

Scottish Beagle Club championship show – Saturday 13th June 2026

Judge – Denise Close

Firstly, my apologies for the delay in my critique (although I'm never the fastest), as you may know the following week I had surgery so that put a bit of a spanner in the works. My thanks to The Scottish Beagle Club for inviting me to judge their championship show, I very much enjoyed my day being back among you lovely beagle folks and your hounds.

Minor puppy dog

1st – Hardisty's Blunderhall Gunpowder Guy – Stood alone but thoroughly deserved his win, balanced, masculine head with well set ears, depth of muzzle and a dark eye. Strong top line, round bone and moved okay.

Puppy dog

1st – Kilgour's Gempeni Heartbeat of Kilmorbeag – Needs time to mature, would prefer a stronger head, lovely dark eye giving melting expression, good depth of rib, super topline, moves well.

Junior dog

1st – Havard's Annabah Top Notch – Beautifully balanced masculine head, dark eye and well set ears. Good feet with well sprung rib, strong topline on the move and moved well.

2nd – Stewart's Dughallmor Iceman - Much rangier hound who needs time to strengthen and settle particularly on the move. Not as balanced all through as 1st but has a good head, neck and shoulder. Needs to drop a little to balance him out, moved with great freedom.

Graduate dog

1st – Findlay & Christie's Rhiconich Midas Touch JW – Loved this boy, in beautiful coat and condition, handsome balanced head, masculine without being overdone. Flowing neck and super front, well bodied with great depth and length of rib, strong thigh, powered round the ring. CC

2nd Kilgours Gempeni Heartbeat of Kilmorbeag

Post graduate dog

1st – Kingsland's Carvaha Artful Dodger from Redcap – Smart chap, would prefer a little more head, well set ear and dark eye. Good depth and spring of rib, moved well in profile, very neat.

Limit dog

1st - Lewis' Fallowfield Charming boy – Balanced head with dark eye and super expression. Flowing neck, strong topline, super width of thigh. Strong on the move but a little unsettled so not moving at his best.

2nd – Murphy's Davricard Picasso at Rhosyndu – Again, lovely expression, dark eye, would prefer a stronger head with more dome. Beautiful neck and front, nicely constructed all through and moved well.

Open dog

1st – Havard's CH Annavah Justify – Masculine dog with well defined head, super round bone and neat feet. Moved so freely around the ring with little effort in lovely coat and condition. RCC.

2nd – Binks' Tannahill Knockout – Not playing today on the table but stood well on the floor and moved well. Not as strong in head but lovely dark eye and expression. Super depth and topline, round bone and neat feet.

Vetran dog

1st – Taylors CH Deaconfield Kingcraft – Smaller mould but still very masculine and really doesn't look like he should be in veteran especially on the move, very sound and free moving. Lovely expression, super front and very well balanced throughout. BVIS.

2nd – Jones' CH Newlin Preston to Clairdale JW – Lovely balanced hound who pushed hard and has nothing to prove. Strong all through, masculine head, tremendous neck too with good depth. Well angulated, moved well with drive.

Special beginners dog

1st – Kilgour's Gempeni Heartbeat of Kilmorbeag

Baby puppy dog/bitch

1st – Goldbergs Mackhovie Astraea At Molesend – Lovely baby, balanced head and well set ear. Lovely fore chest with strong topline, good depth and strong quarters. Moved well, very promising.

Minor puppy bitch

1st – Cuthill's Divinebrae Truth or Dutch – Lovely class, loved all three, quite a baby yet but won it for this baby. So free flowing with great reach, so pretty. Lovely bone and feet, strong topline and well set stern, shall watch her progress.

2nd – Binks' Tannahill Nouvelle – Another lovely baby, not as settled on the move but lots of promise. Beautiful feminine head with arched neck, good bone, well ribbed and strong quarters.

Puppy bitch

1st – Havard's Annavah Crème Caramel – My star of the day! Gleaming coat and condition, balanced head with great definition and depth of muzzle, well set ear and her expression makes your heart skip a beat. So well balanced, super round bone and neat feet. Great depth and super movement, absolute joy. CC, BIS, BPIS.

Junior bitch

1st - Goldberg's Molesend Linnet – Very feminine, well-proportioned head, good front and topline. Would prefer longer rib but good depth and feet. Moved okay.

2nd – Arden's Madika Shine On JW – Very pretty girl, balanced head and dark eye giving melting expression. Super neck and shoulder, firm topline with good depth and rib. Neat feet just a little erratic on the move today.

Novice bitch

1st – Leader's Davricard Artemis – Lovely bitch, quite mature for her age, little broad in head but good muscle. Dark eye, very mischievous expression and super front. Good depth, strong thigh and moved well.

Graduate bitch

1st – Arden's Madika Shine on

2nd – Findlay's Rhiconich Goldie Hawn- Little big for me and would prefer her to be shorter coupled. Nevertheless a very feminine balanced head with good front. Strong topline and moved with drive around the ring.

Post graduate bitch

1st – Kingsland's Mapelayne Have Patience with Redcap – Liked this girl, very neat and balanced all though, well proportioned head. Lovely expression, good front and depth, moved well.

2nd – Findlay's Rhiconich Goldie Hawn

Limit bitch

1st – Lennard's Butterow Unity – Loved this girl, I spotted her coming in the ring and she didn't disappoint. Appealing expression, very feminine, balanced head with well-defined stop and good depth of muzzle. Super spring of rib and depth, strong thigh, moved so well with great drive, loved her. RCC.

2nd – Lewis' Fallowfield Chatty – Little more rangy than 1st but well balanced with a beautiful feminine head. Super front, fore chest, strong topline and super ribbing, moved okay.

Open bitch

1st – Butters & Theobald's CH Molesend Ibis of Breskar JW – Loved both these girls but just preferred overall size of one, very feminine well proportioned head and good muzzle depth with well set ear. Super neck, strong body with depth and strong thigh which powered her round the ring.

2nd – Goldberg's CH Molesend Jazzy JW – Another lovely mover, very feminine, kind expression. Super front, well bodied sprung rib. In lovely condition, I'm sure these two will change places often.

Veteran bitch

1st – Lennard's Butterow Rumba – What a character loving her day out. So well put together which showed in her super movement. Feminine head, great rib and strong topline. Strong back end giving her powerful drive.

2nd – Fitzpatrick's Blunderhall Moonwalker at Springstorm VW – pleasing head, sweet expression. Short coupled with good topline, strong thigh and good feet. Moved well, in lovely condition.

Special beginners bitch

1st - Leader's Davricard Artemis

2nd – Kilgour's Kelcardi Claudia – Rangy girl with sweet expression, nicely proportioned head. Good depth, round bone and strong topline. Moved well.