

Scottish Beagle Club breed Open Show (6/10/13) - Critique

I must thank the SBC for a very enjoyable day where the venue, show management and atmosphere was A1, also thanks to the exhibitors for entering thus giving me the opportunity to judge their charges and accepting my decisions in a very sporting manner. The entry was a very respectable 49 giving 65 entries of which 50% was from English exhibitors.

All exhibits were well presented, mouths were good as were tail sets and carriage.

I was somewhat concerned with front assemblies and resultant poor front action but this was not applicable to my winners who all had good front pick up and extended reach.

Overall the standard of exhibit was good, with my main winners being from an upper level which must be or should be a benefit for the breed.

I make no apologies for liking an animated ring as beagles are not a static breed.

Last but not least I would like to thank my steward Lesley Robinson for all her competent help and assistance.

Dogs

Veteran Dog (7) -1st Walkers Molesend Dolerite over Barughgreen, this 9 year old mottled tri is a very tidy exhibit, liked his head shape and ratios, sufficient neck, loved his bone, front assembly, well balanced body and muscular rear assembly, he covers the ground effortlessly with ease and I felt his level top line which he held at all times edged him the class, he has a very pleasing outline in profile and was sympathetically handled to BVD and BVIS.

2ND Cuthills CH Serenaker Trial by Magic a young 7 year old all male tan and white, he has a very strong head with good expression and dentition, he has a very good profile shape stemming from his reach of neck, good front assembly, height to length ratio that is second to none, I felt he just lost his top line carriage on occasion, it was a pleasure to judge this champion who was well handled throughout.

3rd Walkers Molesend Magician at Barughgreen.

Puppy Dog (1) – 1st Calikes Newlin Kestrel tri youngster of quality, lovely head properties, expression and dentition, very well made from top to bottom and this shows in his very pleasing balanced outline and sound free movement, he is a lovely size with excellent bone, was well handled and presented to go BPD and later BPIS, one that can go onto better things.

Junior Dog (1) – Newlin Kestrel

Post Graduate Dog (4) – 1st Goldbergs Molesend Kaftan JW , I feel this tan & white mottle exudes quality, he is not a heavy set exhibit but is an exhibit of A1 size and shape, he has a delightful head, expression and correctly set ears, he has a terrific reach of neck, front assembly, body development and rear assembly where his muscle development is exceptional, he covers the ground effortlessly and is true fore and aft, it was a pleasure to judge this exhibit who was well handled here and later to BD and BIS.

2ND Woods –Marada Bright Star – brightly marked tri, very balanced exhibit, liked his overall conformation, he is sound fore and aft and was very well handled, he is compact, has a terrific rib development, just lacked the “wow factor” of Kaftan.

3rd McGiffens Rhiconich Kirk

Limit Dog (4) – 1st Starbrooks – Koorbrats Watchful a 3 year old tan and white exhibit that is a very honest one , he has good head, expression and dentition, I liked his shape, balance and outline in profile, he covers the ground with ease keeping a level top line, was well put down and handled throughout.

2nd Mc Giffens - Fallowfield Master Domenik tri boy who is of good make and shape, he covers the ground well, is of good make and shape, he was well handled and presented by his very sporting handler, on occasion he was not as settled as 1st but I was splitting hairs to separate these two.

3rd Walkers Molesend Magician at Barughgreen.

Open Dog (5) I particularly liked the first two here, both were of quality and with numerous attributes in relation to the breed standard, the 1st was a tri the second a tan and white, both were very sound with lovely outlines, I liked both their heads, reach of neck, front assemblies, body development and rear assemblies resulting in effortless ease of true movement, they both held their toplines to perfection and both excelled in front reach, the 1st just edging the class for me in overall balance, both were well presented.

1st Cuthill, Parker and Stevens – Serenaker Othello JW later went RBD and RBIS close up for top honours.

2nd Baileys - CH Newlin Victor at Salenko

3rd Kingsland and Mathews – Semeru Gadabout to Redcap (Aust imp).

Bitches

Veteran bitch (6) 1st Butters and Theobalds – Orchidvale Angelica of Breskar tan and white of quality, she is of A1 make and shape, has a very good expression and reach of neck, tidy front and rear assemblies, beautifully put down, her temperament is second to none , she like the others is a credit to the owners.

2nd Patons - Craigmount Time Will Tell smaller made blanket tri, was playing up her handler, but when settled she moved very well and truly, lovely head properties, reach of neck, front and rear assemblies and height to length ratio, very balanced exhibit in good condition.

3rd Woods – Marada Venus

Puppy bitch (4) 1st Baileys – Newlin Kismet for Salenko ultra feminine girl, loved her size, build and outgoing personality, very nice expression, good reach of neck, tidy front and rear assemblies, I thought her outline when she settled was A1, she stands free standing and when she moves out she covers the ground effortlessly with good drive and excellent front reach keeping a level topline BPB and only pipped for BPIS by her more mature brother, one I would campaign as she is a delight.

2nd Goldbergs – Sabinhay Nightfall another very feminine exhibit, similar remarks apply here, just felt she was not as tidy today in front action as Kismet.

3rd Mathews – Carvaha Gold Digger

Junior bitch (7) Cracking class headed by Woodcocks – Roddwood Melody tri girl of lovely make and shape, nice expression and good head proportions, A1 reach of neck, terrific rib cage, very good bone, construction is A1 which aids her positive effortless true movement, very well presented and handled, I felt later she was second to none in the bitches today going BB and then BOS.

2ND Goldbergs - Molesend Madiera brightly marked tri who exudes femininity, lighter in build than melody, I thought she had a lovely head and expression, was tidy all through and covered the ground with ease, one that will mature and will end up a very pleasing exhibit.

3rd Cuthills – Benroma Royal Design another very nice exhibit.

Post Graduate bitch (11) Numerically a very good class but some on the move disappointed particularly in front action when coming towards and in profile, this was not applicable to the four placed.

1st Woodcocks – Roddwood Melody

2nd Goldbergs – Molesend Kashmir JW lovely tan and white with an A1 shape, very feminine, tidy front and well developed body, nice reach of neck, covers the ground well and truly, was piped by melody via her composure on the day.

3rd Bennetts – Serenaker Sogni Dioro

Limit bitch (7) 1st Bennetts – Serenaker Sogni Dioro deserved her first here, tidy make and shape, tidy in head ratios and height to length ratio, liked her neat and tidy movement, responds well to her handler and won this class on profile balance and composure.

2nd Butters and Theobalds – Brigmar Lace Stockings of Breskar tan and white exhibit that handles well, nice head shape, good reach of neck, tidy front and rear assemblies, moved out well and was beautifully presented, for me is just a little up on the leg which affects her profile outline.

3rd Walkers – Sabinhay Philigree at Barughgreen.

Open bitch (3) 1st Goldbergs – Newlin Chalice at Molesend JW 4 year old tan and white in lovely condition, A1 head, ideal reach of neck, very nice make and shape, A1 build, very feminine, scores in balance and true movement from all angles, she was well handled here and later to RBB, I note she is the dam of my BIS.

2ND Walkers - Sabinhay Philigree at Barughgreen veteran lady who belies her years, good head shape, liked her exuberance and here I am attitude, very attentive to her handler, moves out well, could just be doing with losing a bit of weight, sympathetically handled throughout.

Brace (4) 1st McGiffens tri boys, a well matched pair that went well going round and away and back, at times a little playful but scored in similarities such as size, colour, temperament and animation, they were well handled by her owner, her rapport with them was a joy to see.

Judge - Dick Morrison

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