

MANCHESTER CH SHOW 2024
SPANIEL (ENGLISH SPRINGER)
Judge: Mrs K Keely

BEST OF BREED : 8895 TOPLISS, Mrs Trudy Sh Ch Sandylands Stand N Deliver
Dog CC : 8895 TOPLISS, Mrs Trudy Sh Ch Sandylands Stand N Deliver
Res Dog CC : 8891 TOPLISS, Mrs Trudy Sh Ch Beresford Night Train
Bitch CC : 8913 WILDSMITH, Mrs M & WILDSMITH, Mrs S & BROWN, Mrs E Sh Ch Trimere Tickle Me Fancy
Res Bitch CC : 8884 SIMMONS, Mrs Clare Dexbenella Frivolity
Best Puppy : 8873 MITCHELL, Mr & Mrs D & J Peasblossom Changes
Best Veteran : 8913 WILDSMITH, Mrs M & WILDSMITH, Mrs S & BROWN, Mrs E Sh Ch Trimere Tickle Me Fancy
Best Special Beginner : 8880 REYNOLDS, Mr & Mrs R & J Clentonian Pitch Perfect

It's been 5 years since I judged the breed so I found the entry most interesting.

It's hard to say if the breed has improved since I last judged as I feel in general I get the type I have always liked rather than what is on the general circuit!

What I can say is, that what I judged today were, in the main, sensible, well made and typical Springers who showed very few of the more modern innovations of exaggerated shapes, swan necks and over angulated hindquarters. It has been a concern that the breed, in the last decade has tended towards narrow cockery heads with round eyes, low set ears and domed skulls. Hopefully this is on the decline now. Indeed it was pleasing to find really well set ears that are so necessary for the classic Springer look. The biggest improvement is undoubtedly in eye colour. For the last fifty odd years, ESS critiques have constantly commented on the light eyes being in the majority. Today there was only the odd one or two that needed to improve!

The main problem I found was the lack of upper arm in a percentage of springers and plenty lacking muscle.

My thanks to the exhibitors for their entries and to the two cheery stewards who did a cracking job!

Class 2937 MPD (1 Entries) Abs: 0

1st: 8873 MITCHELL, Mr & Mrs D & J Peasblossom Changes

L/W typy young man, with heaps of personality. Exactly what you would want at this age, balanced shapely body and pleasing outline. Reasonable head which will be even better as he matures, with good eye colour and shape. Strong and well angled front construction, great substance and level topline. Super bone and feet. Needs to tighten when moving out and back which you expect in a puppy. Good side gait with correct footfall. Well presented weatherproof coat. Best Puppy.

Class 2938 PD (1 Entries) Abs: 1

Class 2939 JD (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: 8886 STEVENSON, Ms E Peasblossom Brogan at Gaolachcara

L/W looks to be a gawky teenager at first glance as he is still growing coat and has plenty of leg. However on further examination he is well off for substance and has a deep chest with well sprung ribs of good length. Really typical head with chiselling and fluting, with a dark eye. A balanced outline and a sensible well made dog throughout. Good legs and feet. When settled he moved well with good footfall. Pleasing ESS and has it all to come!

2nd: 8856 EYEINGTON, Mrs J & EYEINGTON, Mr Steve Meadowdale Twix

At first glance looked to be a very mature L/W dog with a plethora of bone and coat. On examination however under the coat he very much lacked the chest development and rib of winner. He has good shoulder construction and is well angulated all through. Has a nice expression but would like more work in head and stop needs to settle but most Springer dogs need to break in head at this age. Didn't help himself on the move.

Class 2940 YD (2 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: 8915 WILSON, Ms L & CONNOR, Mrs A Pinereoch No Stunts Larrie
another teenager, which is no fault as Springers should be slow maturers! A lovely shaped L/W dog of good size and tidy all through. Plenty of breed type, pleasing head but would like more work in it - this should come with time. Well laid shoulder blades but would like a better lay of upper arm. Correct topline and tailset with decent hindquarters although he needs to develop more muscle here. Happy mover although could move with more purpose.

