

English Springer Spaniel Club of Scotland Open Show 30/09/2022 - Critique



It was an honour to finally fulfil this appointment, which was originally scheduled for 2020, but delayed due to Covid. Thank you to the club for the invitation and the beautiful thank you gift, and to Kerry for stewarding for me. Sincere thanks to all who entered and brought their lovely dogs along for my opinion, I very much enjoyed my day amongst the breed I love and share my life with.

Veteran Dog/Bitch (4,2A)

1. *Watson's Sh Ch Bordacity Honey Ryder*

7 year old L&W bitch in full bloom, beautiful coat. Feminine but with substance and good bone. Sweet head, nicely proportioned, with dark, well shaped expressive eyes. Good front assembly, body well ribbed and of good length, with nicely rounded bum. Pleasing rear angulation, moderate, with muscular thigh. She moved out really well, holding her topline, and with such a happy demeanour. I felt she just had the edge on head, overall shape and ring presence over 2 BVIS

2. *Weyman's Spuffing Molly's Secret*

7 year old B&W bitch. Another nice girl, I feel now in her prime and looking so well. Immaculately presented, with beautiful shining silky coat. Head of correct proportions with work, eye a little round but dark and kind. Balanced in angulation front and rear and strong body, with well developed chest. Neat feet. Her movement is excellent, steady and true with accurate footfall. As they say "unlucky to meet 1"

Minor Puppy Dog (3)

1. *Chandler's Elazlan Tribal Craft*

8 month old B&W My notes say "a stunner" and he is, he was the clear winner for me today. He is quite mature and well sized for one so young, already showing plenty of style and substance, wrapped in a gleaming silky jacket. Classy head of correct proportions, foreface to skull, with dark, kind eyes. Good length of neck into well laid shoulder. Ribs showing good spring, plenty of chest and strong short couplings. Quality bone and tight rounded feet. Nicely let down hindquarters with good bend of stifle. He moved with enthusiasm, showing the required reach and drive, and so accurate for his age. BPD, BMP, BPIS, Best B&W

2. *Wilson and Connor's Pinereoch No Stunts Larrie*
7 month old L&W Promising youngster. Good leg length in proportion to body. He is masculine and already shows strength and depth in body. I liked his well proportioned head with deep square flew and dark enough eye for his age. Clean neck of good length and slight arch. Super front and deep chest. Short in couplings and strong level topline. He is well angulated behind, albeit I would prefer a bit more moderation and slightly more breadth to thigh. Moved out well with happy attitude.
3. *Scorgie and McNichol's Pinereoch Mischief Maker*

Novice Dog (1)

1. *Ternent's Meadowdale Magnum Force*

12 month old L&W. Unsettled today. He is of good make and size, with enough substance and bone. Pleasing masculine head with dark almond shaped eye. Excellent length of neck into well laid shoulder. Compact body with short couplings. Well developed deep chest. Tight rounded feet. Well angulated rear with width to thigh. He was tending to slope his topline today. Not too happy on the move but I could see he has good reach and drive, just a bit loose behind still.

Limit Dog (3,1A)

1. *Calvert's Calvdale Scaramouche Jones JW*

19 month old L&W. Showy and elegant, I thought this eye-catching boy quality from nose to tail. As always from this kennel, beautifully presented coat. Good ratio of leg length to body, giving him super balance. Delightful head with work and well shaped kind eye of good colour, though still to darken a little as he matures. Ample neck, nicely arched, which flows beautifully into a well laid shoulder. Excellent front with plenty of chest, well ribbed, short coupled into well muscled quarters with pleasing angulation. Stands on good bone and super feet. He moved very well, holding a firm topline and obviously enjoying himself. Preferred him for type and elegance over 2 RBD

2. *Richardson and Terry-Richardson's Cherishym Dofida*
3 year old B&W. Dripping in the most glorious, silky, well presented coat, he is certainly eye-catching and of quality. Appealing head of good proportions and work. Dark, almond shaped eye, giving that beautiful heart melting expression. Strong arched neck. Compact strong body, well ribbed and plenty of chest. Decent front. Very nice bone and feet, muscular quarters with a good width of thigh and moderate angulation. Moved with purpose showing reach and drive, although not quite the reach of 1, and looked like he was enjoying himself.

Open Dog (5,1A)

1. *Topliss's Sh Ch Beresford Lockdown*

2 year L&W. Very typey, strongly built dog of good size and with superb balance. In full coat with plenty of feathering, very eye-catching. The most attractive masculine head, with correct proportions and the required fluting and chiselling. Dark, almond shaped eyes which give him the kindest of expressions. Good length to neck which is strong and slightly arched. He has a well laid back shoulder and return of upper arm. Front legs straight and he is well off for bone. Super tight round feet. Well ribbed, his body is of pleasing length, strong couplings and fabulous well muscled

quarters, broad thighs, well angulated hindlegs and nice short rear pasterns. Exuberant on the move, he tests his handler! His super construction shows in his powerful movement, swing from the shoulder and plenty of drive behind, really getting his hocks underneath him. BD, RBIS

2. *Rose's Westaway Dream Angus of Rosannoch*

7 year old L&W. Strongly built, heavier sized, masculine dog, with a lot to like. He is balanced front and rear with moderate angulation. Head is a little strong for me but has good proportions and a kind dark eye of correct shape. Decent front. Well off for bone. Super deep well developed chest. Body of good length, well sprung ribs and

strongly coupled. Nice bend of stifle. Good feet. He is a powerful accurate mover, carrying himself well, with plenty of drive behind and impressive swing from the shoulder, although he does tend to exaggerate it at times.

