

THE WELSH KENNEL CLUB Championship Show 17th August 2019

Many thanks to the Welsh Kennel Club for inviting me to judge at this lovely show. I must also thank the exhibitors, who presented their dogs in excellent condition and accepted my placings so sportingly. While I was very pleased with my main winners, I did feel that many of the classes, for me, lacked strength in depth.

VD (4) 1 Rutterford's Ch Kelgrove Just Blue At Stormhead. Very taken with this eight and a half year old Blue Merle. He had a beautiful outline, always balanced, excellent size and super proportions. He has a lovely eye and expression, good parallels and nicely placed ears, though they were perhaps a shade tall. Nice reach of neck, well defined withers, nice flowing topline with a gentle rise over the loin. Good bone and feet and he was very true coming and going and nicely balanced in his side gait. Pleased to award him the Dog CC, Reserve Best of Breed and Best Veteran in Breed. 2 Goodwin's Ch Highbrook Hot Heir. Almost 8 years old sable, very nice size and shape. He has a balanced head with a nice eye and expression. Ear size and placement is excellent, he has a lovely reach of neck. He is a shade steep in his upper arm, good topline and slightly sloping croup. He has excellent bone and feet and moved soundly. 3 Brady's Ch Francehill Two Tone.

PD (4, 2) 1 Stafford's Rannerdale Showmaster. 10 months old, very smart showy puppy. Really nice type, with a balanced head, nice eye and expression. Excellent ears, good reach of neck and good topline. Moves freely, just a little close behind at this time, would not want to see him growing on too much more. Best Puppy in Breed. 2 Winfield's Aventurine Bohemia Classic Joins Oakcroft. 11 mths old, very nice type, just a little unsettled today indoors. He has a nice eye, excellent ears, lovely reach of neck. He is a little weak in the rear at this time and due to lacking confidence today he was not making the most of himself on the move or in stance.

JD (2) 1 Moore's Jacanshe Be Our Guest At Santiara. 17 months old with a very nice shape, would prefer a little more refinement in his skull. Nice eye and expression. Good bone and feet, he has good angulation in the rear, a little straighter in the front. Moved freely.

2 Rutterford's, Kelgrove Midsummer Blue At Stormhead. 13 months old, lovely size, shape and outline. Balanced head, nice reach of neck, good angulation front and rear and he was very nicely balanced in his side gait, could be better coming and going on the move.

YD (4) 1 Moore's Jacanshe Be Our Guest At Santiara. 2 Goodwin's Highbrook Hobnob. 19 months, nice size and shape, but I would prefer more refinement in his head. Nice dark eye, expression could be a little sweeter. He has a nice reach of neck and good topline. He could stand a little better in the front. He was lovely on the move, excellent coming and going. 3 Rutterford's, Kelgrove Midsummer Blue At Stormhead.

ND (3, 1) 1 Winfield's Aventurine Bohemia Classic Joins Oakcroft. 2 Jones' Karyshanty In Da Blue At Gowdenin. 2 years old Blue Merle who is top size, would like a little more balance in his outline. He has a long head, would prefer a shade more stop. Good ear size and placement. Strong bone, good angulation front and rear. He could hold a better outline on the move, carrying a big full coat today.

GD (6) 1 French's Lindfern Light Sabre. Almost 2 years old, upstanding male shown today in full bloom. He has a pleasing head, nice dark eye, ears well placed and well carried. Good bone and good feet. He has a lovely reach of neck, topline just a shade soft and he could be a little more compact in the body. Moved really well coming and going and balanced in his side gait. 2 Moore's Jacanshe Be Our Guest At Santiara. 3 Gambles' Solyric Inaugural Gold.

PGD (3) 1 Officer's Castlerose A Shropshire Lad. 4 years old, of good size and shape. I would have preferred a shade more refinement in the skull, nice dark eye, ear size and placement is good. Good bone and good feet, he is a little straight in the front, good topline and croup, excellent coat and well presented. 2 Isdale's Viewdale Cuddly Duddly. Almost 3 years old, a very nice size, he has a balanced head, would prefer a better eye shape, good ear size and placement. He is a little stuffy in neck and today topline was just a shade soft. Excellent croup, good bone and feet. Moved freely, just a tendency to drop his head on the move. 3 Dixon's Tachnamadra Toffee Apple.

LD (8, 1) 1 Chatterley's Silver Coin. 3 year old heavily marked Blue Merle, medium size, very pleasing outline, balanced head with excellent ear size, shape and placement. Excellent reach of neck, good topline and croup, excellent bone and feet and moved freely. 2 Robinson's Lavika Lush Life. 2 years old Sable, very well presented and handled. Medium dark eye, good ear size and placement. Would prefer a shade more refinement in the skull. Lovely reach of neck, good topline and croup, would have preferred him a little more compact. Good coming and going and balanced in side gait. 3 Bendelow's Guxel Golden Ringer From Amethrickeh.

