

AICSS Champ Show – 22nd August 2010 - Judge's Critique

I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge Rough Collies and for the welcome that they gave to me and my husband. I was assisted by two very experienced stewards who helped enormously I would particularly like to thank them.

Awarding Green Stars for the first time made for an interesting day, along with judging taking place outside on a superbly trimmed ring at the purpose built IKC venue made it all the more special. A very relaxed and friendly atmosphere prevailed and a super day was had by all.

Judge Wendy Smith

Baby Puppy [2.]

Absent

Minor Puppy Dog.[3]

1st Ware's "Rosschell Bobby Dazzler"

A masculine beautifully coloured blue merle pup of 6 months, loved his sweet but cheeky expression emanating from his gorgeous eye adequate stop creating a well balanced head, along with his correctly placed ears supported on lengthy neck, all flowing into a fabulous body shape with very well angulated shoulder, good depth of rib super rear angulation and short hock, enabling him to move with impressive drive for such a baby, carrying his long tail correctly I think he was super and shall watch his career with interest. Very Promising

Best Puppy In Show. Well done

2nd Colclough & Carr's "Donohill Nat King Cole"

Upstanding and more mature sable of 8 months nicely balanced body shape with a good neck, showing very well, sweet eye and expression good ear placement and moving well, well presented, a nice pup who I'm sure will do well. Very Promising

3rd Colclough & Carrs "Rosschell Blue Moon Rising"

Litter brother to class winner. Not quite such a clear blue colour, but a nice little pup with excellent bone and a super body shape, he used his ears well along with his nicely balanced head has a sweet soft expression. Just needs time. Promising.

Puppy Dog.[2]

1st Kelly & Grainger "Samhaven No Limit"

Expertly presented rich red gold sable of 9 months beautiful body shape excellent reach of neck supporting a refined head of correct proportions, lovely ears carried right on top and sweet eye, his conformation was excellent apparent when he moved.

Hope he grows on. Very Promising.

2nd Colclough & Carr's "Donohill Captain America". Another more mature shaded sable from this kennel, again well presented and showing steadily shapely body of correct balance lovely head with correct stop and a sweet eye.

Junior Dog.[4]

1st Thompson “Lomondvale Storm Petrel”

Beautiful shaded sable of rich mahogany with the most perfect ear set. This boy has a head of good length, refined and moulded, beautiful eye and sweet enquiring expression, terrific reach of neck enhanced by his white shawl collar, good length of back, long correctly carried tail gave him a stylish outline when moving. He is a typical junior dog thinks he’s the bees knees! [and he is] but when he settled and used his ears he just the overall type of collie that I like .

Excellent. Very pleased to award the **Green Star. And R.B.I.S**

2nd Byrne “Roclynn Orpheus at Millbyrne”

A very exuberant sable of 9 months looking a little out of coat. Nice shape head with a good ear carriage , when he cooperated had decent expression, he is good sized dog with good back movement but a little narrow in front which may improve with age. Excellent

3rd Ball “Donohill Ben Hur at Durham”

Pale sable of 14 months didn’t have the body shape and could have had better presentation, stood and showed well. Very Good

Intermediate Dog [2]

1st. O’Neill’s “Caronlea James Bond”

Expertly presented rich shaded sable dog unfortunately a little in between coats. Shows himself to advantage, he has a balanced head, although a little too strong for me and could have more length, despite this he still has the sweetest expression with lovely eyes and good set of ear.

Decent neck, good length of body and sufficient bone, I would prefer more bend of stifle but this didn’t reflect in his movement which was straight and covered the ground. Excellent

2nd Costello “Tirhogar Jet”

Immature dog showing well nice head and expression a bit strong for me.

Very Good

Open Dog [7]

1st McIntyre “Timeless Twilights Lone Ranger for Mercytin”

Mature shaded sable in huge beautifully presented coat, masculine but without coarseness.

He showed non stop for his handler, balanced throughout, he had a most melting expression with his moulded head of good length, flat backskull correct stop, sweetest eye and perfectly placed ears, I would have liked a little more arch to his neck but it was a decent length .

His good conformation evident when he moved, driving around the ring carrying his tail correctly.

Excellent

2nd Conway’s “Alwaycon Hip Hop”

Upstanding sable immaculately presented, lovely bodyshape moved well on good legs and feet, showed well, but I would like to see his ears slightly tighter, decent length of head with a nice eye. Excellent.

3rd Ware’s “Call Me Dynamite de la Chapelle aux Arbres”

Tricolour boy who I think would rather have been at home, He is all male with lovely body proportions good bone and conformation, His tail was a problem, and for me he was too strong in head and his stop too deep. Excellent.

