

ESSC of Scotland Championship Show

Judge: Mrs Bev Nicholson

BCC & BIS Donarden Madame ButterflyDCC & RBIS Sh/Ir Sh Ch Meadowdale
Chaos JW ShCMBPIS Calvdale CostaRDCC Calvdale Night Court JW ShCMRBCC
& Best B&W Calvdale Duty CallsBVIS Tralay Truly Scrumptious

I would like to thank the Officers and Committee of the English Springer Spaniel Club of Scotland for affording me the honour of judging this smoothly run breed club Championship show. The catering was first class and my steward was great, thank you Ricky. I had a lovely day.

My overall impression of this entry was that we have some wonderfully shaped, typical English Springers and was pleased to note that I didn't see too many overly long necks, or overly angulated rear ends. Round eyes are still prevalent by not quite so "starey" as previously seen. The one thing I noticed more on the dogs than the bitches was lack of forechest. Rear movement on both sexes was an eye opener at times too, and some dogs I admired on the stand were knocked in being placed higher at times for this.

Veteran Dog 3 (2)

1st Whitleys' Shipden Will Hay

10 year old black and white all male dog. In wonderful, hard muscular condition and looks like he could move soundly and well all day. Super thick, well shaped feet, lovely short hocks and went really well. I last judged him over 2 years ago and apart from a little more grey around the muzzle he still retains his lovely dark, almond eye shape. He is a credit to the breed.

Minor Puppy No Entries

Puppy Dog 2 (1)

1st Calverts Calvdale Costa

10 month liver and white boy, lovely size, shape and type. Superb coat and condition, quality bone without being over done. Kind eye of good colour, Good length of neck and shoulder placement. Lovely spring of rib and depth for age and really well developed and muscular rear end. Moved a little erratically in the class but went well and happily in the challenge. Pleased to award him Best Puppy Dog and later Best Puppy In Show.

Junior Dog 3 (1)

There may have only been 2 dogs in this class but I was really impressed with them both. I think the wind outside must have got to them both as they thought movement was a time to jump around like Tigger and generally act the fool!

Eventually saw enough to award:

1st Smiths Meverly Buona Notte

17 month liver dog who impresses immediately on the stand for sheer quality and breed type. Super front, straight, well boned legs and thickly padded feet. Lovely length of neck into well placed shoulders. Good depth of chest for age and a lovely hard topline. The best of rears and super width of second thigh, well set tail and to add to that a really lovely eye. As said above he didn't want to help his handler show

off his virtues on the move but he's a teenage boy... they have other things on their mind sometimes!

2nd Brough & Walkers 'Riselawroad No Deal

What a prospect this young dog is and pushed first all the way for this class, I felt on the day being just 13 months old he gave way to the older junior dog who eventually relaxed into his stand, whereas this young man I think wanted to play tag with his handler. I would love to see this young dog move in a huge outdoor ring as I think when he knows his job he will be outstanding. I thought his head lovely with a good almond shape dark eye with a glint of mischief. The best of fronts with plenty of heart room and super neck and shoulder, excellent spring or rib in really hard, fit condition.

Yearling Dog 2 (1)

1st Watsons' Roqfolly Intermezzo With Bordacity

22 month liver dog, well shaped body and nicely shaped head. I would prefer a slightly less round eye. Enough length of neck but shoulder is upright which affected his front movement. Moved with enthusiasm but was a little proud of his tail.

Maiden No Entries

Novice No Entries

Graduate Dog 3 (2)

1st McGoverns' Baxbalach Rumour Has It

Beautifully presented, handsome headed dark liver dog with well shaped eye, good stop and well chiselled around the eye. He has a good length of neck onto decent shoulders. I found him a little narrow all through and he also tended to fall away at the rear. For me a little more weight would be to advantage.

Post Graduate Dog 6

1st Traczs' Melverly Desert Strike Over Acregate JW ShCM

Standing this dog is a picture of moderation. Lovely size, type and shape. His dark liver coat is in gorgeous condition. Well boned with lovely neat, well shaped feet, good straight front with excellent width and plenty of heart room. Good length of neck onto really well placed shoulders, excellent spring of rib, a lovely fat bum, second thigh and wonderful short hocks. He moved soundly but with no real enthusiasm. A smart boy.

