

Bath Championship show 31st July 2021



Judge: Miss K F Miller

BEST OF BREED : 1267 HANCOCK, Mrs L Meadowdale Jedi of Hanknight

Dog CC : 1301 TOPLISS, Mrs T Sh Ch Beresford Night Train

Res Dog CC : 1276 JENKINSON, Mrs K Eastriding Royal Mayfair JW

Bitch CC : 1267 HANCOCK, Mrs L Meadowdale Jedi of Hanknight

Res Bitch CC : 1310 WILDSMITH, Mrs M & WILDSMITH, Mr S & BROWN, Mrs E Trimere Tickle Me Fancy

Best Puppy : 1257 CASEY, Mr E & JAYES, Mrs E Sandylands Xpress Delivery

Best Veteran : 1295 TAUBMAN, Mrs K Meonstoke Hawthorn

Best Special Beginner :

I would like to thank the committee of Bath for inviting me to judge at this wonderful show that was so beautifully laid out with perfect rings and to the exhibitors for entering under me. I would like to say the breed has improved since I last judged but I am afraid I can't, and I must admit I came away very disheartened about the way the breed is heading. The breed is certainly not what it used to be and not what I have known growing up with them. The classic springer, with that clean outline, melting expression and typical movement seems to be a thing of the past. I hope the breeders can really pull together to get the breed back on track as they are such a wonderful breed it would be a shame to see all the hard work of breeders past disappear. It wasn't all doom and gloom though, I of course did find some quality examples of the breed and I was happy with my winners.

Class VD (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: TAUBMAN, Mrs K Meonstoke Hawthorn Attractive L/W in lovely condition for his age. Lovely masculine head with a slightly rounded skull, gentle, kind dark eye, well chiselled below the eyes. Correctly placed ears of good length and well feathered. Good length of neck leading into well placed shoulders. Well boned straight front, great depth of chest and good spring of rib. Strong topline. Moderately angulated hind quarters with well let down hocks and neat feet. Moved soundly both fore and after with enough reach and drive in profile. Clearly still loves being in the ring and i was happy to award him BV

2nd: DAVIS, Mrs S J Madisarmar Big Apple up to size LWT boy who was bigger all over than my winner but a quality dog. Such a handsome head, correct shape with dark enough eyes for a tri giving a lovely kind expression. Very well made, with good angulation fore and aft and well-muscled. Well boned legs and cushioned feet. Good depth of chest and well bodied. Presented to perfection. Moved out soundly and freely.

Class PD (1 Entries) Abs:

1st: CASEY, Mr E & JAYES, Mrs E Sandylands Xpress Delivery exciting young man with huge amounts of promise and an accomplished showman already. Standing, he presents a typical outline being so well balanced. Masculine head, that still needs time to mature, and his well-shaped eyes do need to darken but he is just a baby and I have no doubt this will come. Super boy to go over, with a good length of neck leading into well placed shoulders. Excellent depth of chest with elbows tight. Super bone and tight feet. Excellent spring of rib for his age reaching back into a good short, muscular loin. Well angulated hindquarters with ample muscle tone. A joy to watch on the move, enjoying every second of his time in the ring and presenting a lovely outline with a level topline and correct tail set, moving soundly both fore and aft. Presented first class in a gleaming LW jacket and handled to get the very best out of him. Delighted to see him win the Gundog Puppy Group. Strong contender for top honours today, his time will come for sure, and I have no doubt he will be titled in no time.

Class JD (3 Entries)

1st: TERRY-RICHARDSON, Mrs Y & RICHARDSON, Mr P & RICHA CHERISHYM DOFIDA very mature B/W dog, of a lovely size and outline. Lovely shape when standing with good balance. Super bone with good, rounded feet. Super head of a lovely shape and lovely dark eye with a kind expression. Good length of neck, strong, leading into well placed shoulders. Super depth to chest and well sprung ribs. Level topline held well at all times. Well angulated behind with decent muscletone. Moves out well and steadily and sound both ways. Presented to perfection.

2nd: JENKINSON, Mrs K Eastriding Royal Black another BW dog but different in type to my winner being slightly finer all through and not as mature. Very handsome head, with a gorgeous expression. Dark, almond shaped eyes. Decent length of neck leading into well placed shoulders. Ribs well sprung leading into firm loin. Still needs to body up a bit more. Decent turn of stifle with well-muscled rear. Moved out soundly and with good drive. Presented to advantage.