D (8, 1) 1 Alexander's Hun Ch Ger Jun Ch Lavika London Look. Very nice Dark Sable, lovely size, shape and presentation. He has a very nice eye, with a lovely expression. I would have preferred a shade more refinement in the skull. Excellent angulation front and rear, nice neck and good topline. Excellent bone and feet, really good on the move, balanced in side gait. Reserve Dog CC. 2 Van Ulsen's Int Swed Dk Lux NI Ch Lundecoocks Surprise Packet. Beautifully headed male, with a lovely eye and sweet expression. Excellent neck, good topline, excellent bone and feet. Super presentation and really well handled. Moved really well, just appeared a little short on the leg. 3 Stafford's Rannerdale The Entertainer.

VB (3) 1 French's Lindfern Enchanted Sunrise. 9 years old, in super condition for her age, attractive feminine head, nice eye and expression. Super ear size and placement, her topline was ok, well angulated front and rear, presented in good coat and moved freely. 2 Lee's Chalynwood Chumani. 11 years old, really nice type, in super condition for her age. Excellent outline, good bone and feet. Pleasing head with a dark eye and moved soundly. 3 Venton's Tri N' Stop Me At Mistyisle.

MPB (4) 1 Mettan-Ure's, Valdosta Dare To Dream. 8 months old Blue Merle, nice size and shape for her age, still quite a baby and immature but she has a confidence and good attitude about her. Fine in the head, nice ear size and placement. Good bone and feet, nice reach of neck, topline and croup are good and she moved well. 2 Mottram's Mohnesee Such A Dream. 8 months old, pleasing type with a lovely head, nice dark eye, excellent bone and feet. At this time, her topline is a shade soft and she appears long in the body. Moved freely. 3 Dunn's Brilyn Baccarat Crystal To Beechmere.

PB (7) 1 Bendelow's Shelegian Ring O'Bells At Amethrickeh. 10 months Sable, very nice size and shape, nice outline, balanced head with a lovely eye. Angulations ok front and rear and she moved freely, topline just a shade soft today. 2 Barrowclough's Shadowess True Blue. 10 month old Blue Merle with an attractive feminine head, lovely eye with a nice expression and good ear placement. She is of good size and pleasing outline. Moves freely, just needs a little more confidence. 3 Stafford's Rannerdale The Showgirl.

JB (6, 3) 1 Harries' Mistmere Tilly. 15 months old, she is a very pleasing type, nicely balanced head with a lovely eye and expression. Ears are good size and well carried, pleasing in the body and carrying plenty of coat today. Moved well coming and going and balanced in side gait. 2 Sapsford's Shelcrest River Of Dreams. 14 months old, not in full bloom today but a very showy girl. She has a balanced head, with a nice dark eye and ears are well placed and carried. She has a nice reach of neck, topline was a shade soft today, she has a nice weep over the loin. Could hold a better shape on the move. 3 Waldron's Shellamoyed Made In Heaven At Frecia.

YB (5,1) 1 Mitchell's Valdosta Tri Ya Luck. 21 month old tricolour, lovely size, very pleasing shape and outline. A nicely balanced head with a nice dark eye and good expression. Ear size and placement is excellent, nice reach of neck, good topline, good bone and feet, very sound on the move coming and going. 2 Hateley's Mohnesee Millybelle. 23 month old Sable, lovely type with attractive feminine head, small dark eye, ears well placed, good reach of neck, nice topline and croup. Would like her a little better moving towards. 3 Gamble's Solyric Original Gold.

NB (3) 1 Harries', Mistmere Tilly. 2 Mottram's Mohnesee Such A Dream. 3 Waldron's Shellamoyed Made In Heaven At Frecia.

PGB (7, 3) 1 French's Lindfern Bee Enchanted. 5 years old and she is a lovely size and shape. She has a lovely eye and expression, just slightly strong in forehead. Excellent ear size and placement, good reach of neck, topline is ok, good bone and good feet and she moved freely. 2 Deveson's Milesend Sea

Pearl. 4 years old, she is a very pleasing type, balanced head with a medium dark eye, though shape could be a little better. A little straight in the front and more defined withers would set off her shape to a better effect. Moved freely. 3 Fox's Ruscombe Work Of Art With Follyfox.

LB (3, 2) 1 Lee's Ontoco Lunar Eclipse At Chalywood. 4 years old, she is a nice size, has a balanced head with a medium dark eye. Ears are well placed. Stands a little wide in the front and I would prefer more defined withers to set off her topline. She stands a little weak in the rear, but moves freely and excellent temperament.

OB (8, 1) 1 Dunne's Ir Ch Yagodka at Longrange S Egerskoy Slobody. 4 year old Blue Merle, lovely type, for me she is excellent size and outstanding shape. Attractive feminine head, with a nice eye and expression. Ears are of good size and well placed. Lovely reach of neck, well defined withers and a flowing topline with a nice sweep over the loin. Well angulated front and rear, and she was beautifully balanced in her side gait. Pleased to award her the Bitch CC & BOB and delighted to watch her get shortlisted later in a strong Pastoral Group. 2 Deveson's Janetstown Je Suis. 4 years old sable, lovely type with a very nice outline. Pleasing head with a medium dark eye and sweet expression. Lovely ears well placed, nice reach of neck, topline good with a nice sweep over the loin. Good bone and good feet, she has balanced angulation and moved freely. Pleased to award her the Reserve Bitch CC. 3 Stafford's Ch Rannerdale Queen O'The North.

Judge - Paul Lawless