

North of England Welsh Springer Spaniel Club Championship Show

14th April 2013

I was very pleased to be invited to judge dogs at this show. It is two years since I judged WSS and I was very disappointed with the dogs I had today. In my opinion the Breed Standard seems to have gone out of the window. I had a few incorrect bites, tails carried high, lack of second thighs and wide fronts seem to be coming back. What is happening to this lovely breed!!

Minor Puppy Dog (3)

1. Graham's Nyliram Billy No Mates, promising young dog, 7 months old, good well balanced head with dark eye, nice reach of neck, good angles front and rear, nice neat feet, moved well, a happy youngster. BPD.
2. Philipson's Menstonia Marksman, good shape of head with soft expression, nice reach of neck, correct front and rear angles, nice feet. Carried tail correctly, moved well, just lost out to 1 on maturity.
3. Backhouse & Scougal's Ferndel News Flash from Shannas, another promising puppy with balanced head of good shape, good angles front and rear, didn't have the enthusiasm of 1& 2.

Puppy Dog (8)

1. Graham's Nyliram Billy No Mates.
2. Frost & Troth's Cochnaid's Cartier Topaz, Very pleasing head, well balanced with soft expression, good strong neck, correct lay of shoulder, neat feet, good depth of body, correct front and rear angulation, carried tail correctly on the move, just lost out to 1 on confidence in the ring which will hopefully come.
3. Harrison's Glenbrows Rainman, pleasing head with soft expression, correct angulation front and rear, another promising puppy, moved well carrying tail correctly.

Junior Dog (4)

1. Cocking & Barnaby's Bushwacker Captain Courageous, nicely balanced dog, nice head with soft expression, good front and rear angles, nice feet, in good coat and condition, moved well round the ring with tail carried level with back.
2. Luckett-Royon's Solva Giorgio, nice head with soft expression, well balanced overall when stood correctly, good depth of chest and good front and rear angulation, lost out to 1 on movement, not happy today.
3. Ritchie & Tindal's Slepstones Eros, soft expression, good straight front, in good coat and condition, move a bit close behind for me.

Yearling Dog (6)

1. Barkley's Cherryheaths Mr Mischief, JW ShCM, well balanced head with kind soft expression, good reach of neck leading to correct lay of shoulder, tight feet, well-muscled rear quarters and good second thigh which showed on the move, super coat and condition, close contender for top honours.
2. Luckett-Royon's Solva Giorgio.
3. Morgan's Amiro Wind from the Hills, good shape of head with soft expression but needs to develop yet, good angles front and rear, well balanced dog overall, lost out on maturity to 1 & 2.

Veteran Dog (5, 1 abs)

1. Connolly's Menstonia Mahler at Benmorby, 8 year old typical balanced welsh with good body construction, good head with soft expression, good front and rear angulation which shows on the move, moved round the ring with drive. Best Veteran.
2. Jackson's Menstonia Miami Vice JW, 10 year old, similar in body and construction to 1, in good coat and condition, just lacking the enthusiasm of 1.
3. Anderson's Cleavehill Llewellyn, smaller in size to 1 & 2 but still has everything in the right place, well balanced overall, soft expression, moved well for his 12 years.

Maiden Dog (7)

1. Graham's Nyliram Billy No Mates.
2. Clarke & Stidson's Ypabneul Sacha Avec Tigerrock, 10 month old with typical welsh head, soft expression, clean neck with correct lay of shoulder, in good coat and condition, on the move just a bit wide in front for me.
3. Butler-Holley's Shandwick Promise, not happy today at all, not balanced at the moment but still a youngster, in super coat and condition.

Novice Dog (7)

1. Graham's Nyliram Billy No Mates.
2. Frost & Troth's Cochnaid's Cartier Topaz.
3. Rees's Typica Red Kite, typical welsh head, balanced with soft expression, clean neck leading to correct lay of shoulder, correct front and rear angulation, nice feet, a bit long in ribcage for me which made him look unbalanced.

Graduate Dog (3)

1. Frost & Troth's Cochnaid's Cartier Topaz.
2. Le Maitre's Pamicks Above and Beyond at Vannelmead, typical head with soft expression, very pleasing to the eye, good shoulder placement, correct front & rear angulation. Moved well.
3. Douglas's Ferndel Justin Time, not as balanced as 1 & 2 but has good front & rear, nice feet, just lacking muscle tone for me.

Post Graduate Dog (10)

What a super class and I am sure they will change places many times. 1. Yacoub's Ferndel Amren, very balanced dog, good head with soft expression, good reach of neck leading to correct lay of shoulder, nice neat tight feet, correct front angulation, strong well -muscled rear quarters which showed on the move, in good coat and condition, moved soundly and with drive. Close contender for top honours.

2. Tolladay's Ferndel Commander of Bethersden, has all the qualities of 1, in super coat and condition but did not look happy today.
3. Chandler's Chanangel Sticky Wicket JW ShCM, well balanced dog with correct front and rear angulation, nice neat feet, good muscle tone, not just as balanced as 1 & 2.

Mid Limit Dog (6, 1abs)

1. Backhouse's Aindra Lotofunwivoutlafin, typical welsh head with nice soft expression, good clean muscular neck, good lay of shoulder, tight feet, correct amount of bone, good muscle tone, moved well.
2. Johnstone's Ferndel Seeing Stars for Gilpeta, balanced head but not as pleasing as 1, good front and rear angulation, in good coat and condition, moved well.
3. Jackson's Slapstones Atlantic at Hawkroyd, has all the qualities of 1 & 2 but once again this dog was let down by his handler, will he ever learn.

Limit Dog (8, 1 abs)

Another super class, very pleased to go over these dogs.

1. Tew's Pamicks Dazzling Boy, have judged this dog before and he has matured into a lovely well-balanced dog, masculine head with kind soft expression , good muscle tone throughout, just what I was looking for, in super coat and condition, moved round the ring with drive. Very pleased to award him the CC.
2. Cocking & Barnaby's Bushwacker Thriller, a handsome dog, a size smaller than 1 but has all the qualities of 1, soft expression, sharp eye and very alert, moved with drive. Pleased to award him the RCC.
3. Flockhart's Cedar Sunset, nice head with soft expression, balanced head to body, good strong neck leading to correct lay of shoulder, neat feet, well presented in good coat and condition, good strong rear quarters, showed well.

Open Dog (6)

1. Murray's Slapstones Mars at Priestbeck, well put together and balanced overall, in good coat and condition, correct angles front and rear, nice feet, moved round with drive, correct top line on the move.
2. Thirlwell's Sh Ch Ferndel Aeron Magregor, expression not as soft as 1, has good clean muscular neck,, correct lay of shoulder, front and rear angulation, correct rise over loin, carried tail level on the move.
3. Summer's Sh Ch Hillrobin Hamblet, has all the qualities of 1 & 2, just a size down, moved well.

Special Beginners Dog (4)

1. Yacoub's Ferndel Amren.
2. Johnstone's Ferndel Seeing Stars for Gilpeta.
3. Le Maitre's Pamicks Above and Beyond at Vannelmead.

Special Working Dog (0)

Judge Martin Greenwood