

With English Springer Spaniels having been a centre piece in my life for so many years all the memories, the friends, the heart breaks when you lose one, the special days when puppies were born, the first CC, the Field Day Qualifier, parcel opening on Christmas morning, watching your favourite oldie watching and waiting for their parcel. Memories I have been very lucky which is why I found it such an honour and a privilege to judge the breed at Crufts Championship Show and I thank all the exhibitors and handlers along with the Ring Stewards and friends and family for giving me a day to cherish and remember forever. I really feel there was some beautiful Springers on show and they did themselves proud, they were a credit to the breed and a credit to their Mum's and Dad's as well
Judge: Alex Geddes

VD (7) 1 Clarke & Vareys, Beaters Baron JW Sh CM VW Good head dark eye moved really well strong back end looked well in profile pleasing picture

2 Glendinnings Sh Ch Plaiglen Hustle can see clearly why he has his title but not quite the drive of 1 today but never the less he looked quite impressive in his class.

3 Tracz's Melverly Desert Strike over Acregate this dog was put down well strong quarters good head and eye once again he could have given more on the move.

PD 1 Eyeington's Meadow Daisydale Lightning Bolt BP A really cracking B/W Pup great mover an eye catcher his attributes head eye neck shoulders lovely in the back end as well BP.

2 Holt's Bethryn El Toro De Cavo Coco. Another lovely puppy well made well off for bone liked his overall profile nice head his rear angulation just right not over done good spring of rib.

JD (11,2) 1 Willey's Speeton Sea Captain. This young dog has got what it takes to challenge the best, but just needs a bit of time to fully mature, his ground reaching front stride is impressive was in great condition a lovely head neck and shoulders coupled with a strong backend bright future.

2 Smith's Merverly Flying Bolt, this lovely young dog was beaten by the movement of the winner but nevertheless he looked the part in the line up pleasing head strong at the back end.

3 Otto -Doppenberg's Big Brazzel X Marks the Spot Very nice head very good in coat liked his front angulation if Brazzel means good mover then I agree.

YD (9) 1 Eastwood & Truemans Eastfalla Next Step, a more compact dog very eye catchy with a lovely head eye moves well put down well when mature should trouble the best.

2 Berkenbar Giovanni, once again a lovely well put down Springer moved well lovely head Neck and Shoulders in good coat another dog with a very bright future.

3 Glass's Gunning my Boy Another nice headed dog moved well in good coat and condition.

PGD (10,3) 1 Gregory's Arcadia Alfa Romeo The name is associated with style which he possesses, well off for bone very good in head lovely eye well angulated front and rear moved extremely well

2 Jenkinson's Eastriding Royal Mayfair Another nice young dog moved well pleasing head his rear angulation gave him a very pleasing profile

3 Merrick's Tiverstone Statesman Another B/W from a Kennel that has produced some lovely Springers this one is no exception showed in good coat a lovely head and moved well

LD (11,1) 1 McGovern's Baxbalach Rumour Has I This dog was one of the best movers on the day and as expected both his front and rear angulation were as you would desire good head dark eye strong neck lovely dog

2 Ternent's Hunterheck Turn Back the Time. Quality young dog Stood he looked a picture put down very well his front and rear angulation are just as required I repeat a Quality Springer.

3 Glendinning's Plaiglen Beaters Be Stylish Very similar remarks to the previous dog good in head and well off for bone moves well

OD (15,1) 1 Topliss's Sh Ch Beresford Night Train DCC BOB This dog has all the attributes required in a Champion which he already is. Put down to the highest standard. A lesson to many who feel the need to introduce exaggerations which the breed standard doesn't require, he oozes quality in every aspect in profile he is a Springer Template, is the breed in good fettle well in this Kennels breeding program it certainly is. I felt proud of him when I watched him in the Group Ring so pleased to award him DCC and BOB

2 Walkers Sh Ch Dexbenella Atticus Finch RDCC. What makes a good Springer, if you get the chance try and get a look at this dog and read the breed standard while looking at him your questions will be answered he epitomises the Breed Standard, only one thing you wont learn from looking at him who was Atticus Finch! RDCC.

3 Bott and Savells CH/Nord/Dan/Swe/Norw/SH CH Art-Waves Standing Ovation for Allenie A really beautiful Springer he has been there done it got the Tee Shirt

Sp Working Gundog D (4) 1 Wagner's CIB/Lux/CIE/SW/ Ch Morning Glory Summer of Five o'clock, B/W put down well pleasing in head good eye nice reach of neck moved really well Strong in Quarters

2 Hladka's Cornelius Santo Buxusson Another good moving dog with a very pleasing outline in good coat

3 Vranckaert Ch Lordsett Ender Game, very good in head neck and shoulders good spring of rib really looked as he could do a days work in the field.