2nd Hays' Tralay Black Jack

What a good, honest black and white dog this is. He is not an instant eye catcher but when you go over him he has so many virtues. A really lovely kind dark eye on a well shaped old fashioned head which leads onto super neck and shoulders. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Excellent rear end which he used to advantage on the move, he looks like a dog that could work all day. Unfortunately his coat was just starting to blow.

3rd Richardson, Terry Richardsons' Alanea Juke For Cherishym

Res McGoverns' Baxbalach Rumour Had It

VHC Watsons' Roqfolly Intermezzo With Bordacity

Limit Dog 11 (3)

1st Calverts' Calvdale Night Court JW Sh CM

What a super young dog this is. Caught my eye when he first entered the ring. A beautiful head with a kind, dark, honest, butter wouldn't melt expression. He has the best of feet, round, tight and neat, perfect bone all through and just gorgeous neck with a slight arch leading onto well placed shoulders. Great spring of rib and short coupled. Loved his width of thigh leading onto short powerful hocks. He moved well, soundly and happily, his presentation was first class. Pleased to award him the RCC.

2nd Topliss' Beresford Special Delivery

A quality liver dog. Really liked him for his overall shape, size and great springer attitude. His head was masculine without a trace of coarseness with a tight, almond shape, dark eye. Gorgeous neck and shoulder. Good depth of body, spring of rib and well coupled. In excellent muscular condition which showed in strength of movement and wonderful strong topline. He just lost out to first as he was inclined to move a little wide in the front.

3rd Jenkinsons' Eastriding Armani Diamonds

Res Rawdings' Dukedel Dream Of Mine

VHC Drinkalls' Mompesson Tribute To Esscroft

Open Dog 9 (2)

1st Eyeingtons Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Meadowdale Chaos JW ShCM

Standing, this outstanding dog presents a finished picture of a fully mature, all male dog. He is in glorious condition and has the most fabulous shape and outline. I loved his front assembly which is text book perfect and elbows neatly set in to his body. Well developed, deep chest and excellent spring of rib. Wonderful broad, muscular hindquarters with a well set and carried tail. He moved soundly with reach and drive keeping a firm topline at all times. Delighted to award him the CC and RBIS.

2nd Glendinnings Sh Ch Plaiglen Hustle

Another beautifully presented, quality Champion. I have admired this dog previously and love his correct height to length shape and all in that lovely moderate package. His black and white head is beautifully made with correct chiselling and such a kind, gentle expression. He has the best of bone leading down to the loveliest of well shaped, tight, compact feet. A strong arched neck into well placed shoulders, good depth of chest and a strong muscular rear. He was not being overly helpful to his handler today which was such a shame. He moved ok, a little narrow behind, but not as I have seen him go previously.

3rd Topliss' Dan/Swed Ch Sanques Cut To The Chase

Res Nicholsons' Sh Ch Lochindorb Chief O The Clan

VHC Jenkinsons' Nord Ch Adamants Fortune Is Future

Special Beginners Dog 3 (1)

1st Drinkalls' Mompesson Tribute To Esscroft

L/W/T male at full maturity. He has a classic springer outline. Well shaped, clean head with good eye shape and colour. Good length of neck onto well placed shoulders and excellent forechest, width and depth. Well angulated quarters and good musculature. Moved well and was well handled.

2. Watsons Roqfolly Intermezzo With Bordacity.

Veteran Bitch 3

1st Hays' Tralay Truly Scrumptious

What a sweet black and white bitch. Really well muscled which showed in her very sound movement. In an old fashioned mould which I don't mind. A moderate bitch with good angles, just slightly inclined to lose a straight topline at times on the stand. Excellent weight and condition. Best veteran.

2nd Scorgies' Berkenbar Arriana At Ardtalla

Thought she was my winner on first glance in this class. The most beautiful head with super chiselling and the kindest dark eye, I could have stared at it all day. Her profile movement is glorious with drive and throw however she tended to move a little close fore and aft. Lovely size, loved her feet.

3rd Richardson, Terry Richardsons' Cherishym Bright Star JW

Minor Puppy Bitch 4 (1)

An interesting class of 3 promising pups. Like the junior dogs, they were "wild!"

