Critique City of Birmingham 23 Judge Martin Sanders

Growing up in the North East doing the local shows, sitting from start to finish, you gained knowledge of many breeds and one on these was the English Springer. Two kennels were dominant then and that was the 'Teesview' and 'Clevehill' and if you managed to get past either you had done well; the best training ground ever! I must thank one of today's exhibitors for her entry of 13. I did have a clear mind of what I wanted and I found plenty of quality accompanied with good breed type throughout. In the main most decisions were accepted with grace and all exhibits were presented in excellent condition. I do however wish that the metal plates under the carpet could be identified more making a clanging noise whilst being stepped on did affect a few exhibits.

SBD (3,1a) 1 Reynolds, Clentonian Pitch Perfect, 2 year old L/W. Pleasing in head which displays correct proportions with correct dentition. Clear in eye with well placed ears. Neck flows into a clean front assembly. Ribbing is ok with level topline which leads to correct croup and tailset. He stands on quality bone with neat compact feet. On the out and back he displayed accurate footfalls and held his profile on the go around. Presented in good order, however still more time needed to complete the picture; in time this will come. 2 Le-Clerc & Le-Clerc, Hunterheck Fade to Black, 17 months B/W. head ok but would prefer more strength in the foreface. Kind in eye, OK in neck, firm in topline with plenty in rib. Bone and feet correct. General proportions on the stack display correct balance. Unfortunately was not happy on the move whilst giving his handler a hard time but was presented in good condition.

PD (7,3) 1 Eyeinton, Eyeington, Meadowdale Twix, 11 months L/W. Well grown individual who is of a full measure. Masculine in head which displays correct proportions with strength in foreface. Kind in eye which gives off a pleasing expression all finished off with well placed ears. Neck has strength which flows into a clean front assembly. He excels in rib with level topline which leads to correct croup and tailset. He is well angulated in his rear which leads to strong parallel hocks. He stands on correct bone with neat commpact feet. Put his best foot forward on the out and back displaying correct reach and drive whilst holding a pleasing profile on the go around and was presented in good order. BPIB.

2 Havard, Annavah Accomplice, 11 months L/W. Another with plenty to admire all through. Correct proportions in head which displays good balance. Would however prefer a darker eye. Ears are well placed. Plenty in neck with a clean front assembly. Ribbing is carried well back to a firm loin. Topline is level which leads to correct croup and tailset. He stands on quality bone with neat compact feet. Moved out well on the out and back whilst holding a pleasing profile on the go around. Close up to the winner and will have his day! 3 Stevenson, Peasblossom Brogan at Gaolachcara.

JD (3,1) 1 Such, Carlyquinn Captain Ross at Mujascal JW, 16 months JW. Another up to size individual. Correct in head, eye and expression. Clear in eye which gives off a pleasing expression. Plenty in neck with good ribbing. Bone and feet correct. On the move he was unsettled but warranted this class.
2 Le-Clerc, Le-Clerc, Hunterheck Fade to Black, second in Special Beginners.

GD (3) 1 Tracz, Beresford on my Way with Acregate L/W. A well made individual of good merit. Correct in head, eye and expression with well placed ears. Neck flows into a clean front assembly. Plenty in ribbing with level topline which leads to correct croup and tailset. He stands on correct bone with neat compact feet. Moved with accurate footfalls on the out and back whilst keeping a pleasing profile on the go around and was presented in good order.

2 Bullock, Trixhund Secret Obsession L/W. My notes say plenty to admire all through on this one but was giving a little away in maturity to the winner. Also, his skull needs further development, having said that he is clear in eye with well placed ears. Neck is clean and flows into a well laid shoulder. Ribbing is adequate with level topline which leads to correct croup and tailset. He stands on quality bone with compact feet. What he does possess is an easy reach and drive on the out and back whilst holding an eye catching profile on the go around. He was presented in good order. Simply needs more time to develop.

3 Reynolds, Clentonian Pitch Perfect (winner of Special Beginners).

PGD (2,1) 1 Chandler, Elazlan Tribal Craft, B/W 18 months. Found plenty to admire about this one. Head, eye and expression all good with plenty in foreface all finished off with well placed ears. Neck flows into a clean front assembly with sufficient in forechest. Topline is solid and he is well ribbed. Bone and feet correct and he displayed an easy free flowing stride on the out and back. Presented in good order.