3rd: TERRY-RICHARDSON, Mrs Y & RICHARDSON, Mr P & RICHA Cherishym Draconis

Class YD (4 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: ROWLINSON, Mrs E Meltarose Midshipman handsome, well-marked tri dog. Compact, well balanced outline. Masculine head with a good stop and slightly rounded skull. Decent length of neck leading into well placed shoulders. Good depth to chest. Well boned forelegs with good rounded tight feet. Well sprung ribs leading into a muscular loin. Strong level topline with tail set correctly. Moderately angulated behind and well-muscled. Moved well and soundly with enough reach and drive. Presented & handled to advantage.

2nd: WHITWORTH, Mrs J Lordsett Jim beam at Freworth (IMP Pol) heavily marked, well presented BW dog who presents a very typical outline when standing. Well-developed head with correct proportions, almond eyes of a lovely dark colour giving a melting expression. Nice stop & fairly broad, rounded skull. Enough neck to well laid shoulder. Level topline with correctly set tail and carriage. Good body with depth to chest. Well boned straight fore legs and nice tight compact feet. Well ribbed back with short loin, muscular hindquarters. Moved out well but was a little untidy in front today.

3rd: MORGANS, Mrs N Dexbenella Frilled to Bitz

Class ND (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: ROWLINSON, Mrs E Meltarose Midshipman see Yearling dog.

Class PGD (2 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: KEELY, Mr & Mrs M Alhambian Bon Scott well presented LW dog, nice for size and balance. Masculine head with decent eye and expression. Fairly broad skull and good stop. Good depth of chest. Well boned legs and cushioned feet. Adequately angled both fore and aft and well muscled throughout. Good spring of ring and short muscular loin. At one with handler on the move, striding out well.

Class LD (6 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: JENKINSON, Mrs K Eastriding Royal Mayfair JW quality L/W dog with many attributes and in full maturity. Presents a nice outline standing, well balanced and compact. Masculine head, strong but not coarse. Well-shaped, dark eyes giving a kind, pleasing expression. Slightly broad skull and good stop. Muscular, clean neck of good length. Shoulder placement a little straight all through and not as angulated as I would prefer. Well sprung ribs, leading into a short muscular loin. Well angulated hind quarters with excellent muscle tone and neat, short hocks. Well boned legs and neat feet. Moves out with style and very eye catching, sound both fore and aft, however I would prefer more reach in front. Handled to advantage. RCC.

2nd: WOODBRIDGE, Mrs C Crackerjanne Court Jester smaller LW dog, moderate in every way with nothing overdone. Lovely well balanced, compact outline. Gorgeous head of the correct proportions, with well set dark eyes giving that melting expression. Lovely bone and correctly rounded cushioned feet. Slightly arched neck of a good length leading into correctly placed sloping shoulders. Excellent depth of chest with well sprung ribs. Moderately angulated behind with good muscle tone. Moved out well and soundly. Would have liked to have seen his jacket in a little better condition.

3rd: GRAY, Mrs S & GRAY, Mr N TRIMERE TIME TRACKER

Class 447 OD (4 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: TOPLISS, Mrs T Sh Ch Beresford Night Train a dog I have admired from the ringside before, and I was delighted to be able to judge him today. Creates a beautiful picture standing with a well-balanced typical outline. Gorgeous head, correct in shape, with lovely chiselling. Handsome, dark almond shaped eyes giving off the most melting expression which is hard to find these days. Another lovely boy to go over, strong neck of a good length leading into well placed shoulders. Excellent depth to chest, with good spring of rib leading back into a short loin. Firm level topline held well at all times. Moderately angled behind, with good muscle tone and correct short hocks. Excellent bone and feet. Super sound on the move up and back and moves in profile with good reach and drive, for me he does roll slightly which was the deciding factor today for BOB but nevertheless he is a glorious dog and worthy of all he has won before and today I was delighted to add to his collection and won the DCC with a bit to spare.

2nd: ROSE, Mrs E Westaway Dream Angus of Rosannoch (Imp Nor) smart LWT dog. Slightly bigger mould than my winner but all of a piece and presents a decent outline when standing with good balance. Masculine head of good strength with correct stop, a little heavier than I would prefer. Cheeks flat. Well chiselled below almond shaped eyes, giving that desired expression. Muscular neck of a good length leading down into sloping shoulders. Excellent body and substance throughout with a great depth to chest and correct spring of rib. Well-developed hindquarters with excellent muscle tone. Well boned legs and neat round feet. Moved out OK just would prefer to see him neater both fore and aft.