1st Watsons' Bordacity Honey Ryder

The best moving and most consistent little bitch of the class. She has the sweetest of heads which is well shaped with a kind eye and expression. Well proportioned all through with enough depth and weight for age, well boned on a firm rear. Would prefer tighter, full feet. A little sweetheart.

2nd Smiths' Melverly Serenity

A l/w bitch full of quality on the stand. Wonderful bone and super neck and shoulders. Loved her body with wonderful rib, well coupled leading to a well developed rear. However it was very difficult to assess her movement.

3rd Calverts' Calvdale Absolute Zero

Puppy Bitch 6 (1)

1st Topliss' Beresford Easily Tempted

11 month dark coated liver bitch with a super outline. Attractive head with a dark kind eye and chiselling coming along well. Good depth of chest, strong well boned legs and feet. Good width for age, again another from this kennel with excellent muscle which showed in her really driving around the ring.

2nd Jenkinsons' Holliveras Verona With Eastriding

Quality super dark coated l/w/t baby of 9 months. Happy, outgoing and moving soundly and well on the move with drive and throw behind but a little erratically in front. She tended to hunch her topline on the stand which was a shame. Lovely feminine head and expression.

3rd Eyeingtons' Flaming Whirlwind of Meadowdale

Res Dunsdons' Seaspring Becalmed

VHC Cokells' Carlyquinn Mama Mia

Junior Bitch 6 (1)

1st Cokells' Carlyquinn Mama Mia

Lovely shaped head although eye needs to darken, good straight forelegs and neat well shaped feet. She is a nice shape and has lots of promise but just found her a little immature for her 11 months. She moved much better and was more settled in this class than in puppy bitch to show she was very sound and moved with drive.

2nd Lauchlans' Lochbride Mercy Me

Heavier type bitch in excellent condition. She is a nice shape although I found her a little straight in shoulder, lovely depth of chest for age, well coupled with a excellent second thigh. I would just prefer a little less all round for me. Beautifully handled.

3rd Brough & Walkers' Riselawroad Framed In Time

Res Cunliff & Chandlers' Chanangel Falling Leaf
VHC Brothwicks' Glenbrows Misbehave

Yearling Bitch 4

1st Macleays' Melverly Misdemeanour For Potrail

Nice shaped bitch of 16 months. She has a pretty head with a lovely almond shaped, kind eye but I would prefer more depth of muzzle. Excellent topline on the stand. Unfortunately she was very narrow on the move, as were all the bitches in this class.

2nd Whitleys' Plaiglen Florin

Another very pretty black and white in excellent condition, when she relaxed she was a lovely shape. I would prefer a more muscular rear but I think when she settles and grows up she will be a nice little bitch.

3rd Watsons' Roqfolly Belissima Via Bordacity

Res Brothwicks' Glenbrows Misbehave

Maiden Bitch 3

1st Eyeingtons' Flaming Whirlwind Of Meadowdale

Beautifully presented 11 month l/w bitch who was more settled on the move in this class than in PB. Is slightly stronger all through than I prefer in a bitch, however saying that she is moderately made with a well shaped head, and nice almond shaped eye. Incredible depth of body for age.

2nd Watsons' Bordacity Honey Ryder

3rd Dunsons' Seaspring Becalmed

Novice Bitch 5

1st Woodbridges' Crackerjanne Call Me Maybe

I thought this b/w bitch super. The most beautiful head, eye, expression and chiselling. I loved her front with good forechest, plenty of heart room and good strong bone onto tidy, well shaped feet. Excellent shoulder placement leading to an excellent spring of rib, well coupled, lovely fat bum and well muscled, good second thigh and not a coarse hock in sight! She moved well and soundly, but her handler did her no favours at times. I will watch her with interest.

2nd Eyeingtons' Flaming Whirlwind Of Meadowdale

3rd Dunsdons' Seaspring Becalmed

Res Whitleys' Plaiglen Florin

Graduate 4

1st Woodbridges Crackerjanne Call Me Maybe

2nd Richardson, Terry Richardsons Cherishym Chara

Very cheeky young bitch who moved well when settled. She has a nice head with such a sweet expression from kind, dark eyes. She is very immature but has potential. I liked her length of neck with a slight arch and decent shoulder placement.

