

## English Springer Spaniel Club of Wales Championship Show 21st April 2019

Judge: Kath Holt (Bethryn)

Firstly I would like to thank the committee of ESSC of Wales for the invitation to judge our wonderful breed and have the honour of awarding CC's for the first time. I would also like to thank every exhibitor who entered under me for my opinion. This is always the last of the long string of breed club shows and I appreciate every dog that was brought under me.

I was pleased with the overall quality of exhibits although I do feel we need to look at how head shapes and expressions are developing. A true ESS looks into your soul with its eyes. This is obtained not just from a lovely dark almond shaped eye but the overall head shape. Balanced skull to muzzle, chiselling below the eyes and fluting between the eyes. We are getting too many heavy back skulls and round eye shapes. This needs to be corrected before we lose the very thing that makes the ESS melt our hearts. I only saw a couple of wry mouths. Movement was quite restricted in the hall but most moved sufficiently well to be able to assess fore, aft and side profile. I was delighted with my main winners and also so pleased to see some quality youngsters coming through.

### Minor Puppy Dog (1,0)

1 Mitchells Peasblossom Xanti; 7m B&W who immediately drew the eye. He is all boy and in super coat with well developed body of exceptional depth for his age. He has a masculine and balanced head with a lovely dark eye of correct shape. Arched neck into well placed shoulders and good return of upper arm. When I ran my hands down his neck, I found excellent forechest. He is well boned and standing on lovely tight feet. Moderately angled his movement is true away and back with a beautiful side profile gait. I will watch his career develop with interest. BPD and BPIS

### Puppy Dog (1,0)

1 Harvards Trimere Ted Baker with Annayah; 10m LWT Quite strong in back skull and his eye needs to darken. Up to size dog who has good length of body but needs to develop depth all through. He has sufficient bone and stands on tight feet. He has acceptable length of upper arm and is sufficiently angled front and rear which is evident in his side profile movement.

### Junior Dog (3,0)

1 Greenfields Eastfalla Next Step L&W just 12m old. His head is still developing but is well balanced and masculine. His eye still needs to darken but time is still on his side. He has sufficient bone and stands on good feet. He is well off for forechest and deep in body with a good level topline. He showed lovely reach and drive from behind with nice tidy hocks.

2 Merrick Tiverstone Statement Stormerick B&W 16m old who was more mature than 1. Lovely head shape and balance but would like a more almond shaped eye. He has super forechest and depth of body. Well off for bone and tight feet. Sufficient lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Moved ok but was a little untidy behind which cost him the class today.

### 3 Gray's Trimere Time Tracker

### Maiden Dog (1,0)

1 Lewis and Bullock Trixhund Creg Ny Baa LWT 10m His head is still developing and he needs to get more work in it to finish off the picture. Lovely length of neck with required arch. Well off for bone and lovely tight feet. Pleasing return of upper arm which lends itself to a wonderful reach on the move. He still needs to drop in his body but time is on his side.

Novice Dog (3,0)

1 Greenfields Eastfalla Next Step

2 Grays Trimere Time Tracker Up to size 12m L&W. Another who is quite strong in back skull. Good eye shape but needs to darken. He has a good handful of forechest which is good to see. Sufficient bone and stands on lovely tight feet. He has decent depth of body but a little long over the loin. I also found him a little long from hock to heel. However he has a lovely side profile gait and moves true behind with good drive.

3 Lewis & Bullock's Trixhund Creg Ny Baa

Post Graduate Dog (1,0)

1 Walkers Dexbenella Atticus Finch This boy presented a lovely picture of a mature dog in excellent coat and condition. He has a text book head with the most beautiful dark eye of correct shape. He has the requisite chiselling and fluting. Good strong neck into lovely lay of shoulder. Sufficient bone and beautiful tight feet. Good to see such depth of body too. His movement was super both away, back and side profile. Surely his title will come. He was closely considered for top honours.

Limit Dog (4,0)

1 Topliss Beresford Night Train My notes just said WOW! I judged this boy as a puppy and he gave me goosebumps and today when he came in that ring he gave me the same feeling. To look at him stacked he makes the most balanced of pictures. He flows from his lovely nose to the tip of his tail. He has a super head that just fits the standard. Balanced, good length of flew with chiselling below his almond shaped eye. Fluting up between his eyes to a correctly shaped back skull. Strong arched neck that leads into a correct lay of shoulder and good return of upper arm. Well off for bone and standing on tight feet. He has correct length of body that has super depth to it. Strong over his loin and moderately angled behind. Today he moved beautifully and flowed around the ring with grace and that unique Springer gait. I was delighted to award him the CC, and even more delighted that this gave him his title. Certainly a dog I would be proud to have in my kennel. BIS

2 Boole and Glendinnings Plaiglen Beaters BTrue B&W Another lovely balanced dog of smaller build. He has a lovely head piece with a super dark eye and wonderful expression that melts your heart. Good strong arched neck into well placed shoulders and good return of upper arm. He is well bodied with good depth and excellent height to length ratio. He moved beautifully away, back and side profile. Shown in excellent coat and hard condition. I don't think I have seen him look as good as he did today and was so unfortunate to meet 1 on such good form. Saying that I could not deny him the Res CC, Best B&W

3 Taubman Meonstoke Hawthorn

Open Dog (3,3)

Veteran Dog (1,0)

1 Murdoch Roqfolly Spectre 7 year old L&W boy. He has a dark eye and a strong arched neck. He is ok for forechest and has good depth of body. He has a lovely side profile and was certainly giving his owner a run for her money today. Lovely to see our veterans still going strong.

