

SOUTH WALES KENNEL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

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Firstly I would like to thank the exhibitors for entrusting me with their entries and accepting my decisions with grace. My thanks also to the Committee for inviting me and my two stewards who were most helpful and kept things running smoothly. Overall presentation was good but I did feel that depth of quality was lacking in some of the lower classes. Some otherwise nice exhibits missed out due to upright shoulders and steep upper arms which are still very much in evidence and adversely affect front movement and overall balance. I was very pleased with my main winners who had the desired head qualities, refinement, balance and good conformation that I was looking for.

MPD (6) 1 Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob. At almost 9 months of age this eye-catching s/w stood out in this class for his excellent breed type, overall balance, shape and substance. Refined, masculine head with neat, well placed ears and lovely dark eye of correct shape and placement, giving a very sweet, masculine expression. Good reach of neck and depth of chest. So well constructed, both front and rear, enabling him to move freely round the ring with excellent reach and drive while maintaining his level topline. Perfect for size and beautifully presented BPD & BPIB. 2 Moore's Jacanshe Be Our Guest At Santiara. Well presented, 7 month old tricolour, ideal for size and well constructed throughout which showed in his movement. Correct wedge shaped head, topped with neat, well placed ears but ideally would prefer slightly less length of muzzle to give a more balanced appearance. Dark, well placed eye, good reach of neck and level topline. Appealed for his overall balance and shape. 3 Botham Balidorn Black Spice.

PD (5, 1) So difficult to choose between the first and second in this class. 1 Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob. 2 French's Lindfern Light Sabre. My eye was immediately drawn to this 10 month old g/s who instantly appealed for his breed type, lovely outline, reach of neck, graceful sweep over the croup and good length of tail. Most pleasing head and expression with lovely dark eye and correct ear placement. Well constructed both front and rear and so well-balanced throughout. I was splitting hairs in this class but just felt that the winner had the better reach on the final move round the ring. Two very promising puppies who will no doubt change places many times. 3 Moore's Jacanshe's Be Our Guest At Santiara.

JD (6, 1) 1 Bendelow's Guxel Gold Ringer From Amethrickeh. Most striking g/s, carrying a wealth of coat and presented in excellent condition. Ideally would like a little less of him. Well balanced, wedge shaped head with parallel planes, lovely dark eye and neat well-placed ears giving a sweet but masculine expression. Good depth of chest and well angulated both front and rear with good bend of stifle. Moved out with reach and drive but was a little unco-ordinated in profile movement. So much to like about this dog but would just prefer a little less of him. 2 Gamble's Solytic Inaugural Gold. Just coming up to 13 months of age, this g/s was a little unsettled today by the noisy venue which affected his movement. Lovely head, eye and expression with good underjaw and reach of neck. Ideally would prefer better front angulation to enhance his outline. Nice level topline, good bend of stifle and length of tail. Well presented and just needs time to develop and mature. 3 Mottram's Lanteague Gold Sovereign At Lochkaren JW.

YD (2) 1 Gamble's Solytic Inaugural Gold. 2 Hodson's Roschri Highland Fling. Well coated 16 month old g/s. A little broader in back skull than ideal and, unfortunately, his ears were on the heavy side which tended to spoil his expression despite his lovely, dark, well-placed eye. He is a well constructed dog of substance with good front and rear angulation, level topline and good depth of chest. Moved well.

PGD (7) 1 Goodwin's Highbrook He's Got Style JW. Well proportioned, balanced g/s of ideal size. Pleasing head and expression with correct ear carriage and good reach of neck. Good front and rear angulation but would prefer a little more depth of chest which would improve his front movement as he tended to toe out very slightly when coming towards me. Lovely level topline and moved freely round the ring. 2 Officer's Castlerose A Shropshire Lad JW ShCM. Another nicely balanced g/s of good bone and substance although a little bigger than ideal. Well-balanced head, with well shaped dark eye, topped with neat ears, giving a sweet expression. Good bend of stifle and level topline. Moved well but just preferred the overall size and front angulation of the winner. 3 Isdale Viewdale Cuddly Dudley JW.

LD (9,4) 1 Edwards' Castlerose Star Turn JW ShCM. Very difficult to choose between the first three in this class but this well constructed tricolour of ideal size won the class on his good conformation and movement. Pleasing well-balanced head with dark almond eye and correct ear carriage. Well developed underjaw and good depth of chest. Although not a glamour boy, he has the correct textured coat which fits his body and shows off his lovely shape and outline. Well constructed front and rear which showed in his effortless, free-flowing

movement. Very balanced throughout with no exaggerations. 2 Stafford's Rannerdale The Entertainer. Glamorous 2 year old rich red sable, beautifully presented in profuse coat. He has the most appealing, dark brown almond shaped eye, obliquely set into beautifully moulded head topped with neat, well placed and carried ears, giving a very sweet, yet masculine expression. Good bone and substance with level topline and correct tail length. Lovely bend of stifle but would prefer better front angulation which meant he didn't have the overall balance, free-flowing movement and forward reach of the winner. 3 Roberts' Malaroc Mystery Writer JW.

