

NORTH OF ENGLAND WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL CLUB CHAMP SHOW

Saturday 18TH September 2021

Judge: Nigel Worth (Sarabande)

It was an honour to be invited to judge Bitches at the North of England WSS club show and I thank the exhibitors for their entry. Holding the show in conjunction with Darlington Ch Sh meant it was a long hot day for both dogs and exhibitors. Thankfully there was some shade at the top of the ring for exhibitors and dogs.

When judging dogs earlier in the year I wrote that I feel we are losing breed type, in particular there are too many round eyes which spoils the lovely WSS expression. This is also true of some bitches in the ring today. Again too many loose fronts with lack of forechest. Presentation on the whole was excellent. Movement varied and was a deciding factor in many placings.

My co judge, Christine Knowles and I spent a very pleasant 20 mins at the end of the day surprisingly in total agreement of our main winners. It appears we have a lot in common when discussing WSS.

Despite a late finish I thoroughly enjoyed my day helped by my two very able stewards and a hard working committee who had appeared to think of everything to ensure smooth running during the day.

Minor Puppy Bitch (4,1)

1st: Danks-Kemish' Ferndel Dream On. Really liked this puppy for type. Lovely head and expression, good length of neck, well placed shoulders. Good front and well angled rear. Good bone and feet. Well balanced when stood with good depth of chest. The more she moved the more confident she became. A close decision but my best puppy bitch and later best puppy in show in agreement with my co judge.

2nd: Casey's Tigerrock Lit De Roses TAF. Youngster who needs time to develop. Nice outline when stood. Despite being a littler erratic on the move today kept her topline.

3rd: Mole & Knox's Jennifer Our Loyal Welsh At Edincraw (Imp NDL)

Puppy Bitch (5,1)

1st: Harrison's Glenbrows Rhapsody. Another really quality puppy and one with a bright future. Liked her head, expression and overall balance. Lovely bone, mature body and moved well. Presented to perfection as always from this kennel.

2nd: Tyler & Shiels' Eiriandylis Georgia Rose. Promising youngster who just needs time to mature. Well balanced, with good topline. Feminine head, good bone, moved well but needs to settle.

3rd: Moore's Brent Oyster Bay

Junior Bitch (2,1)

1st: Harrison's Glenbrow Hope. Another quality bitch from this kennel. Feminine head and expression. Good length to neck. Well made shoulders. Correct back and front. Lovely bone. Moved well.

Yearling Bitch (1,0)

1st: Graham's Nyliram Hetty Wainthropp. Stood alone but worthy winner. Pleasing head, good length of neck. Mature body with good bone and feet. Moved well, just a loose in front action today.

Veteran Bitch (4,0)

1st: Ritchie's Sh Ch Slapestones Mouna JW. I gave this bitch a res CC as a youngster and as a veteran she certainly doesn't disappoint. Really quality bitch, lovely head, good neck, shoulders and hindquarters, excellent body and in excellent condition. Moved well and delighted to award her best veteran in show in agreement with my co judge

2nd: Madeleys's Bahri's Flaming star at Maytag. Another who has aged well. Well made bitch, just preferred head of winner but nevertheless a lovely expression. Balanced throughout, good front and back. Moved well. In lovely condition.

3rd: Clarke's Tigerrock Perfect Ten

Maiden Bitch (3,2)

1st: Glenbrows Rhapsody. 1st in puppy bitch

Novice Bitch (2,1)

1st: Harrison's Glenbrows Paramour. This bitch turned out to be my surprise of the day. Stood alone but a very worthy winner. Feminine head and expression. Lovely length of neck into well placed shoulders. Straight front, excellent forechest, good depth and width to chest despite young age. Good topline and tailset, well angled rear which she used to drive effortlessly around the ring. My CC winner and in agreement with co judge reserve BIS and Best Opp sex.

Graduate Bitch: (2,1)

1st: Taimere's The Mistrel. Another who stood alone but again a worthy winner and once she really starts to enjoy herself in the ring one that will be hard to beat. She excels in head, neck and shoulders. Another with a forechest. Lovely rear angulation. Moves soundly just needs to pick up her tail and enjoy her day out. She was shortlisted in the challenge.

Post Graduate Bitch (3,1)

1st: Gibson's Dearham Dilys of Cadehill. Close decision. Preferred this bitches head. Good topline and tailset. Good bone and body. Moved well front and back.

2nd: McIlwaine's Benoveor Galway Girl. Just needs to mature in body and a little apprehensive today on the move. Time is on her side.

Mid Limit Bitch: (1,0)

1st: Mole & Knox's Zaza Florence Our Loyal Welsh at Edincraw (Imp NDL).shown in hard condition, well muscled. Stood well but not so good on the move today. Good bone and feet.

Limit Bitch: (7,0)

1st: Tyler & Shiels' Tammano Teal at Eiriandyllis. Really liked this bitch and considered her for top honors. Unfortunately everything seemed to fall apart in the challenge. She has a lovely feminine head and expression. Good reach of neck. Well laid shoulders. Straight front, mature body with forechest, good depth and spring to rib. Well angled rear and moved soundly and happily.

2nd: Ritchie's Slapstones Pink Promise at Lynfil. Another balanced bitch who is lovely to go over. Good neck,shoulders, mature body. Moved well.unlikely to meet winner in this class who was on form today.

3rd: Burchmore & Bowd 's Bowdonia Moon River

Open Bitch: (4,0)

1st: Frost's Sh Ch Bushwacker Something About Mary. A bitch I have always liked and this isn't much I can add to what already has been said about her. She really is a lovely specimen of the breed. Jus her front movement let her down today. Worthy Res CC winner

2nd: Tyler & Shiels' Highclare Made of Honour at Eiriandyllis. Another bitch I really liked. Looked a picture standing and did not disappoint to go over. Fitted breed standard so well. Sadly she was not settled on the move hence a little erratic.

3rd :Sutherland's Jacranella Sonata

Special Beginners Bitch: (2,0)

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

2nd: Tigerrock Lit de Roses TAF

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bitch : (2,0)

1st: Tigerrock Perfect Ten. These 2 bitches were 3rd and 4th in veteran respectively. Very little to separate them. Both bitches enjoyed their day out but winner was best mover on the day

2nd: Tammano Crawhall at Edincraw.