3. *Watson's Peasblossom Valentino* I must mention this 4 year old L&W who appealed greatly. He is a very well constructed, moderate dog. He has the most divine head and expression, which I preferred over 2.

Considered for 2nd place but I found his movement a bit "flat" today and this cost him.

Minor Puppy Bitch (5)

1. *Rose's Pinereoch Amethyst of Rosannoch*

7 month old L&W A little sweetheart, confidently taking it all in her stride. Showing balance on the stack, with good leg length. Feminine head, dark enough eyes for her age. Nice length of neck. Pleasing front, ribs starting to spring, OK for bone and neat feet. Needs to develop a bit in rear quarters but angulation is there. Carried herself impressively on the move for her age, with accuracy and reach and drive. She had the edge on movement and attitude over 2 today and I preferred her overall shape, although I'm sure these two will keep changing places! BPB

2. *Richardson and Terry-Richardson's Daenerys Moondancer to Cherishym*

8 month old L&W. A nice puppy, well put together. She was a little apprehensive on going over her but happy as larry on the move. Appealing head, with foreface in proportion to skull and depth in muzzle, eyes a little round and still to darken Nice length and arch to neck. Well developed chest and body for age, good bone and neat feet. Pleasing angles front and rear and width to thigh, with nicely bent stifle. Moved well.

3. *Ternent's Hunterheck Carianna*

Junior Bitch (1)

1. *Weyman's Spuffing Prosecco*

14 month old L&W I liked this youngster, she is maturing nicely, and has a lovely neat traditional balanced outline. She has a very good head with correct proportions/planes and the essential chiselling and fluting. Straight front. Chest and ribs developing well. Compact in body and good length of leg. Moderate hind angulation with width to thigh. Handled to get the best out of her, she moves happily with reach and drive and good carriage and topline.

Special Yearling Bitch (2,1A)

1. *Carr's Alhambian Kirsty McColl*

2 year old L&W Carrying a little too much weight today which made her look stuffy over neck and shoulders. She has a pleasing head of good proportions. Super depth of chest and spring of ribs, sturdy and well coupled. A little narrow through her thigh and straight in stifle. She moved steady and true, at one with her handler, although a touch close behind.

Graduate Bitch (1)

1. Scorgie and McNichol's Berkenbar Gianna at Ardtalla

4 year old L&W. I liked this smart little bitch. She makes a nice outline and has a hint of raciness. Sweet, feminine head of correct proportions. Beautiful eyes, giving the

softest of expressions. Elegant neck of good length. Body compact and strong, although I would like a little more chest. Frontlegs straight and well boned, and of good length in proportion to body. Neat feet. Well angulated front and rear with well developed muscular thighs. Moved well, sound, steady and happy.

Post Graduate Bitch (1)

1. Fairgrieve's Alkaruss Forget Me Not

3 year old B&W Pretty bitch with feminine head and dark kind eyes. A little long in body and tended to dip her topline and I would like a little more leg length to balance her. Having said that, she has many good points, good length of neck into well laid back shoulder and good return of upper arm, deep enough chest and well sprung ribs. Lovely bone and compact well rounded feet. Moderate rear angulation and a steady mover showing reach and drive.

Limit Bitch (3)

1. Dobbin's Donarden Gin Fizz

3 year old L&W Very feminine, yet with substance. Presented in fit condition, with glorious coat and feathering She makes a lovely classic outline standing. Sweet head, correctly proportioned with good planes and showing the desired work. Dark, kind, almond shaped eyes. Clean through neck and shoulders. Good chest, ribbing, compact and strong in body. Excellent bone and feet. Well muscled quarters with moderate rear angulation. Excellent movement, very sound and steady with a economical ground covering stride. Pushed hard for RBIS but in the challenge she couldn't quite match the strong movement of the dog RBB

2. Topliss's Sandylands Send My Love

2 year old L&W. Not quite the head and type of 1, for me. Heavier built bitch but plenty to like. Well proportioned head. Strong neck with good length into well made front. Great bone. Well developed in chest and body. Lovely rounded bum with plenty of width to her well muscled thighs. Hindlegs well let down. Powerful, enthusiastic mover, with plenty of drive.

3. Wilson and Connor's Potrail Turns The Swag On for Pinereoch

Open Bitch (1)

1. Topliss's Sh Ch Beresford Night Class

5 year old L&W. Well, my notes start with "stunning, love her!" I have long admired this bitch but what an honour to be able to judge her, and "hands on" she is as good as she looks. Ultra sweet, ultra feminine, with the most melting expression, she exudes elegance and quality, yet she is not without substance, strength and bone. Everything in the right place, she is so well made. A little longer in body than some but that does not detract, she is beautifully balanced. Fit, well muscled and in glorious coat, she moves correctly and happily, head held proudly. Very pleased to award her **BB and BIS**

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