

Critique for Welsh Springer Spaniel Bitch classes at The North of England Welsh Springer Spaniel Club's championship show, August 27th, 2021

It truly was a day of double joy for me, being allowed to judge your Welsh Springer Spaniels. First and foremost, a joy to go over some excellent examples of the breed we all love so much. Also being back in the UK, particularly so in the North of England, almost our second homeland as it is our preferred destination when going abroad, after more than 2 years absence due to the pandemic. It was a relief to finally be able to fulfill this much awaited judging appointment, which like so many other shows either had been cancelled, or like this, postponed several times. I do admire your stamina and determination to go through with it, and the committee of the club, certainly delivered a sterling show. I extend my gratitude for giving me this opportunity to assess the bitches at this show, it is always an honour to judge at a breed club show. Also, a big thank you to my super-efficient and highly spirited stewards who added even more pleasure to the day. The show ground was excellent, and we were lucky that the sun finally came out to shine on us all after some hours of drizzle in the early hours of the preceding breed judging at Drifffield Championship Dog Show. I admire the tenacity of you all, hanging in there till the end, kudos.

MPB (3,0)

1 Tyler & Shiels' Eiriandylis Georgy Girl

Very attractive puppy who was spot on for proportions and so correct for her age, quality head, cleanly chiselled and with good length, slightly round and somewhat large eye, still a mild expression, beautiful set on of neck into shoulders, excellent angulation in front, super bone and feet, good depth of chest, moderately angulated behind, moves steadily, just needs to gain confidence as she learns the ropes, very promising.

2 Casey's Tigerrock Lit De Roses taf

Another with excellent proportions, with good length of legs and just right for age, feminine head, strong topline, could have a tad better layback of shoulder, good brisket, also a marked fore chest, good width of thigh, ample bone, tightly knit feet, happy enough stood, but will also need to get some more experience to show her movements to advantage.

3 Moore's Brent Oyster Bay

PB (6,2)

1 Harrison's Glenbrows Rhapsody

What a priceless little gem, everything in the right place, still needs to grow just a tad to get optimal length of legs, she owns a truly beautiful head, nicely chiselled, slightly small eyes, still a mild expression, foreface could be just a fraction longer, she has the most lovely arch and length of neck which flows into a super front assembly, strong topline standing and moving, capacious chest, broad thighs, very precise mover, impressive for her age with a long and free stride, happily wagging her tail all the time, shown to advantage growing in confidence every time she moved around that ring, was very taken by her as she charmed her way into my heart like some Welsh puppies can do. BPB & BPIB

2 Tigerrock Lit De Roses taf

Repeat MPB

3 Brent Oyster Bay

JB (1,0)

1 Harrison's Glenbrows Hope

Similar to, and I see, closely related to her kennel partner from the previous class, super size and very appealing all over image, to be hyper critical, she could have just a fraction more length of legs for perfect proportions, beautiful head with soft expression, super angulations in front, more than enough angulations behind, strong topline, well developed in body for her young age, ribcage extends well back, short, strong loin, good bone and compact feet, super side gait with a long, effortless stride, sound going away.

YB (1,0)

1 Graham's Nyliram Hetty Wainthropp

Excellent size and breed type, slightly long in body, but the length is mainly from a long chest and ribcage, feminine head, her eyes are somewhat small and round in shape, muzzle could be stronger, slightly steep in front angulations, still possesses a good fore chest, super depth of brisket, strong, level topline, lovely arch of neck, broad thighs, text book hind angulation, suitable amount of bone and substance for a bitch, compact feet, powerful hind movement, a little short stepping in front.

VB (3,0)

1 Harrison's Sh Ch Glenbrows Memoir

Well, if ever my heart skipped a beat when judging, this was one of those moments, this bitch just quietly stood there and let her beauty do the talking as she was radiating quality, she is just so easy on the eye, such a pleasure to judge, she presents a fantastic outline, perfect size, attractive head, very typical for the breed, although slightly small eyes, long, strong neck with a quality arch and seamless flow into a lovely front, good spring of ribs, strong topline, short in loin, medium amount of bone, tightly knit feet, so effortless movements and precision of footfall, particularly sound going away, and exceptional length of her front steps, deep red colour with a lovely sheen to it, biddable temperament. **BVB, BCC and (on referee's decision) RBIS**

2 Ritchie's Sh Ch Slapstones Mouna JW

Beautiful breed type, just screaming Welsh Springer, more substantial than winner, and could be slightly more refined all over, possesses an absolutely gorgeous head with a dreamy expression, super angulations both ends, defined fore chest, excellent depth of chest, super width of thigh, ample bone and tight feet, moves with a long, efficient stride, very friendly and appealing temperament.

