

All Ireland Collie and Sheepdog Society

Open Show

May 15th 2011

IKC Showgrounds Cloghran

Many thanks to the Committee of the A.I.C.S.S for asking me to judge their open show this year. I really appreciated the invitation, and it turned out to be a thoroughly enjoyable experience. I was very pleasantly surprised to find that Bill McIntyre was to be my steward and as I expected of him he organised the ring with his usual efficiency and good humour.

My critique follows---- I tried to emphasise the positives in each exhibit but forgive me for one negative note----- dogs do need to have their teeth cleaned, for appearance, hygiene, and health. Quite a few of those present on the day had dirty teeth.

Ted Bollard.

Minor Puppy Dog.

1st Ware's Wassail Tip Toe Franc.

One day older than six months this richly coloured s/w baby caught my eye immediately. Really nice reach of neck, good backline, expression to die for, from well placed ears and sweet dark eye. Moved well for his age, with correct tail carriage adding to the overall picture on the move.
BEST PUPPY DOG.

2nd Ball's Durham Duke of the Alps.

Another nice s/w, slightly older and bigger than the first. There was a lot to like about this lad – nicely placed ears, expression sweet, well balanced body, good angulation and movement ok. On another day placings could well have changed

Puppy Dog.

1st Wilkenson's Wassail in the Rough.

A profusely coated b/m girl. Lovely clear colour. Nicely balanced head, sweet eye. small correctly placed ears. Underneath all that coat was a straight backline, good bend of stifle, and short hocks. Moved well.

2nd Mitchell's Chophard Soulstar.

Just under 12 months old this was a very nice s/w puppy. Good head properties-nice flat balanced skull, kind dark eyes, and well placed ears. Body shape good. For me a little light on coat, and perhaps on the day a little unsettled.

Junior Dog.

1st Ware's Rosschel Bobby Dazzler at Wassail

A nicely coated b/m. a combination of well placed stop, dark eye, and correctly placed ears giving the typical Collie expression. Correct length of back, deep chest, angulation good, moved well. Responded well to handler. A dog of real substance and presence. Pleased to award **BEST DOG and later BEST IN SHOW.**

2nd O'Mahoney's Jacks Max.

Unfortunately would not settle. Despite repeated efforts, reluctantly could not judge.

Limit Dog.

No Entry.

Open Dog.

1st Byrne 's Roclynn Orpheus at Millbyrne.

S/w—14months old . Flat skull, good ears, dark kind eye, nicely rounded muzzle, good body shape, movement good. Seemed a little in between coats despite which he had enough quality to take RESERVE BEST DOG.

2nd Trainer.s Wincani Snowfire.

Very nice b/m.Good head properties (just for me though--a tad more stop). Good level backline of correct length,well angulated front and rear, moved well. Very close between first and second.

Champion Dog.

No entry.

Veteran Dog.

No entry.

Children's Handling Age 8-11.

1st Cliona Ball----- Durham Lady's King.

ChildrensHandling Age 12-14

1st Eileen Kelliher---- Alwaycon Hot Two Handle

2nd Dean Coleman---- Jacks Max.

Junior Handling Age 15-18. No Entry**Minor Puppy Bitch.**

1st Carr and Colclough 's Durham Mistaken Identity at Donohill.

Beautiful s/w puppy 6 ½ months old. Very well presented. Typical sweet expression. Good body shape. Front and rear angulation good. Movement good, tail carriage nice.

2nd McNally's Copomage Lily Langtree.

Another very nice s/w baby. Lovely well placed ears,sweet eye.contributing to a nice well balanced head. Body shape good as was angulation. Movement was fine but I was disappointed that, even though a baby and some allowances must be made, she seemed to be exceptionally proud of her tail on the move, which somewhat spoiled the picture for me.

Puppy Bitch.

1st O'Neill's Caronlea Black with Envy.

Dazzling tri 9 months old. She stood so beautifully showing off her long arched reach of neck that she caught my eye immediately. She was attentive to her handler, her well placed ears and dark

eyes gave her the necessary sweet expression. Nicely coated, correct length of back. Good angulation therefore good movement. Very nice!

Had no hesitation in awarding her **BEST PUPPY BITCH**, and ultimately **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**.

2nd Trainer's Coarabeg Enchantress.

Good quality shaded s/w puppy, also 9 months old. Flat skull, nicely rounded muzzle, ears good, perhaps lacking for me a little of the first's expression. Good body lines with correct length of back. Moved very well.

Junior Bitch

1st Cahill and Thomas's Wassail French Kiss.

Stood alone. Tri, just a little over 12 months I thought that this was a bitch of great substance and balance. Head was good allround, nice well placed ears and correctly shaped dark eyes giving a sweet expression. Body shape was good, nice short hocks, moved well.

Intermediate Bitch.

No Entry.

Open Bitch.

1st Ware.s Lucy Locket

Just a little over 12 months old this captivating tri ticked all the boxes for me. Very nice head—flat skull, properly placed stop, ears and eyes combining to give a lovely expression. Angulation front and rear good, nice body shape. Where she was outstanding for me was in her floating and free movement around the ring which was expertly highlighted by her handler. Well done. **BEST BITCH and RESERVE BEST IN SHOW.**

2nd O'Brien's Belrah Mollys Surprise at Domlin.

A lovely little bitch, s/w. great quality allround.. Well placed small ears, sweet dark eye, nice length of neck, and good backline of correct length. She moved well, but unfortunately not as well as the first. I think that she was a little at odds with her handler on the day—what a pity!

Champion Bitch.

Farrell's Ch. Amalie Surprise at Belrah.

Dam of 2nd in the last class showed all the same excellent qualities. What an eyecatcher this 3 ½ year old richly coloured s/w was. She stood alone but showed her head off. Loved her nicely rounded foreface, dark eye, and correct ear carriage. Good body shape, was at one with her handler and moved well. **RESERVE BEST BITCH.**

Veteran Bitch.

No entry.

Best Tri.

1st Cahill and Thomas's Wassail French Kiss

Best Blue Merle.

1st Wilkenson's Wassail in the Rough.

2nd Trainer.s Wincani Snowfire.

Best Sable/White.

Joint Firsts. Trainers Shaded s/w. Coarhabeg Enchantress.
Mitchell's Goden s/w Chophard Soulstar.

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