LD (7,2) Good class! 1 Topliss, Sandylands Stand N Deliver, 2 year old L/W. Clean in head which displays correct proportions. Clear in eye all finished off with well placed ears. His neck flows into a clean front assembly with ribbing carried well back to a firm loin. He stands on quality bone with neat compact feet. Going away he displays parallel rear drive and is ok on the return. It's his willingness to please his handler on the go around that caught my eye giving him one hundred percent at all times. RCC today. His day will come! 2 Walker, Walker, Dexbenella Double Ch Seven, 2 year old L/W. Another exhibit with plenty to admire all through. Head is ok with a clear eye which gives off a pleasing expression with ears well placed. Neck flows into a clean front assembly with plenty in rib. Bone and feet good. On the stack he displays total balance and was positive on the move. Close up to the winner! 3 Morgans, Dexbenella Frilled to Bitz.

OD (7,2) Good class! 1 Calvert, Calvdale Ever Thus JW 2 year old L/W. This stable has produced many quality examples of this breed over a long period of time and I believe this chap is possibly way up there for overall type and quality and soundness! On inspection his head is classic which displays correct proportions with strength in foreface. Clear in eye which gives off a pleasing expression all finished off with well placed ears. His neck simply flows into a clean front assembly with plenty in ribbing. Topline is solid which leads to a firm loin with correct croup and tailset. His bone has strength with neat compact feet. On the stack he displays such perfect balance. On the move he displayed accurate footfalls on the out and back whilst holding an eye catching profile on the go around. He was presented in gleaming coat and condition. More to come from this one with just a bit more overall maturity. Pleased to award him the CC today (his third) and later on fending off a strong Gundog Group! By the time this report is printed I suspect he may have gained more awards! 2 Topliss, Sh Ch Beresford Night Train, 6 year old L/W. yet another quality exhibit to go over. He scores in head, eye and expression. Plenty in neck, excellent in ribbing. Topline Is solid. Bone and feet all good. Overall body outline on the stack displays correct proportions. On the move he too was accurate on the out and back and gave off a pleasing profile on the go around. A worthy Ch indeed.

3 Topliss, Sh Ch Beresford Lockdown. Completing a trio of top draw exhibits.

SBB (5,2) 1 Proctore, Petranella Perfick Bliss, 2 year old L/W. Feminine in head with a kind eye which gives off a pleasing expression with well placed ears. Her neck flows into a clean front assembly with sufficient in forechest. Her ribbing is well sprung and carried back to a firm loin. Topline is ok which leads to correct croup and tailset. Bone and feet ok. Went away with parallel rear drive whilst holding an ok profile on the go around. Presented in good order.

2 Frusher, Dexbenella Fedella at Shersona, 4 year old L/W. Has some correct breed points. Head, eye and expression all correct. Neck flows into a clean front assembly. Topline and tailset correct. Bone and feet ok, however was carrying excessive weight today which detracted from her overall body outline but was sound on the move.

3 Le-clerc, Le-Clerc, Hunterheck Lost in a Spell.

VB (1) 1 Wildsmith, Wildsmith, Brown, Ch Ch Trimere Tickle Me Fancy, 71/2 year old L/W. Judged this lady as a youngster and admired her then and I still do. She now returns with her title so congratulations! Only just eligible for Veteran still retains all her qualities. Head has correct balance with the most appealing eye and expression. Neck flows into a clean front assembly with a well filled forechest. Excellent rib with firm topline. Bone and feet are correct. She moved out with good reach and drive whilst holding an eye catching profile on the go around. Presented in A1 order and at one with her handler. Would not be surprised to find she will continue to claim major awards! Best Veteran today.

PB (8,4) Good class! 1 Walker, Walker, Dexbenella In My Dreams, 6 months L/W. Eye catching individual of true type. Most appealing in head which is feminine with correct proportions. Kind in eye which gives off the most appealing expression. Her neck flows into a clean front assembly. At this early stage she is forward in ribbing with correct topline. Correct bone and feet. Standing she displays correct overall body proportions and,

whilst on the move, she was accurate on the out and back holding a pleasing profile on the go around. Narrowly missing out for Best Puppy in Breed to the male on maturity, but should have a bright future! 2 Havard, Annavah Aquarios, 11 months L/W. Plenty to admire about this one. Scores in head, eye and expression all finished off with well placed ears. Clean in neck which flows into a well laid shoulder. Plenty in ribbing. Topline is level which leads to correct croup and tailset. Her bone has quality with compact feet. Another that displayed accurate footfalls the out and back. Close up to the winner for overall breed type and will continue to do well!

