

North of England Welsh Springer Spaniel Club

Open Show

24th July 2021

Judge – Colette Perkins

I would like to thank the officers and committee of the club for inviting me to judge their open show held at Leeds Ch Show. Although this wasn't a big entry, it was certainly a quality one and I felt lucky to be given the opportunity to go over such super examples of the breed.

MPD (1,1)

1. Jackson's Gardez La Foi – A very raw young boy but exactly what you would expect at 6 months. Still at the stage where he needs to drop into himself, but showing lots of promise. He is well constructed behind and on the odd occasion when he did settle for his handler, he showed good action front and rear. Just needs time. BPD

PGD (3,1)

1. Graham's Nyliram Let's Twist Again – Smart looking young dog, who although still isn't fully mature, his overall outline and balance is a picture. Masculine head without being too strong, clean neck, sufficient bone, good spring of ribs and well muscled hindquarters. Very sound and holds his shape well on the move. BD & BIS

2. Douglas's Chanangel Yorkshire Gold To Santallina – Plenty to like about this dog. I really liked his head, showing a well defined stop and good chiselling. Slightly longer in loin than the class winner and not quite the drive on the move but he still covered the ground well. Presented in super condition.

OD (4,1)

1. Worth's Sarabande Man in the Mirror – 5yo dog now in his prime and presented in superb condition. Detailed head with a good length of muzzle. Muscular neck, sloping shoulders, super rib cage and balanced angulation front and rear. He holds his shape so well on the move and just lost out to the younger dog in the challenge as I just preferred his overall picture and balance. Nonetheless, this is a super example of the breed. RBD

2. Graham & Hogstrom's Sh Ch Don's Statement to Nyliram – Another really smart dog with a super overall shape and good balance. Shown in excellent condition, very sound away and back, muscular throughout, no exaggerations front or rear. Unfortunately giving his handler a hard time when being moved so was losing his shape.

3. Attwood's Ir Sh Ch Kylowen Drym

GCD (2,1)

1. Ir Sh Ch Kylowen Drym – 6 yo dog, who is looking wonderful for his age. Strong head with a dark eye, long clean neck, good lay of shoulder, well boned and moderate angulation behind. Would prefer him to be slightly better coupled but otherwise a well balanced dog.

PB (2,0)

1. Howarth's Bushwacker All About Eve – I've seen this pup from ringside before and thought today she had come on leaps and bounds with how well she coped in the ring. Still very much a baby but lots to like. When she does settle she moves soundly, she has a lovely feminine head, is well balanced throughout and has good muscletone. Unfortunately, when she doesn't work with her handler, she tends to lose her shape and topline but once she does you get a glimpse of how promising she is. BPB BPIS

2. Ferriter's Aarminias Ambre Rum – A lovely pup who just wasn't really happy with her handler and was very fidgety. Smaller throughout than the class winner but a very sound mover once she gets going. Holds her shape well. I hope she learns to enjoy her day a bit more.

JB (2,0)

1. Graham's Nyliram Hetty Wainthrop – Such a pretty bitch with a balanced, feminine head. Good overall length, deep brisket, muscular loin, muscular hindquarters and a moderate turn of stifle. Overall, she paints a lovely picture and is full of breed type. Won this class with her sound movement. RBB

2. Worth's Sarabande Wild At Heart – Another bitch presented in super condition. She is a different stamp though than the class winner. Good length of leg and balanced in body length. Plenty of bone and good muscletone. Just not quite the movement of 1.

PGB (2,0)

1. Tain's Taimere's The Mistrel – Really liked this bitch for her overall shape, balance and breed type. Feminine but powerful, moderate angulation front and rear, muscular loin with a slight arch and well coupled. Took her a moment to settle on the move but once she did, you could appreciate how sound she was and how well she kept that shape on the move. BB RBIS
2. Mole & Knox's Zaza Florence Our Loyal Welsh At Edincraw – Such a pretty girl who has a flowing outline, good length, well sprung ribcage and sufficient bone. Moved ok away and back but just not the drive of the class winner.

LB (2,0)

1. Woodward's Hinxwood Fire and Ice – 4yo girl with a pleasing shape to her. Feminine head, well placed shoulders, plenty of bone but would not want her to carry any more weight. Her side profile shows good action but she can move slightly wide when moving towards you.
2. Dyer's Islanza Royale Among Tylwyth – More mature looking bitch, just starting to show her age. She is feminine but does have enough bone, good spring of rib, well coupled, shoulder placement is also sufficient but would prefer slightly more turn of stifle. She does however move soundly and holds her shape well.

OB (5,1)

1. Woodward's Sarabande Billie Jean At Hinxwood – A lot to like about this girl. She shows lots of breed attributes, head has good chiselling, clean muscular neck, sloping shoulders, moderate in body length and in proportion to her leg length, moderate angulation and moved very soundly.
2. Riese-Bassel & Worth's Am GCH/Sh Ch Sarabande Sweet Nothings – Another super example of the breed. I was nit picking in this class but overall I just preferred the upper arm length of the class winner and her movement in front. However, this bitch does move soundly, holds her shape well and is balanced front and rear. Another presented so well.
3. Dyer's Benton Small Talk Among Tylwyth

VB (1,0)

1. Mole & Knox's Tammano Crawhall At Edincraw – 8yo veteran who was defying her age. She has a balanced head with detailed chiselling, sufficient bone, clean neck, sloping shoulders, moved very soundly and held her shape well. More importantly, she was really enjoying her day and that tail kept wagging. BVB BVIS

GCDSB (2,0)

1. Tammano Crawhall At Edincraw

2. Attwood's Kylowen Demelza – Slightly longer in body than the class winner. Moderate angulation front and rear. She moves out ok away and back but has a tendency to lose her outline. Pretty head, dark eye and soft expression. Handled well.