Champion Dog [7]

1st O'Neill's "Ch Caronlea Lord Of The Dance"

Another lovely rich shaded sable dog, again a bit in between coats, lovely expression coming from a sweet eye, his head is balanced and moulded, a little on the strong side for me, nevertheless a nice dog showing well, expertly presented, his body shape is super with his good length of neck good deep body, well boned legs and neatest of feet. He moved with animation and drive, his tail could have had more length and let him down on the move. Excellent and **Reserve Green Star**.

2nd Wall's "CH Country's Dream King For A Day"

Mature tri dog of 6 years. The best shape body showing non stop obviously an old hand, lovely boy with a soft endearing expression, head of good length, super ear placement and carriage, completely balanced body covered with a well presented huge coat. His movement was excellent as his conformation would suggest. Excellent.

Veteran dog [1]

Absent

Minor Puppy Bitch [1]

1st Davis "Rosschell Blue Crystalball"

Super coloured blue baby of 6 months, Her terrific reach of neck enhanced by a huge white collar, a good puppy coat which was clean and well presented, nicely proportioned body with well boned legs and neat short hocks, she has good depth of rib and particularly good conformation enabling her to move soundly. Her head is nicely marked being lightly speckled with black, she has blue eyes and although they are a little round she still has a nice expression, her ears are nicely placed but at present are a little light. Very Promising.

Puppy Bitch .

Absent

Junior Bitch

Absent.

Intermediate Bitch[5]

1st O'Brien's "Belrah Molly's Delight at Domlin"

This little bitch is one I definitely could have brought home with me, absolutely stunning and oozing quality, her sable coat so perfectly groomed it shone in the sunshine, her whites were sparkling and she had well trimmed hocks and feet. She never took her eyes off her owner showing off her beautifully placed ears topping an exquisite head refined and balanced with her stop correctly placed, her eyes were of the sweetest, correct for size and dark, even her teeth were clean [something sadly lacking in some exhibits today!]

She possessed a good reach of neck flowing into well laid shoulder correct length of back and a long well carried tail.

Her movement as suggested by her excellent construction was light and effortless, covering the ground freely and easily. Excellent and pleased to award her the **Green Star** and eventually **Best In Show**. Congratulations to her sporting owner.

2nd McIntyre's "Mercytins You're All I Have"

Ultra petite pretty but pale sable carrying a wealth of perfectly groomed coat, Very sweet expression with her exquisite eye and nicely balanced head, good neck, but for me would preferably have a little more length and size overall .

She had a nice long tail which was sweeping the floor as she moved around the ring.

3rd Seale's "Rowlands Cailin Deas"

A balanced shaded sable with a lovely body in profile everything in proportion, nice headed little bitch with a sweet eye and expression and good ear placement. Excellent

Open Bitch [12]

1st Ware's "Valeo Vice Versa at Wassail"

Another beautiful rich coloured sable in lovely bloom, her coat shining with condition, eye catching expression from her sweet eye placed obliquely on her head, which was tad stronger than I normally like, nevertheless she's a feminine little bitch with good ears, super neck, beautiful balance of body long sweeping tail, moving out on really good legs and feet, showing her socks off for her Dad! I felt she was quite lovely and deserved the Excellent and the **Reserve Green Star**. Well done.

2nd O'Neill's "Caronlea Dixie Chick"

Tri bitch in excellent coat and condition, well proportioned in body and moved really well on well boned legs with neat trimmed feet and hocks, Her head was much shorter than I like thus making her ear set a little wide, but she has sweet expression and stood and showed well.

3rd Colclough & Carr's "Sweet Talk at Chelborn"

Sweet sable, with a nice length of head well balanced with correct stop sweet eyes and a soft expression, nice body shape covered with a correctly textured well groomed coat, found she was a bit soft in muscle tone, hence movement could have been firmer although her conformation was good so perhaps a little more roadwork would help.

Champion Bitch. [3]

1st Hollywood & Waterhouses "Ch Amalie Loves To Love"

Stood alone unfortunately, but a worthy winner, immaculate presentation and stood showing non stop, beautiful shape with arched reach of neck, nice head with correct stop, sweet well placed eye, ears could have been a tiny bit tighter, her rear movement was excellent, her front angulation however is a little steep in upper arm thus did not have the front extension on the move. Excellent

Veteran Bitch [1]

1st Farrell's "Ch GB, Int, and Ir Belrah Casual Surprise"

Gorgeous 9 year old showing her socks off, she still retains the refinement of head that I like, beautiful eye and expression, completely balanced in body, her conformation is spot on and this certainly showed in her movement she absolutely powered around the ring on well trimmed legs and neat short hocks. Really lovely girl. Excellent

Judge

Wendy Smith