Class 2941 PGD (4 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: 8880 REYNOLDS, Mr & Mrs R & J Clentonian Pitch Perfect
L/W, of almost 3 years and so full of breed type. Compact balanced outline with a correct moderately broad head with plenty of work in it. Nothing cockery there! Well shaped dark eye and good expression. Plenty of rib and chest and good bone and feet. Sound, clean economical mover with good footfall.
2nd: 8863 HILL, Mrs Clare Dexbenella Double Trouble at Teignvalley
L/W very showy and smart dog, beautifully presented. Needs more work in head, well conformed body, with good bone and substance. Good footfall on the move but needs to tighten in front.
3rd: 8909 WARRENER, Mrs H Eastfalla SherlockHolmes

Class 2942 LD (8 Entries) Abs: 5

1st: 8902 TRACZ, Miss Jennie J Beresford On My Way with Acregate
L/W eyecatching young dog of the type they used to be. Head is masculine but still needs to break. Having said that, there is plenty of work in it and thankfully fairly broad which is a bonus these days. Lovely well shaped dark eye and soft expression. Strong neck of the right length, well proportioned body with a plenty of chest and bone, strong quarters which propelled him around the ring strongly and soundly. Has plenty of personality! All springer, he was close up for the Res CC.

2nd: 8888 TERRY-RICHARDSON, Mrs Y & RICHARDSON, MR PAUL CHERISHYM DOFIDA
plenty to like in this B/W, good head with correct eye shape and colour and decent width to skull. Level topline and good tailset with strong bone and beautiful feet. Presented very well. Type wise he appeared cockery compared to winner and lacked his upper arm. On the move he could use more drive as he appeared to shuffle behind today.
3rd: 8893 TOPLISS, Mrs Trudy Pink Panther Tamaam to Beresford.

Class 2943 OD (7 Entries) Abs: 2

An interesting class.

1st: 8895 TOPLISS, Mrs Trudy Sh Ch Sandylands Stand N Deliver
Well, on this form I had no choice but to deliver the Dog CC and BOB!
A beautifully balanced lad, clean in outline with no exaggeration. All Springer type, with an old fashioned head, with chiselling, fluting and a decent foreface. Has the required width of skull with lovely eye and expression. Not often mentioned are ear sets, in this exhibit the ears are properly set (and not like a cocker), so consequently the springer look to the headpiece is even more obvious. Strong and moderate length of neck, blending into well laid shoulder blade, although I would like a bit more upper arm. Plenty of body and rib with good chest development. Has a good length of leg so he has the racy appearance, plus a super topline and tailset. Moderate and sensible hindquarters, with correct angulation and well muscled. Good clean bone with reasonable feet. Beautifully presented coat, weatherproof and not too profuse. All that said, his piece du resistance is in his movement! Anyone who doesn't understand what ESS movement is needs to watch this dog and handler. Moved on a loose lead at an intelligent speed he covers the ground as the standard requires, with the forward swing from the shoulder and strong driving hindquarters, perfect footfall and with the

minimum of fuss. Dog CC and BOB and I didn't have to think twice.

2nd: 8891 TOPLISS, Mrs Trudy Sh Ch Beresford Night Train

another well balanced dog with lovely breed type. His strength and substance is obvious, from his real Springer head and strong neck to his big solid quarters. Lovely eye and expression, another with a sensible ear set, well angled shoulders, good ribs and strong topline which he held on the move, very fit and muscled, and well off for bone. Showed well with a super temperament. Good quality weatherproof coat. Could have carried more body today and his kennel mate was just that bit more positive on the move. His maturity in head won him the Res CC over the limit winner.

3rd: 8855 EYEINGTON, Mrs J & EYEINGTON, Mr Steve, Sh Ch Meadowdale Daisydale Lightning Bolt

Res: 8862 GRAHAM, Mrs Sheila Peasblossom Valentino

VHC: 8897 TOPLISS, Mrs Trudy Sh Ch Beresford Lockdown

Class 2944 VD (2 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: 8852 CRABTREE, Mrs J M Roqfolly Black Label

10 year old B/W, in super coat and condition. Pleasing head, well off for substance with well sprung ribs and a deep chest. Strong bone. Spritely on the move and very sound.

Class 2945 SBD (3 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: 8880 REYNOLDS, Mr & Mrs R & J Clentonian Pitch Perfect

2nd: 8909 WARRENER, Mrs H Eastfalla SherlockHolmes

B/W, attractive young dog, with lots of maturing to do. Good eye and expression, and excellent bone and feet. Would have liked him to be better constructed.