GCDS (7,2) 1 Clarke and Vareys Beaters Baron JW ShCM

2 Such's Trimere Ticks the Box at Mujascul ShCM Compact good moving dog with a lovely head neck and shoulders good angulation front and back

3 Holman's Roqfolly Endeavour for Artycreath Another with a very pleasing head good reach of neck in very good condition

VB (13,4) 1 Dobbin's Sh Ch Donarden Madame Butterfly very stylish bitch moved with confidence, in great condition, a most gorgeous head, liked the quarters on this bitch and put down to perfection. Best Veteran

2 Cunliffe Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch My Girl of Fallen Leaf a beautiful Bitch in super condition nip and tuck with first

3 Rose's Sh Ch Rossanoch Fortuna you expect them gleaming from this kennel and this one was, didn't quite match the other two on the move

MPB 1 Calvert's Calvdale Lil Grey It wasn't just the handling that ensured this puppy received a first but its very sweet head and overall profile and confirmation helped as well

PB (8,1) 1 Holt's Bethryn Sea of Tranquility. Good substance but absolutely no coarseness, gorgeous head liked the both front and rear angulation which ensured this puppy moved so well

2 Twilley's Donarden Sweet Whisper Another gorgeous head neck and shoulders moved really well close to one

3 Dobbin's Donarden's Gin Fizz Very similar remarks to 2nd bitch not unsurprisingly

JB (12,4) 1 Smith's Melverly Lil Dancer. It's far too early to ask this young bitch to challenge the Limit and Open stock but this bitch is quality, good substance head neck and moved well, looked at her in the Challenge but felt she needs more time to finish

2 House's Gleadbury Dynamite Will need to settle more to ensure she realises her potential never the less has lots to like about her really looks good in profile and when you put your hands on her there are no disappointments.

3 Cokell's Carlyquinn Kisses of Fire Very pretty young bitch good angulation front and rear

YB 1 Glendinning's Plaiglen Encore Quality and lots of it sweetest of heads correct angulation front and rear, good movement, as expected will trouble the best in the not to distant future
2 Corbett's Trimere Taylor Swift another one with the most gorgeous of heads also a good reach of neck spring of rib must have a bright future.
3 Thomas's Tourmaline De Syringa along similar lines as first and second gives a very pleasing picture

PGB (17,6) 1 Calvert's Calvdale Stowaway Magic Thirty seven years ago I watched this handler take BOB here at Crufts with a gorgeous Bitch This one looks the the part also acted the part so feminine backed up with a look of quality. Put my hands on her no disappointst here should go all the way but in her time.

2 Ganarin's Peasblossom Orianna Very eye catchy bitch Ran the first so close quality head also moved very well it's a pleasure to see two young bitches waiting there turn good for the breed

3 Fairgrieve's Peasblossom Shimmer of Alkaruss. Felt sorry for this handler a gorgeous bitch and she comes third but no disgrace in this company she has all the bits and pieces required and moves well perhaps another day

LB (16,5) 1 Walker's Beresford Night Nurse at Dexbenella RBCC. What a stylish compact bitch but not just a pretty face or head which is exceptional But moves with drive deep at the chest, tight feet proper water proof coat glad to see not over angulated at the rear which would have spoiled it.

2 Keeley's Shipden Alhambian Diana Dors Good choice of name because she is glamorous and also very sound which comes as no surprise given her conformation angulated correctly both front and rear in first class condition well having said that I liked her head and neck her back end was as you would like in a bitch good width at the quarters stifle just right not over done also good feet

3 Whitley's Plaiglen Florin B/W Keeping top company on the day but why not she belongs at this level as she showed in not only her movement but when going over her she has a sweet head and was put down really well good muscle tone missing in so many, looks good in profile a picture

OB (12,4) 1 Clark's Jorobaden Teal at Syferspring BCC Such a delight to have a Bitch of this quality come under you she has all the attributes any Judge could wish for in a Bitch Line up femininity in abundance a head wich immediately brings the words Springer Expression to your lips you don't see it often enough there were a few today. put your hands on her head them run them down her neck onto her shoulders then her lovely spring of rib proper bitch, her back end no disappointment there, good width across her quarters down to her hocks take a second look just to check can it be this good yes it was good, tight feet, in good weather proof coat. It's at this point that you wonder will she handle the big ring and the atmosphere in the ring well it was no problem to her, she went really so well. The handler ended up shell shocked the Bitch no.

2 Wildsmith's and Brown's Trimere Tickle me Fancy. This bitch is also full of quality and has all the necessary attributes to trouble the best but to day the she just didn't quite get there another day perhaps

3 Calvert's Calvdale Beautiful Romance. Well yes she is most certainly beautiful and moved well and was in one of the best classes I have ever judged, I'm not going to fault a bitch of this quality, no way, her day will come undoubtedly.

Sp Working Gundog B 1 Arendt & Feilke's Ch Jolanthe Vom Belauer See. Lively as you might expect from this class good head moved with Drive not surprisingly with the strong quarters on this Bitch in first class condition correct angulation not over done.

GCDS 1 Hydon's Clentonian Pandemonium A very sound mover good angulation in good coat good feet with a very nice head

2 West's Meonstoke's Cherry Blossom Good head a nice reachy neck tight feet

3 Williams and Toublic's Cobhay Fancy Phlox Looked the part in good condition and moved well

