

Border Union
Judge: Mr Graham Osborne

DCC & BOB FOREST FRUIT FROM TAMAAM TO BERESFORD (IMP POL) RDCC
CALVDALE GREAT ESCAPE
BCC CALVDALE HEARSAY
RBCC SH CH/IR SH CH CALVDALE MY GIRL OF FALLENLEAF JW SHCM
BP CALVDALE ZERO TO HERO

Many thanks to the Society for their invitation and kind hospitality. Also thanks to the exhibitors for their patience between the heavy showers. I was determined not to go under canvass, especially as we could see wads of blue sky in the distance, so a break in judging every so often was necessary.

We are now being asked to pay particular attention to the 'fit for function' guideline and to promote dogs that could endure rather than just look the part. This for me has always been part of our judging criteria, with muscle tone and strength being fundamental to the standard. Some were lacking generally and a few dogs in particular were short on masculinity. Coats were clean, however there were one or two exhibits with dirty teeth which is, after all part of the dog's presentation!

Puppy - Dog

Entries: 1

1ST Calvert's CALVDALE ZERO TO HERO 9 month L&W who is masculine all through. favourable width and depth of skull, with good fluting and brows. Nice eye shape with more colour to come. Good depth under the eye and correct chiselling. Sufficient neck with good lay of shoulder. Excellent bone and feet. Has substantial ribs both in depth and width with super coupling and width over loin. Well set croup with good width of thigh. Has balanced angulation with moderate stifles. He just needs to strengthen through his top line which slipped on the move, however he has tons of time to improve.

Junior - Dog

Entries: 5

1ST Calvert's CALVDALE GREAT ESCAPE 16 Month Another from this kennel who has great substance. He is well up to size and forward for his age. Has a typical head with correct width, depth and fluting. Pleasing eye shape, colour need to be another shade darker. Clean neck and shoulder with good bone and neat feet. Deep brisket, well filled in and good spring of rib. Short coupled with well angled croup. Correct rear angulation and muscle which was evident on the move. He is free flowing covering plenty of ground with little effort. Deserved RES CC.

2ND Topliss' BERESFORD BUSTED 13 Month L&W not quite the head piece of 1 with a tighter flew. Good width of muzzle and dark eye of correct shape. Clean shoulders with good bone and feet. Decent ribs, slightly shorter than winner with strong coupling and well angulated croup. Liked his rear angulation, nothing over done. Movement sound and well controlled with good use of tail.

3RD MacLeay's BORDACITY BY REQUEST AT POTRAIL

Novice - Dog

Entries: 1

1ST Rawding's DUKEDEL DREAM OF MINE 20 month Full headed with square, wide muzzle good nose and solid back skull. Nice eye shape and colour with plenty of depth and good chiselling. Crested neck into good front assembly with a well angulated upper arm. He just needs a bit more substance through his ribs although he is well coupled with a good tail set. Like his bone and feet. Moderate, well muscled rear angulation. Would like to see more driving action and his coat needs more attention.

Post Graduate - Dog

Entries: 12 Abs 1 Such a strong class with many good dogs going un-placed, some were just too immature to fully compete today!

1ST Topliss' 16 month FOREST FRUIT FROM TAMAAM TO BERESFORD (IMP POL) L&W of great substance, so masculine and of correct size. Lovely head, nicely rounded back skull, broad through foreface and muzzle. Correct square flew. Good fluting and brows. Super eye shape and colour with good chiselling. Strong tapering neck into a wonderful front assembly Good lay of shoulder and well angulated upper arm leaving plenty of dog in front of the elbow. Excellent bone and compact feet. Good deep chest well filled in with broad well sprung ribs. Super topline which he held on the move. Strongly coupled with excellent broad loin and rump (or bum if you prefer!) and well set croup. Loved his rear angulation not over bent with good width of thigh. He was so well controlled on the move, covering plenty of ground with a good low throw in front matched by a strong driving action with hocks well under the body. He exemplified the standard...Compact, strong and active. I would like to see a little more tidying of his coat just to complete a very pleasing picture. I had no hesitation in awarding him his first CC and it was a pleasure to make him BOB which he fully deserved

2ND Ganarin's BERKENBAR GENEPI L&W dog a of a different type. Compact and strong through the body with a masculine head and pleasing expression. Good shoulders, level topline and moderately angled rear. He competed with the winner on movement which was sound and controlled. Beat 3 on substance, being more forward in body.

3RD Morgan's PLAIGLEN DREAM DANCER

Limit - Dog

Entries: 9

1ST Nicolson's LOCHINDORB CLANSMANGood old fashioned shape with plenty of head, body and bum. Loved his expression which was very typical, alert and kind. Good stop and fluting, which many seem to struggle with today. Strong neck into good front, bone and feet. Loved his frame as it reminded me of dogs of yore where there is a slight rise over the loin from a solid well sprung body. Lovely quarters, well muscled, with moderate bend of stifle, also pleasing to see a dog with well developed second thighs. He was a bit erratic on the move, as his power needs to be controlled, but is sound and well balanced.

2ND Mitchell's PEASBLOSSOM JESTER TAF LW&T dog of a different type certainly more rangy with a longer neck and flatter coat. Loved his head, very masculine, well balanced and deep. Good eye and colour, another with plenty of stop without being too steep. Good front and bone. Enough rib and short coupled. Starting to develop a good rear end with clean muscle tone. He was a little over bent for me which is an area that needs strengthening anyway. Lost out to 1 on maturity

as he has still some tightening to do. A classy dog on the move, he has all the attributes all he needs now is time to develop them.

3RD Jenkinson's EASTRIDING ARMANI BLACK

Open - Dog

Entries: 3 Abs 1 A class that had me worried...please read on!