3 Mole & Knox' Tammano Crawhall at Edincraw

MB (2,1)

1 Glenbrows Rhapsody

Repeat PB

NB (2,1)**1 Harrison's Glenbrows Paramour**

Stunning little bitch who is just spot on for proportions, presents such a classical picture and has everything in the right place for her young age, she has a truly beautiful head, a little small eyes, but that doesn't detract from her mild expression, long neck with quality arch that flows into a correct front assembly, enough fore chest for her age, excellent depth of chest, will need time to mature in body, that said, holds a super frame to grow into, strong topline, moderate hind angulation, powerful, energetic and free flowing movements, full of determination, sound coming and going, rich red colour with a nice sheen. Strongly considered her for higher awards and will follow her future career with much interest. Could have taken her home in a heartbeat.

GB (3,0)**1 Tain's Taimere's the Mistrel**

Excellent breed type, perfect size and text book proportions with good length of legs, combines substance while she retains femininity, noble head with good length, gentle expression, but would like eyes to darken, long, strong neck, nicely arched, moderately and correctly angulated both ends, short in couplings, good width of thigh, super chest volume, fitting bone, where she really excels is on the move with a long and free flowing stride, just needs to gain more experience with the show situation, a quality exhibit.

2 Holmes' Glenbrows Innocence

Lovely breed type, but slightly long cast and would benefit from just a fraction more length of legs, particularly beautiful head and expression, strong neck and topline, super front angulations, excellent fore chest and depth of brisket, moderately angulated behind, but could have broader thighs, ample bone, tightly knit feet, a little short stepping in front, excellent behind.

3 Tew's Pamicks Jazzy Ah Girl**PGB (5,0)****1 Chandler's Chanangel Yorkshire Rose**

Compact little bitch with correct proportions, full of substance without losing femininity and style, very well constructed throughout, head of good length but could have slightly more stop, well matured in body and chest, short loin, correct angulations both ends, broad thighs, well off for bone, strong feet, really precise and efficient on the move, super attitude and outlook on life.

2 Short's Ferndel Fire Gem at Toftwood

Bigger, more substantial, but absolutely beautiful breed type, on the day she unfortunately carried a little too much weight and she cannot afford it as it spoils the complete picture, she is in full bloom but again, would benefit from slightly less furnishings to make her look less low and heavy (which she truly is not), gorgeous headpiece with mild expression, excellent bone, compact feet, steady and precise on the move, a little wide in front, super coat with a lovely sheen to it.

3 Ceriati's Glenbrows Imagery

MLB (1,0)

1 Mole & Knox' Zaza Florence Our Loyal Welsh at Edincraw (imp NDL)

Excellent breed type, a little leggier than many, lovely, feminine head, but eyes can still darken, good strength of muzzle, slightly steep in front angulation, correct and moderately angulated hind quarters, excellent fore chest and depth of chest, good width of thigh, excellent bone, feet could be tighter, very free and efficient movements, lovely temperament.

LB (0)

OB (5,2)

1 Clarke & Sherlock's Crimicar She's Electric with Tigerrock JW

My kind of Welsh for type, big enough but teeming with quality and text book proportions with correct leg length, quality head with good length, nice, dark eye, lovely, strong neck of good length which just flows into her withers and further on to her back with no abrupt angles anywhere, super front assembly with good length of upper arm, still not fully mature in body but she has a defined fore chest, short in loin, moderately angulated behind, excellent bone, compact feet, long, effortless, free flowing stride with ever wagging tail, lovely coat and condition, close up, **RBCC**.

2 Riese-Bassel & Worth's AM GCh Sh Ch Sarabande Sweet Nothings (ai)(re-imp)

Excellent breed type and size, could have just a fraction more length of legs for optimal proportions, feminine, well chiselled head which could be slightly stronger in muzzle, super neck and strong, level topline, moderately angulated in front, fantastic fore chest and good depth of brisket, short in loin, super back end with lovely width of thigh, well off for bone, compact feet, efficient and energetic on the move, very sound both ways, tail always wagging, fantastic coat and condition, but would probably benefit from slightly less furnishings.

3 Jones' Sh Ch Julita Rumours at Trosley

SBB (3,1)

1 Zaza Florence Our Loyal Welsh at Edincraw (imp NDL)

Repeat MLB

2 Tigerrock Lit De Roses taf

Repeat MPB

SWB (0)

GCDSB (1,0)

1 Tammano Crawhall at Edincraw

Excellent breed type, spot on proportions, exquisite head and expression, even if eye is a little round and could be darker, strong neck, a little steep in front construction, compact in body, good topline, but falling away a little too much in croup, lovely bone, feet could have

been tighter, enough bend of stifle, short in loin, free flowing and sound movement, lovely coat, friendly temperament.

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