Class 2946 MPB (2 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: 8861 GLENDINNING, Ms F PLAIGLEN ONE LAST TIME

Sweet young L/W, very old school in type. Feminine balanced head with dark eye, really well made and is sound, sensible and moderate all through. Plenty of rib and chest development for age and moved precisely. Best Puppy bitch.

Class 2947 PB (3 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: 8876 NOLLET, Mrs Valerie Sola Virtus What's Not To Love

B/W another sweet and well made puppy. Good eye and expression although I would like more head. Balanced strong body, with plenty of chest and rib. Sturdy and neat all through with super bone and feet. Moved well for her age.

It was a close contest for best puppy bitch as I liked them both for type and functionality.

Class 2948 JB (7 Entries) Abs: 1

Strong class with promising debutantes in vary stages of development.

1st: 8885 SMITH, Mr R J Sh Ch Melverly Iridescent

L/W/T of quality. Has the maturity and fill of a much older bitch. Balanced head although she needs more work in it as yet. A really super shape and so good to go over, with a strong reachy neck, good topline and tailset, short coupled and strong in loin and plenty of substance. Good bone and feet. Weatherproof coat and the right amount of feather. Moved well, covering the ground. In the CC shortlist.

2nd: 8872 MITCHELL, Mr D & Mrs J Peasblossom Bewitched

L/W/T and delightfully wayward! However she is only just out of puppy so she can be forgiven. Good head with some width to it, nothing cockery, and has a dark eye and soft expression. Lovely substance for age, Makes a pleasing shape with good length of leg, well angled shoulders, good topline and tailset and strong in the quarters and pelvis with some width. Lovely coat and condition. Moved well with good footfall. One for the future.

3rd: 8851 COX, Mrs Ro & COX, Mr Nigel Tiroen To Have And To Hold
Res: 8901 TOPLISS, Mrs Trudy Bethryn Song of The Sky at Beresford
VHC: 8865 HOUSE, Mrs C Gleadbury Destiny Belle

Class 2949 YB (5 Entries) Abs: 3

1st: 8867 JOYCE, Mrs Susan & JOYCE, Mr Neal Peasblossom Aura at Felltops

A L/W of lovely type. Has a classical head, with balance and strength and just the right amount of stop. Beautiful eye and real Springer expression, nothing cockery here. She makes a lovely shape, with her well developed body, firm topline and good tailset. As yet she needs to develop more in front as she is rather narrow here at present. Would like stronger hindquarters, they are nicely angled but they need a lot more second thigh so that she can move with more strength and drive.

2nd: 8878 OSBOURNE, Mr P W Tiroen Typically Braego (KCJ)

L/W/T Such a teenager at present but all the fundamentals are there. Pleasing, sensible head, with a strong reachy neck. Well conformed with good neck and shoulders and super bone and feet. Just preferred the compactness of winner.

Class 2950 PGB (7 Entries) Abs: 3

1st: 8884 SIMMONS, Mrs Clare Dexbenella Frivolity

L/W, of immense quality and superior breed type. She has a most typical and feminine headpiece with width and plenty of work in it, with correct eye shape and dark eye aided by a correct ear set. Has the right length of neck, together with a very well angled shoulder construction. Super deep body with well sprung ribs and a short loin. Good quarters. Sensible amount of well presented coat. Well boned but could have better feet. Sound and happy on the move, and carried herself well although I would like to see more reach in front. After a tussle with the Open bitch winner she ultimately won the Res CC but it was close.

2nd: 8889 TERRY-RICHARDSON, Mrs Y & RICHARDSON, MR PAUL DAENERYS MOONDANCER TO CHERISHYM
Super type of Bitch, most pleasing all through with a feminine head and good expression, well made and balanced body, strong topline and reasonable quarters. Well presented coat. Just at the inbetween stage at the moment, needing to fill in front and strengthen in loin, but all the essentials are there for her to mature into a lovely example of the breed

3rd: 8868 KIBBY, Mrs J I Trimere Taylor Maid at Pinhays JW

Res: 8858 GARDINER, Miss A Barecho Cover Girl (Imp Swe)

Class 2951 LB (5 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: 8844 AINSLEY, Miss Lucy-May & NICKLIN, Mr Lewis & HENDE Daenerys Red Priestess

Caught my eye with her lovely type, balance and general air of raciness. Most pleasing head and eye, good length of neck and one of the few with decent upper arm. Strong topline, nicely angled quarters with a good tail set. Well off for bone and has really good feet. In lovely coat and condition and was well handled to advantage both standing and moving. At just 2 she has it all to come as she is nowhere her best yet..

