gerian Sunfever.

YD(1,0) Ingledene Spirits Arise

GD(6,0)1. Ingledene Spirits Arise. 2. Clark's Mertrisa Secrets and Magic For Stavods. 3. Philpin's Bahatview Bojangles for Tudorlyn.

PGD(3,1) 1. Bahatview Bojangles for Tudorlyn. Nearly 3 yr old tri of a heavier type. Correct body shape but I would prefer more length of neck. Sweet, dark eye although his ears could be higher. Correct length and texture of coat. Moved well. 2. Glover's Caprioara Blueberry Charm at Stormsett.

LD(2,0)1. Howard's Darahill Chaos at Sablemyst. These two boys both had their good points and the class was very closely fought. 5 year old golden s/w with a nicely balanced outline, rounded muzzle and sweet expression. Coat of correct texture and well off for bone. Moved reasonably well.
2. Maxwell & Wallis' Trenley Tatenen.

OD(3,1) 1. Hull's Lizmark Gold Standard. This 4 yr old s/w has a lovely expression and ear carriage although I feel his head is a little small for his body. Correct angles and nice harsh golden coat, moved steadily. 2. Carter's Gerian Sunfever.

VB(4,0) 1. Clark's Buebezi Bijou Avec Derbypark. Nearly 9 year old blue of excellent well broken colour. Loved her look at me attitude! Elegant neck, neat ears and balanced body, moved well for her age, BVIB. 2. Hull's Lizmark Lookin Fab. 3. Clark's Ingledene Here To Be Seen at Stavos.

MPB(2,0)1. Philpin's Sassari Snow Shimmer for Tudorlyn. These 8 mth litter sisters both have the most beautiful, clean balanced heads, so pretty with their sweet dark eyes and responsive ears. 2 however was unsettled today. 1 is very poised and steady for her age, already a good size, correct angulation, level topline and well boned. I just loved her, BP, BB, RBOB, RBIS & BPIS 2. Jackson's Sassari Skyfall.

PB(2,0) 1. Randall's Ladnar Inkheart. Litter sister to BPD and she is very similar to him. Very attractive puppy, she was unlucky to come up against Snow Shimmer today. Balanced outline, elegant neck and lovely turn of stifle. Moved steadily. 2. Newton & Patterson's Collingvale Cassis Over Darahill.

JB(3,0)1. Newton & Patterson's Chelborn Sent With A Kiss Via Darahill. This 14 mth s/s/w has a perfect front assembly, giving a very attractive outline. Lovely rounded muzzle, pretty expression and correct fitted coat. Steady movement when she got it together! 2. Benton's Brooklynson Jane Russell Of Oakestelle. 3. Adams & Carlyon's Latika Actis Poland at Dycoshem (Imp Pol).

YB(3,1)1. Ross' Rahlissa Fairytale at Samshernik. 20 mth s/s/w. Another quality bitch with that correct collie balance. Attractive head and expression and excellent, thick fitted coat. Movement ok when she settled. 2. Latika Actis Poland at Dycoshem.

GB(8,3)1. Williams' Pelido Blue Sapphire. This 2 yr old blue was quite a surprise. Going over her, absolutely everything was in the right place! Correct head planes, sweet expression, excellent angles front and rear, well broken, clear blue colour, held her topline on the move. Just lacking that look at me attitude, RBB. 2. Jackson's Sassari Sea Shimmer. 3. Adams & Carlyon's Ladnar Kiss 'N Temptation at Dycoshem.

PGB(2,0)1. Pelido Blue Sapphire. 2. Clark's Derbypark Drama Queen.

LB(4,1)1. Philpin's Tudorlyn Little Princess Sh CM 5 yr old S/S/w. Another class where 1 and 2 were very close. Both have the correct length of back and angulation, sweet expression and correct coat.

1 however had better front movement. 2. Harvey's Churckoak Temptress at Wicani. 3. Arrowsmith's Saganan Lady True Blue.

OB(1,0)1. Harvey's Wicani Wears Red. Nearly 5 year old golden sable of a larger make. Beautifully presented, you could just see her working all day. Fitted coat, correct angles and well used ears. Her head was, for me, too strong for a bitch. Movement perhaps a little unsettled today.

Anne Smith (Judge)