3rd: HOLT, Ms K & HOLT, Miss B Ir Ch Bethryn Devil Moon Ir J Ch JW

Class MPB (3 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: KEELY, Mr & Mrs M Alhambian Amy Winehouse sweet LW baby at her first show and she took it all in her stride. Correct size and nice well-balanced shape when standing. Feminine head of the correct shape, with good stop and fairly broad skull. Still needs to darken in eye but this will surely come with age. Decent length of neck and lay of shoulder, with great depth of chest and elbows held close to her body. Good spring of rib leading well back into a muscular loin. Well bent stifle with well let down hocks. Level topline held well. Still needs a little more time settle on the move but she was sound and enjoyed her time in the ring.

Class JB (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: HILL, Mrs C Peasblossom Tupelo Honey with Teignvalley absolutely super BWT that commanded my attention as soon as she entered the ring and reading her pedigree I can see why as she is out of my BPIS from the last time I judged, who I loved. Presented in the most gleaming coat and prepared to perfection. Beautiful size & shape, being compact and well balanced. Gorgeous head of a lovely shape, well chiselled beneath her dark, expressive eyes. Excellent reach of neck leading back into well placed shoulders. Deep chest with well sprung ribs. Strong forelegs with good neat feet. Firm level topline held well at all times. Well angulated hindquarters with excellent muscle tone which she uses to advantage on the move really driving out from the rear and sound both coming and going. Unfortunately seemed to have 'dead tail' today which spoiled her chances for higher honours, but I am sure she will have a successful career.

2nd: JENKINSON, Mrs K Eastriding Flower Princess sweet LW bitch, presented to perfection. Finer all through than my winner and needs to mature in body. Prettiest of heads, with good stop. Well placed ears, feathered nicely. Adequate depth of chest for her age. Good neck and shoulder placement. Enough spring of rib set well back into a correct, strong loin. Well angulated rear, moved soundly, would prefer slightly more reach and drive.

Class YB (4 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: CHANDLER, Miss E Elazlan Right of Reply impressive B/W bitch that is really striking on the stance with a typical and compact outline. Super head and eye, giving that gorgeous soft expression, with correct chiselling and fluting. Excellent front assembly with good depth of chest and well sprung ribs leading back into a firm short loin. So well bodied with excellent condition and muscle tone. Well boned legs and neat cushioned feet. Well let down rear and short hocks. Very sound on the move back and forth but a little too much roll for me in profile. Presented superbly and I have no doubt she will gain her title with ease.

2nd: HARRIS, Mrs J L Melverly Burano LW bitch that presents a lovely outline when standing, nice size and balance. Completely honest and very moderate all over. Sweetest of heads and expression. Clean muscular neck of good length. Good angulation both fore and aft. Well boned legs and correctly cushioned feet. Sound and positive mover.

3rd: ROWLINSON, Mrs E Meltarose Mystique

Class NB (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: HARRIS, Mrs J L Melverly Burano see 2nd in Yearling.

2nd: 1290 ROWLINSON, Mrs E Meltarose Mystique quality tri bitch of a lovely size and shape. Standing she has a nice outline just tends to dip in topline slightly. Pretty, feminine head with good eye and well chiselled. Excellent depth of chest. Well boned legs and neat feet. Well sprung ribs. Correctly angulated hind quarters with good muscle tone. Moved out well.

Class PGB (5 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: AINSLEY, Miss L & NICKLIN, Mr L Daenerys Song Of Ice And Fire lovely feminine bitch. Excellent for size and shape. Super pretty head, with good width to foreface, good stop and fairly rounded skull. Lovely dark eyes giving a melting expression. Good neck and shoulders. Deep chest and well sprung ribs. Strong boned foreleg and good, round, neat feet. Level topline held well at all times. Moderately angulated hind quarters with good muscle tone and let down hocks. Moves out with plenty of drive and so sound fore and aft. Handled and presented to advantage.