1ST Nicolson's LOCHINDORB CHIEF O'THE CLAN SH CM L&W of similar proportions to his kennel mate & brother. Not quite the head of the limit winner less flew and muzzle. Has a kind eye and good chiselling. A wee bit soft in the neck, but with good front angulation and a well filled chest. Good sping of rib and strong coupling. Loved his rear angulation where he has a good croup with good length and width of thigh leading to neat hocks. Another with show -off powerful movement that needs a tad more control.

2ND Brennan's GLENBROWS SECRET AGENT FOR KERRIJOY IR JNR CH JNR CW 12 This is where the going got tough. A dog who I would like to see a little more of. He has poor eye colouring although his head is balanced, it could be a bit fuller and more masculine. A bit stuffy in neck he has decent front angulation and a good body width, with certainly enough rib. His top line is good and is strongly coupled with a decent loin and croup. Liked his rear angulation and muscle tone. He was well presented with enough coat of good quality. I was starting to wonder if he would be mature enough for his S Book No. Fortunately he didn't let himself down on the move which was very controlled, balanced and sound. He has enough reach with the correct swing and he drives off decent hocks. A tight decision for 2nd place nonetheless.

Junior - Bitch

Entries: 4

1ST Rose's ROSANNOCH FORTUNA just over 12 months, she needs time to settle and perform. Very feminine head with correct expression. Could have better placed shoulders, although front and rear angulation well suited. Good body, substantial through loin and thigh. Shape will settle when she strengthens and offer a better outline especially when coat lengthens too. Good, sound mover who was well controlled.

2ND McGovern's BAXBALACH HERES TROUBLE Different shape bitch who was stronger around the head and neck than 1. Body needs to drop to make a more definitive shape throughout. Nicely angulated rear with good thigh width.

3RD Brennan's GLENBROWS HEAVEN SENT TO KERRIJOY

Novice - Bitch

Entries: 3 Abs 1

1ST Thornhill's EASTRIDING FLEUR DE ROSE blanket marked L&W. Not the largest of bitches, but nicely put together. Sweet head with good expression. Neat front assembly with matching bone and good feet. Well balanced body with level top line and well set croup. Enough rib and loin width. Needs more development behind. Good quality coat which is starting to grow. Well controlled on the move with good drive and reach.

2ND Smith's IMPRESSIVE LADY THREE PONDS VALLEY AT SWONA (IMP POL) I told the exhibitor not to be disappointed as the bitch has time on her side.

Much more rangy than 1 with a longer cast body. However her front assembly is correct along with good bone and feet. She has a girly head which is nicely shaped and balanced. Her movement was swift and she needs to settle. Time is definitely on her side

Post Graduate - Bitch

Entries: 11 Wonderful class to judge, I spent more time than I usually do just making sure that no stone was left unturned. So many in this class deserved a prize.

1ST Calvert's CALVDALE HEARSAY So very feminine throughout, such a lovely shape with a rock solid top line. Ideal proportion and size with a flowing outline, set off with the ideal coat length and texture. Ultra feminine head, still has more work to do, with eye needing to darken one more shade, however so girly with no sign of coarseness. Reachy neck into good shoulders, bone and feet. Ribs well sprung with depth and length into strong, tight coupling. Excellent bum and width of thigh. Not over angulated with good muscle tone. Constant top line on the stack and move. Stride was well controlled, plenty of reach, swing and drive. Was pleased to award her the CC. She lost out to the strength and solid proportions of the dog in the challenge

2ND Topliss' BERESFORD DON'T TEMPT ME A more rounded shape and a wee bit more substantial than 1. Loved her head shape and expression. Good strong neck and fore quarters. Solid throughout her body with good width and angulation. Just a bit too exuberant on the move, just needed to settle.

3RD Eastwood's ROQFOLLY MISS MONEYPENNY So very feminine, loved her make and shape, a bit too young for this class, just needs time.

Limit - Bitch

Entries: 6 Abs 1

1ST Mitchell's PEASBLOSSOM ARIA lovely outline with the most gorgeous head and expression, Correct neck and good front assembly. Plenty of rib with short coupling, level top line and moderate rear angulation. She has plenty of scope being the correct Spaniel shape, with a balanced front and rear. Could have done better in the challenge, but carrying too much weight for me today!

2ND Scorgie's BERKENBAR ARRIANA AT ARDTALLA A more up right bitch who has a solid frame. Well balanced head, with correct eye and muzzle. Well structured front and chest, offering plenty up front. Good depth and length of rib, with a well filled loin and rear. Less angled behind than 1 and not quite so elegant in shape. A little shy of coat today. Sound mover with a good stride length and correct swing.

3RD Stevenson's GAOLACHCARA CLIODNA JW SH CM

Open - Bitch

Entries: 4 Abs 1

1ST Cunliffe's SH CH/IR SH CH CALVDALE MY GIRL OF FALLENLEAF JW SHCM A compact L&W of moderate angulation. I have sometimes wondered if she was not a little heavy when viewed from the ringside, but I found her spot on today. Gorgeous well balanced feminine head, eye could be a shade darker, however it did not distract from the overall expression and was of the correct shape. She is well filled in with plenty of heart room. Really compact body, short coupled, good width of loin and thigh. Well off for bone and good tight feet. Just the right amount of coat in good condition. I kept my fingers crossed when I asked her to move as she has been

known to be a bit temperamental!! One of her better days today where she decided that she would cover the ground and use her tail to great effect, had no hesitation to award Res CC

2ND Savell's PETRANELLA JUST PERFICK JW Longer cast than 1 but really liked her make and shape. As per normal extremely well handled where she moved with balance and style. Super head and expression, she has the same moderate angulation of the class winner, not over done in any quarter.

3RD Dunston's SEASPRING ALL AT SEA