OD (9, 1) A lovely class of quality dogs. 1 Hill's Aust Ch Hartly How About Me For Molson (Imp Aus). It was impossible not to notice this eyecatching, profusely coated, pale golden sable who stood out in this class for quality and presentation. Excellent front and rear angulation with good bend of stifle and low hocks, giving him excellent forward reach and drive on the move. Well arched neck, good depth of chest and spring of rib giving an overall picture of substance, balance and symmetry. Would just prefer a tad more length of tail to complete the picture. Lovely dark eye correctly set into clean, balanced head with well rounded muzzle and neat ears which he used to his advantage. Moved straight and true both coming and going. DCC & BOB. 2 Bray's Ch Lianbray Lothario JW. Another g/s that I have always admired and who has many of the attributes of the winner. Refined, yet masculine wedge-shaped head with the desired amount of stop, flat skull and level head planes. Excellent front and rear angulation and moved freely round the ring, maintaining his level topline. Lovely shape and outline with correct body proportions. A very close decision between these two quality dogs but today the winner just had that extra wow factor. RDCC. 3 Robinson's Lavika Luminary JW.

VD (6, 1) 1 Pattinson's Kyleburn Acis. 10 year old dark s/s of ideal size and presenting a very balanced outline. Correct wedge shaped head with just the correct amount of stop and level head planes. Lovely dark, almond shaped eye and neat ears giving a sweet, but masculine expression. Just wish he would use those ears to show off his charms. Nicely arched neck and well constructed throughout which showed in his movement and won him the class. 2 Gruszka's Samphrey Moonlight Shadow JW. Striking 8 year old tricolour with full white collar. Another of ideal size with correct body proportions. Very pleasing head and expression with well placed almond eye and correct ear placement. Moved well but just preferred the overall shape of the winner. 3 Paterson's Lorainian Kaeto Star.

GCD (1) 1 Straw's Dukeson Golden Fleece. 7 month old charming g/s baby. Although he was unplaced in the MPD class there is so much to love about this charming puppy. He has the sweetest expression with lovely dark almond shaped eye and is well constructed front and rear with good bend of stifle. I would just like a little bit more of him at this age and a tad more length of leg to improve his overall balance. However, he is a very endearing puppy who moved well for his age. I just hope he grows on a little.

MPB (5) 1 Hateley's Mohnesee Sweet Dreams. And what a dream she is. Most attractive 8 month old g/s puppy of excellent breed type who oozed sheltie charm. Lovely dark, almond shaped eye set into beautifully moulded, refined head with level planes and correct stop, her neatly tipped ears completing the picture and giving her the most captivating, ultra-feminine expression. Good reach of neck and tail length. Ideal size and well balanced throughout giving her a lovely shape and outline. A most delightful puppy who moved well for her age BPB. 2 James' Mohnesee Mayd Marion. 7 month old g/s who was very similar in type to the winner and similar comments apply. Another with a lovely head and expression, good reach of neck and depth of chest but would like a little more bend of stifle and couldn't quite match body shape of the winner and was a little unsettled on the move. 3 Haensel's Sherkarl Copper Highlights.

PB (5,1) Hateley's Mohnesee Sweet Dreams. 2 Riding's Anchor's Surprise Blackberry Way For Torinska (Imp Che). This charming 9 month old tricolour immediately caught my eye with her jet black coat, lovely shape, level topline and balanced outline. Ideal size for her age with just the right amount of substance and good tail length. Correct well balanced head, expressive dark eye and neatly tipped ears which she used well. A promising puppy who moved well. 3 Straw's Dukeson Sweeter Than Wine.

JB (6, 1) 1 Riding's Anchor's Surprise Blackberry Way For Torinska (Imp Che). 2 Gamble's Solyric Original Gold. 12 month g/s bitch who is losing her coat at the moment but this has the advantage of showing off her good conformation and reach of neck. Classic wedge shaped head with lovely dark eye and sweet expression topped with neat, well placed ears. Perfect for size and well balanced overall. Ideally would like a little more substance. Unfortunately she was adversely affected by the noise today which meant she was a little unsettled in movement. 3 Van Ulsen's Lundecock's Never Look Back.

YB (4, 1) 1 Whittington's Esterbon Three Kisses For Tighness JW. Despite losing her coat, this shapely tricolour bitch won this class on her lovely balanced outline and sound movement. Lovely reach of neck, well balanced head with shapely dark eye and correct ear carriage even if one of her ears was playing up a little today. She has a good depth of chest, level topline and good length of tail. Moved smoothly and effortlessly round the ring. 2

Edwards' Castlerose Babushka. Well presented shaded s/w in lovely coat and condition. Correct front and rear angulation with good depth of chest but does need to tighten up in front. Good bend of stifle and nicely arched neck. Nicely balanced head and correct ear placement but couldn't quite match the sweetness of expression of the winner. Moved well in profile but was a little loose in elbow when coming towards me. 3 Waldron's Lavika Good Times At Frecia.