3rd Smiths Impressive Lady Three Ponds Valley At Swona

Res McGoverns' Baxbalach Here's Trouble

Post Graduate 11 (1)

A quality class of up and coming bitches.

1st Camerons' Donarden Madame Butterfly

My star of the day. She came, she saw, she won the CC and BIS. A super quality l/w bitch. She is a classic shape that catches your eye immediately showing her excellent height to length ratio. Beautiful head shape with lovely chiselling around her dark kind eye in absolutely sparkling condition. Excellent length of neck with that slight arch placed into well laid shoulders. She has excellent bone with the neatest of well shaped thickly padded feet. A lovely front with elbows well set to her body. Loved her depth and excellent spring of rib, well coupled superb bend of moderate stifle and second thigh. A wonderful broad, muscular rear with good short hocks that were used to advantage to show her moving soundly, well, and with a diva like attitude. No choppy strides here. I loved her.

2nd Topliss' Calvdale Duty Calls

Such a shame this gorgeous b/w bitch met my CC winner in such sparkling form today. Another with personality in spades and really showed it all when she moved around the ring with great drive and "look at me" attitude keeping a super topline at all times. Another bitch of excellent shape and type, with the cleanest of outlines. The darkest of eyes and well shaped, pretty head. Clean throat and excellent length of neck. Not quite the front of the CC winner. Her feet are super, she is well ribbed and short coupled. Excellent rear and very well muscled. Her presentation was faultless. I thought she was gorgeous, so awarded her the RCC and Best Black and White in Show.

3rd Scorgies' Berkenbar Cassandra At Ardtalla

Res Roses' Rosannoch Fortuna

VHC Gibsons' Calvdale Festivities

Limit Bitch 6

1st Glendinnings' Beaters Bedazzled

Beautiful, top class liver bitch in excellent condition. She is a lovely size, moderation personified and balanced all through. Well shaped head with excellent almond shaped dark eyes with the sweetest expression. Another with a lovely strong neck with a slight arch and very nicely laid shoulders. Excellent depth with good width of chest, nothing narrow about this bitch. Well ribbed, good length to height and short coupled. Lovely fat bum and excellent short hocks to show her sound movement.

2nd Topliss' Beresford Don't Tempt Me

Loved the character on this happy, waggy bitch. Again, full of quality with a super shape. Well boned, excellent neck and shoulder giving way to good depth, spring of rib and excellent rear which was used to advantage to show her sound driving movement. Such a pretty girl. Loved her dark eye and naughty expression.

3rd McCourts Woodspa Royal Ascot

Res Weymans' Spuffing Rioja

VHC Riselawroad Copacabana For Baxbalach

Open 5 (3)

1st Scotts' Sh Ch Meverly Islay Inspired At Lossiedoon

Bang on form beautiful free flowing, easy, strong movement showing that wonderful swing from the shoulder and drive from the rear. Her markings on her head don't do her justice as she has a lovely, well moulded head, and the darkest of almond shaped, kind eyes. A good length of neck into first class shoulder placement and excellent forechest. Excellent strong topline and a lovely tail set onto a well made, muscled rear.

2nd Lauchlans' Dexbella Eluzive Dream

Such a pretty dark liver girl. Unfortunately today she was carrying more weight than I prefer which made her appear stuffy on the stand next to the first. She was a sound moving girl although a little distracted at finding "mum". Lovely moderate shape, quality bone, liked her rear end and short hocks. Looked like she had been bathed in Daz – sparkling white!

Special Beginners 3

1st Smiths' Impressive Lady Three Ponds Valley At Swona

A nice overall shape on this bitch. I found her a little immature all through but was a sound moving, happy girl.

2nd Watsons' Feorlig Quiz

L/W/T bitch who was playing her young handler up, when settled she moved soundly up and back, would have preferred to have seen a little more length of stride but I think being naughty was more on the agenda. Decent bone, neck and shoulder.

3rd Watsons' Roqfolly Ballissima Via Bordacity

Brace

1st Richardson, Terry Richardson

well matched pair, very happy and moved together around the ring well.