3 Tolladay, Tolladay, Calvdale half a Story Bethersden B/W.

JB (6,2) 1 Smith, Melverly Iridescent 14 months L/W. In my notes I only wrote three letters and they were WOW! But I shall elaborate. Instant attraction to this high quality exhibit. On inspection her head displays the correct proportions which is feminine. Clear in eye which enhances her melting expression. Correct in dentition all finished off with well placed ears. Her neck flows into a clean front assembly. She excels in rib which is carried well back and let down to her elbow. Topline is level which leads to correct croup and tailset. On the stack she displays such balance that is hard to ignore. Her bone has quality with neat compact feet. On the move she displays a free flowing stride with an eye catching profile on the go around. In the line up for the CC I was mindful of her youthfulness but in the end she simply screamed top draw breed type so today pleased to award her the CC her fourth the other three being won from puppy I was informed after completion of judging. One with a big future, however what was most satisfying was to be told that my Dog CC and BOB was her father; now that's what you call type judging!

2 Cokell, Nicklin, Carlyquinn Morwenna JW L/W. Plenty to admire about this one if somewhat of a full measure. Head, eye and expression all good. Body proportions display correct balance. Bone has quality with excellent feet. Moved out soundly on the out and back and was well presented. Unlucky today, you will have your turn!

3 Frusher, Slack, Chanagel When you Believe.

GB (5,2) 1 Ainsley, Nicklin, Gardiner, Barecho Cover Girl (Imp Swed) NAF TAF. Warranted this class for overall breed type. Feminine in head which has correct balance with a pleasing eye and expression. Correct in neck. Level in topline with good croup and tail set. On the stack she projects a pleasing profile. Bone and feet correct. Moved out ok on the out and back and was presented in good order.

2 Savell, Petranella Tipping the Wink. Similar for type here to the winner. Head, eye and expression all good. Neck and front assembly correct. Plenty in rib with level topline. Bone and feet correct. On the stack she displayed correct body balance and was sound on the out and back. Close up to the winner. 3 Procter, Petranella Perfick Bliss.

PGB (3) 1 Ainsley, Nicklin, Henderson. Daenerys Red Priestess, 19 months L/W. Enough to admire about this one. Feminine in head which has equal balance. Kind in eye which gives off a pleasing expression all finished off with well set ears. Neck and front assembly is correct. Ribbing is carried well back to a firm loin. Bone and feet good. On the stack she displays correct balance and on the move she was accurate on the out and back and held a pleasing profile on the go around.

2 Topliss, Bereford It's A Sin, 22 months L/W. Many of the same remarks apply here as the winner. Head, eye and expression all correct. Neck flows into a clean shoulder with enough in forechest. General body proportions display correct balance. Bone and feet good. Another that moved out well on the out and back. 3 Simmons, Dexbenella Frivolity.

LB (4,1) 1 Walker, Walker, Dexbenella double vision L/W. Warranted this class today on correct breed type. Appealing in head which displays correct balance with clear eye which gives off an appealing expression all finished off with well placed ears. Plenty in neck which flows into a well laid shoulder. She excels in ribbing which is carried well back to a firm loin. She stands on quality bone with compact feet. On the go around she displays a pleasing profile, would however prefer her to be a little more positive whilst going away but was well presented.

2 Topliss, Sandylands Send My Love L/W. Attractive individual of merit but not the head proportions of the winner being snippy in foreface. However, she is clear in eye, plenty in neck, well ribbed, plenty in bone with correct feet and moved out well displaying a pleasing profile on the go around.

3 Frusher, Dexbenella Fenella at Shersona.

OB (6,2) 1 Calvert, Sh Ch Calvdale Flutter JW L/W. Top draw exhibit from this kennel yet again. So feminine in head which has correct balance with clear eye giving off a melting expression all finished off with well placed ears. She excels in neck with a well filled forechest. Shoulders are well laid back. Ribbing is carried well back to a firm loin with correct croup and tailset. She stands on quality bone with excellent feet. On the stack she displays such a pleasing balanced profile. On the move going away she displayed good rear drive and is ok on the return whilst holding her profile on the go around. As usual presented in A1 order. Pushed the junior winner all the way to the wire. A worthy Ch indeed and will continue to catch the eye.

2 Ainsley, Nicklina, Daenerys Winds of Winter. Yet again another quality exhibit to go over. She scores in head, eye and expression with a clear eye which gives off an appealing expression. Plenty in neck which flows into a clean front assembly with plenty in forechest. Excellent in ribbing which is well sprung. Level in topline with firm loin. She stands on quality bone with neat compact feet. On the stack she displays a pleasing profile; whilst on the move she is accurate on the out and back and she was presented in good order. Closeup to the winner, will have her day!

3 Cokell, Carlyquinn Kisses of Fire JW.

GCB (1) 1 Kibby, Trimere Taylor Maid at Pinhays JW 2 year old L/W. Fair all through for breed type. Feminine in head with a correct eye and expression. Her overall body proportions on the stack are pleasing. Enough In rib, bone and feet ok. She was presented in excellent condition and moved out well.