PGB (10, 4) 1 Roberts' Malaroc Covert Love. A most attractive 3 year old g/s who instantly appealed for her correct breed type and feminine outlook. Loved her overall shape, good reach of neck and level topline. Lovely balanced head of correct type with neat correctly tipped and well placed ears giving the most captivating expression. Good angulation front and rear and moved well. 2 Mottram's Lanteague Stage Whisper At Lochkaren JW. Another very pretty bitch of ideal size and substance. Really appealed for her super head qualities, well rounded muzzle, expressive dark eye and captivating expression. Nicely balanced but just needs to tighten up in front and couldn't quite match the forward reach of the winner on the move. Two very pretty bitches and it was difficult to choose between them. 3 Hateley's Sanscott Sweet Serenity at Mohnesee JW.

LB (8, 2) 1 Robinson's Lavika Black Beauty JW. 3 year old tricolour bitch who initially was a little unsettled by the noise today which made it difficult to assess her at times. Ideal for size with correct length to height ratio and good conformation. Nicely balanced head with good reach of neck, lovely dark eye and neat ears. Once she settled, she was determine to show off her charms and presented a lovely picture when stood with her shapely, balanced outline, level topline and jet black coat. Moved well. Just lost out to the sweeter expression of the BCC winner but pleased to award her the RBCC. 2 Rossiter's Lorainian Starlight Wonder. Most glamorous 4 year old s/w presented in lovely coat and condition. A little bit longer in body than the winner but presents a very pleasing picture and shapely outline when stood. Correct wedge shaped head with flat skull and well rounded muzzle topped with neat, well placed ears. Lovely dark eye but ideally would prefer a more almond shape to sweeten her expression. Good length of neck and depth of chest. Well constructed throughout and moved well. 3 Ritchie's Jaelis Mystique Reflection JW.

OB (6, 2) 1 Hardy's Dippersmoor Joie De Vivre At Sandwick. This most attractive, jet black tricolour caught my eye as soon as she entered the ring. Beautifully presented with every hair gleaming. Ideal for size with good bone and substance. A little deeper in stop than ideal but she has the sweetest eye and most captivating feminine expression with neat well placed ears to complete the picture. Lovely straight front, good reach of neck, excellent bend of stifle, well let down hocks and flexible pasterns. Underneath that coat she has a nice level topline and excellent front and rear angulation which showed in her lovely, free-flowing movement round the ring. Moved so straight and true both coming and going. I just couldn't deny her the BCC. 2 Stafford's Rannerdale Queen O'The North JW. Very attractive s/w who has the most appealing head and expression. Presented a lovely shape and outline with nicely arched neck, good depth of chest, level topline and well angled hindquarters. Was a little unsettled by the noise and tended to move a little wide when coming towards me. 3 Robinson's Lavika Good Luck JW.

VB (4, 1) 1 Barnett's Ch Rainway Crystal Star JW. At 10 years of age this shapely b/m bitch continues to please the eye. She is a lovely, well broken, silvery blue colour with just the correct amount of black marbling. Lovely bone and substance and presents a very pleasing outline. Nicely balanced head, well-shaped eye and level head planes but ideally would like a more feminine expression. Good layback of shoulder and well-angled hindquarters. Presented in excellent condition and very sound on the move. 2 French's Sonymer Snowfall Over Lindfern. Attractive 9 year old rich mahogany coloured shaded sable, enhanced by her full white collar. Pleasing head with level planes and dark, almond shaped eye. Well placed ears which ideally could do with being more tipped to enhance her expression. Good length to height ratio but would like more layback of shoulder and length of upper arm. Spot on for size and moved ok. 3 Whittington's Tighness Tip The Wink.

GCB (4, 1) 1 Barnett's Rainway Returning To Seavall JW. 9 year old s/w who was presented in good coat and condition. Very shapely bitch with excellent reach of neck, good bone and so well constructed with well angled front assembly and hindquarters. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Very pleasing, balanced head and well-placed, neat ears, but would just like a better shaped eye to sweeten her expression. Moved really well as her construction would suggest. 2. Gamble's Balidorn Solitude at Solytic JW. Another very shapely 3 year old g/s bitch who is a little finer in bone than the winner and is in the process of re-growing her coat. She has the most appealing expression with lovely dark almond shaped eye and well placed, nicely tipped ears. Well balanced refined head with level planes and correct ear carriage. Good reach of neck, level topline and good length of tail. Well angulated front and rear. Moved well but was a little unsettled by the noise today. 3 Whittington's Tighness Tip The Wink.

Judge - Maureen Bywater