

Scottish Beagle Club Open Show – 8/10/17

I would like to thank the committee of The Scottish Beagle Club for an enjoyable day. The show had a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and the hospitality was great. It was lovely to attend a show where there was applause for every winner. Thank you to my steward Liz for keeping things running smoothly.

I was really pleased with the quality of exhibits, and my winners, who I'm sure will change places often.

Veteran Dog (5,2a)

1st Bailey's Ch Newlin Victor Of Salenko JW SHcm

I've awarded this boy a RBD before and he went one better today. Handsome hound with a super body shape. His topline is level standing and on the move, with correct tailset. He has a super depth of chest and is well ribbed. Good underline and nice bend of stifle. He has good bone and substance and moves true coming and going. He has a good head and a kind, dark eye. BD & BVIS.

2nd McGiffen's Rhiconich Kirk

Another dog with a lot to like. He has a nice body shape with correct proportions. Moved out well.

3rd MacDonald's Fallowfield Fusion of Finmorlan JW SHcm.

Junior Dog (3)

1st Goldberg's Molesend Scandal

Blanket tri just into junior. Easy winner of this class. Nicely made dog who is maturing well. He has a lovely body shape, is compact and has good tail set. He has good bone and neat feet. His movement is accurate coming and going and is happy to show himself off. He has a kind expression, with dark eyes, but I would prefer them a little larger.

2nd Kavanagh's Beabass Magical Mayhem

Open tri who is longer cast than 1st. Another merry hound who is happy to show himself off. He has a masculine head with well placed, dark eyes. He has a good shoulder and correct tailset. Level topline standing. Shown in good condition.

3rd Warburton's Davricard Burglar

Post Graduate Dog (1)

1st Hill's Dapperdawg North Western

Compact mottle with a super body shape. He has a level topline and good tailset. His head is masculine without being overdone and he has a kind, dark eye. Moved soundly and showed well. Pushed hard for top awards.

Open Dog (2,1)

1st Goldberg's Molesend Kaftan JW SHcm

Another dog I've judged before and still like him. He has a super body shape, good length of back, well-ribbed with good depth of chest. Great tailset and carriage. He has a good length of neck and well-laid shoulders. Moved out well, just felt my BD was more accurate in rear movement. Could not be denied RBD.

Veteran Bitch (5,1)

1st Dean's IR CH Barterhound Bouquet for Gempeni JW SHcm

10 year old tri colour. This girl had the softest expression, feminine head and dark eyes. She has a good reach of neck and well-laid shoulder. Good length of back and correctly set tail. Moves out well with a great length of stride. She was clearly enjoying her day.

2nd Jones' Clairdale Willowmena SHcm

Tri colour, just into veteran. She has a lovely feminine head with expressive eyes. Fair length of neck, level topline and well-bent stifles. Shown in good condition. Moved well.

3rd Goldberg's Newlin Chalice at Molesend JW

Minor Puppy Bitch (1)

1st MacDonald's Finmorlan Jasmine

8 month old open tri. Lovely to see a baby with such enthusiasm! Up to size puppy who has good bone and substance. Her head is well balanced, but she needs to fill out in muzzle. Good front assembly but a touch narrow just now. She has a good bend of stifle and tailset, needs to firm up in topline. Nice front action on the move. BPIS.

Junior Bitch (3,2)

1st Goldberg's Molesend Secret

Beautiful t/w just out of puppy. She has a super shape with good length of neck and well laid shoulders. Good topline and tailset. She has a correct head with soft, appealing expression coming from well-placed dark eyes. Enough bone and substance and shown in good condition. Considered her for top awards today. I'll follow her progress with interest.

Post Graduate Bitch (11,1)

1st Goldberg's Molsend Rumour

Well what can I say about this tri except Gorgeous! Another young bitch who has all the qualities I like in a beagle. She has the most beautiful head and expression, her skull is slightly domed, she has the correct stop and has good width of foreface. Her eyes are well placed and dark, and leathers set low to give the desired expression. She is shapely, compact and a nice size. Good reach of neck, level topline and good tailset. Correct angles front and rear enable her to move with good reach, driving from behind. Again, shown in great condition with excellent muscle tone. She has the mischevious beagle temperament which added to her charm! I couldn't deny her BB & BIS – I wish I could've taken her home!

2nd Butters & Theobold's Orchidvale Merry Go Round Of Breskar

Another young tri with lots to like. Not as confident as 1st but I'm sure she'll settle with experience. I liked her type and body shape. Moved very well coming and going and has great bone and substance. She has beautiful reach of neck and well laid-back shoulders and short, neat hocks. Her head has nice proportions. I just preferred the expression of my winner, but I'm sure she'll continue to do well as she matures.

3rd Deans' Gempeni Ballet JW SHcm.

Limit Bitch (8,2)

1st Jones' Clairdale Damia

My RBB & RBIS winner. I was happy to find that this girl has the same sire as my BIS winner, and she really is another top-drawer beagle. I was splitting hairs when it came to the challenge between the two, the exuberance of my winner just swayed my decision. T/w with beautiful proportions. I loved her head, eye and soft expression, aided by dark pigmentation & well-set leathers. She is sound all through with everything in the right place, moved well coming and going with lovely extension and is schooled to perfection. Another who I will follow with interest.

2nd Butters & Theobold's Brigham Lace Stockings At Breskar.

T/w from a larger mould than my winner, but still well balanced. She has a lovely outline with good reach of neck, topline and tail set. Animated on the move and has a good length of stride, just not as sound coming and going as 1st. Her head is nicely balanced and she has a soft, appealing expression. Shown in good condition.

3rd Hartland's Newlin Inkspot at Fairleedale

Open Bitch (4)

1st Goldberg's Molesend Query

Full sister to my BIS winner and another lovely example from this kennel. They were all shown in great condition being the correct weight, well-muscled and clean. I have in my notes beautiful shape, great neck & shoulder, good tail-set, lovely bone and substance – the best mover in the class, and that just sums her up beautifully!

2nd Bennet's Serenaker Sogni D'oro at Tacomadream SHcm

6 year old faded tri. She has a very pretty head and expression, good reach of neck and lovely body shape. She also has good bone and substance and is well muscled. Level topline and good bend of stifle. Moved well but just not as accurate as 1st. Well presented.

Brace (4)

All 4 pairs in this class were great! They all moved well together and on their own.

1st Deans'

Evenly matched for size and colour. Moved in harmony and both stood free with wagging tails.

2nd Hills' Brace

Again, moved well together and stood free. Not as evenly matched as 1st.

3rd Bennett's Brace

Lesley Chalmers

(Judge)