2nd: 8879 REYNOLDS, Mr & Mrs R & J Clentonian Picture Perfect

Quite a different type but just as much to like. So well built and substantial, and compact in body. Big hindquarters and strong in bone with good feet. Really pleasing in movement and very sound. Thick weatherproof coat. Today the winner was just cleaner over the shoulders.

3rd: 8894 TOPLISS, Mrs Trudy Sandylands Send My Love

Res: 8871 LILLIE, Mr & Mrs. J. & L. Freeway Fortune

Class 2952 OB (7 Entries) Abs: 1

A really competitive line up of top class bitches. Very hard to separate, if we were overseas I could have graded them all as excellent.

1st: 8854 DOBBIN, Mrs N Sh Ch Donarden Gin Fizz

L/W Another glorious type of the old school. Appealing for her all round balance and construction, plenty of substance but still very much a lady. Lovely feminine head, super dark eye, moderate length of neck flowing into a well constructed front good topline and tailset, strong quarters. Moved easily and well, covering the ground with good footfall. Very sound. In lovely coat with just the right amount. Shortlisted for the hotly contested CC.

2nd: 8914 WILSON, Ms L & CONNOR, Mrs A Potrail Turns the Swag On for Pinereoch

It's a cliché to say 'unlucky to meet winners' but in this case it's true! Slightly different type to winner but just as appealing. Sweet head with beautiful expression, well made body, correctly conformed all through, compact with strong short loin (which earned her second place), good topline and well off for bone. Moved well and in lovely coat. Just preferred hindquarters on winner today.

3rd: 8846 CASEY, Mr E & JAYES, Mrs E Sh Ch Sandylands Send the Roses

Res: 8875 NOLLET, Mrs Valerie Tira Vento Era of Desire

VHC: 8887 TAUBMAN, Mrs K C Meltarose Madeleine at Meonstoke

Class 2953 VB (6 Entries) Abs: 1

1st: 8913 WILDSMITH, Mrs M & WILDSMITH, Mrs S & BROWN, Mrs E Sh Ch Trimere Tickle Me Fancy

This bitch is proof that the best Springers are slow maturers, - she is eligible for this class and is absolutely at her peak. Once again she is more of the older type as they used to be. Since I last judged her in 2019, she has developed in head and darkened in eye, which gives her a classical headpiece. She has also deepened in body and now has the required spring of rib and her hindquarters are muscled and well angled with good bone and feet. Being the right size and feminine all through is an advantage on the move as she covers the ground neatly and economically with no wasted effort. Moved at the right speed on a loose lead she, together with her handler make a fabulous team. After a most competitive challenge from the other winning girls she finally won the BITCH CC..

2nd: 8910 WATSON, Ms Shirley Sh Ch Bordacity Honey Ryder VW

Lovely L/W, in super condition. Appealing head and eye. Slightly bigger frame than winner she is nonetheless good breed type and very well made all though. Really pleasing on the move and has good bone although would prefer better feet.

3rd: 8864 HIPGRAVE, Mrs L Ternspringer Jazz Singer

Res: 8853 CUNLIFFE, Mr & Mrs G & J Ir Sh Ch Calvdale I Say of Fallenleaf CW18 CJW18 C

VHC: 8866 JOYCE, Mrs Susan & JOYCE, Mr Neal Kingsheath Total Diva at Felltops

Class 2954 SBB (3 Entries) Abs: 2

1st: 8881 REYNOLDS, Mr & Mrs R & J Clentonian Picturesque

L/W, the third from this kennel and all the same classic Springer type. Very pleasing in the head department with correctly shaped head with dark eye. Plenty of body and well off for bone. Strong quarters with plenty of muscle. Weatherproof coat. Moved correctly and economically.