2nd: COKELL, Mrs H Carlyquinn Kisses Of Fire L/W bitch that was presented in superb coat and condition. Attractive outline when standing just a little longer cast than my winner. Lovely head with good dark eye and sweet expression. Decent length of neck, clean and muscular leading into well placed shoulders. Good depth of chest and well boned legs with cushioned round feet. Lovely spring of ribs, well developed body and correct coupling. Moderately turned stifle with good muscle tone and well let down hocks. Moved out with purpose and very sound once she stopped bouncing up and down!

3rd: WILLIAMS, Mrs J & TOUBLIC, Mrs D & TOUBLIC, Miss P Cobhay Fancy Phlox

Class LB (11 Entries) Abs: 3

1st: HANCOCK, Mrs L Meadowdale Jedi of Hanknight and here she was, the one I had been waiting for! What an absolute delight to find this glorious bitch under me. So correct, moderate, and typical in every way and I absolutely fell in love with her. So feminine throughout, presenting a beautiful typical outline standing. Gorgeous head (the best of the day!) being of the correct shape with lovely chiselling beneath her beautiful, dark expressive eyes. Fairly broad skull and good stop. To go over she is a pleasure, slightly arched neck of a good length leading into well placed shoulders. Well boned legs and tight feet. Deep chest with well sprung ribs set well back into a muscular loin. Firm topline held level at all times. Moderately angulated behind with good muscle tone and neat, short hocks. Today, for me she was the best mover demonstrating the correct Springer movement with true reach from the front and really driving behind plus being ever so sound both fore and aft. She moved around the ring effortlessly and with style. Presented to perfection in a heavy BW jacket and was in full bloom. Today really was her day and I could not deny her the CC & BOB. I was absolutely thrilled to her that this was her 3rd and crowing CC. Many congratulations to her owner and breeder.

2nd: SMITH, Mr R Melverly Lil Dancer Top drawer bitch from this Kennel, that I admired as a youngster. Gorgeous outline that caught my eye as soon as I looked around the ring. Feminine head of the correct proportions, with the correct chiselling and fluting. Lovely kind dark eye. Well set ears, with plenty of feathering. Lovely length of neck, with a strong arch, leading into well placed shoulders. Plenty depth of chest with elbows tight. Well boned legs and good tight feet. So well bodied throughout, with a good spring of rib. Strong firm top line. Moderately angulated hindquarters, with super muscle tone. Well let down hocks. Moved so soundly fore and aft, with enough reach and drive. Presented in a lovely L/W/T jacket just didn't have the finish today as 1 but another that I can see gaining her crown soon.

3rd: KEELY, Mr & Mrs M Shipden Alhambian Diana Dors

Class OB (10 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: WILDSMITH, Mrs M & WILDSMITH, Mr S & BROWN, Mrs E Trimere Tickle Me Fancy beautiful LW bitch, that really has blossomed into a beautiful bitch since I last judged her. Super outline standing, compact and well balanced. Gorgeous, attractive head with well defined stop and good strength throughout. Lovely, kind eye of the correct shape and good colour. Good clean reach of neck leading into a well angulated front assembly. Lovely depth to chest and elbows close. Well padded feet with correctly boned legs. Well sprung ribs leading back into a strong loin. Firm topline. Good angulation behind with short, well let down hocks and good muscle tone. Moves out with excellent reach and drive, sound coming towards just a little untidy behind. Nevertheless, she is a quality bitch who is in full maturity and on this form I could easily see her gaining her title and I wish her and her fantastic handler all the luck in the world. RCC.

2nd: TOPLISS, Mrs T Sh Ch Beresford Night Class another quality one from this Kennel and one that I have admired before and was pleased to be able to judge her. Standing she presents a lovely outline being well balanced and of a lovely size. Ultra feminine head, with a good stop and fairly broad, rounded skull. Most beautiful dark, almond shaped eyes giving a melting expression. Good neck and shoulders. Deep chest and well sprung ribs. Strong boned foreleg and good, round, neat feet. Level topline held well at all times. Moderately angulated hind quarters with good muscle tone and let down hocks. Moved out with plenty of drive and so sound just felt my winner was a little steadier today but a quality bitch and easily one I'd be happy to sign a CC for.

3rd: WALKER, Mrs W M & WALKER, Mr S Beresford Night Nurse at Dexbenella a beautiful bitch to complete a wonderful trio and again one I have admired from afar. Unfortunately, today she didn't seem to have her heart in it and I was unable to do more for her.