#### Special Beginners Dog (2,0)

1 Holmans Roqfolly Endeavour for Artycreath LWT He has a good head shape. He has a good length of neck that is well arched. Really well off for bone and stands on lovely tight feet. Good depth of body and is sufficiently angled to ensure a lovely profile view.

#### 2 Murdoch's Roqfolly Spectre

#### Minor Puppy Bitch (3,0)

Three lovely puppies who I am sure will swap places

1 Cokell's Carlyquinn Kisses of Fire Just 6m old but a beautifully balanced young lady. She has a lovely feminine head with correct eye shape. Arched neck into well placed shoulders. She is well off for forechest and lovely depth of body for one so young. She has super bone and beautiful tight feet. Lovely return of upper arm. She was a little unsettled on the move but showed enough of her super movement to win her the class and to be awarded BPB

2 Mitchell & Every Peasblossom Xanti 7m B&W litter sister to MPD winner. She is ultra feminine with a beautiful head of correct proportions. Correct eye shape and colour. Well off for bone and again stands on tight feet. She has super depth to her body and is in fabulous condition. She has correct angles both front and rear. Moved well with reach and drive. I was really splitting hairs here but just preferred the overall balanced look of 1 when stacked.

#### 3 Greenfield & Trueman Eastfalla Its Showtime

#### Puppy Bitch (3,1)

1 Corbett's Trimere Taylor Swift LWT 10m mature looking puppy. A little heavy in the head for me but she has an arched neck into a well layed shoulder placement. Ample forechest and well bodied but needs to drop in middle. She has sufficient bone and stands on tight feet. Excellent return of upper arm which shows in her lovely forward reach on the move.

2 Greenfield & Trueman Eastfalla Rock My World Smaller frame than 1 but still a lovely puppy. A feminine head of correct shape and I preferred this to 1. A strong arched neck into well layed shoulders. She has excellent bone and is well bodied.

#### Junior Bitch (6,2)

Another strong class of young bitches

1 Calvert's Calvdale Stowaway Magic LWT 14m. Another top drawer bitch from this kennel. She oozes femininity with the most beautiful head with correct eye shape and colour. Already showing the work that is required to ensure that melting Springer expression. Strong arched neck into a lovely lay of shoulder. More than a handful of forechest which is a trademark of this kennel. She has fabulous bone and the most delightful tight feet. She flowed around the ring with forward reach and drive behind. Shortlisted and strongly considered for top honours

2 Lamberts Eastfalla Sea the Stars with Shamisha B&W 13m. Very pretty headed bitch of smaller frame than 1. She makes a stunning picture stacked and is balanced throughout. She is well angled front and rear. Well bodied with sufficient bone. She moved beautifully around the ring and was unlucky to meet 1 on such form today.

3 Stobbie's Carmen Miranda Buxusson (Imp CZ)

Yearling (3,1)

1 Lamberts Eastfalla See the Stars with Shamisha

2 Cummings Tiverstone Winter Nelis to Hollysend Pretty feminine bitch of lighter build than 1. Good head shape. Clean strong arched neck. Good body depth and well angled. Preferred the more animated movement of 1.

Graduate Bitch (3,1)

1 Walkers Beresford Night Nurse at Dexbenella Beautiful B&W bitch with the most elegant feminine head. Fabulous work in her head that lends itself to a melting expression that would draw anybody in. Clean neck. She has an excellent lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Good depth of body and spring of rib. Moderate angles fore and aft enable this girl to move with true ESS movement. She has the most wonderful side profile. Considered and pushed hard for top honours. I am sure her day will come.

Post Grad Bitch (4,0)

These three bitches all have real quality and could easily swap places on another day

1 Calvert's Calvdale Heritage of Folly JW My surprise of the day. I have seen her from the ringside and admired her quality but when I got my hands on her she exceeded my expectations. A balanced bitch, she has the most feminine head with requisite fluting and chiselling. Dark eye of correct shape. She has such a strong neck with lovely arch. She is well made and has super bone and tight feet. Well off for forechest and spring of rib. Balanced angles front and rear, she flowed around the ring, moving freely with reach and drive. A beautiful bitch well worthy of the Bitch CC today and RBIS.

2 Topliss's Beresford Night Class Litter sister to Graduate Bitch winner and has many of her attributes. What a super litter?! Smaller build than 1 but ultra feminine throughout. She has excellent bone and tight feet. Well bodied and spring of rib. True movement away and back. Just preferred the side profile of my winner today.

3 Croucher & Hill Teignvalley Diavari

Limit Bitch (11,2)

1 Walkers Dexbenella Serendipity Another beautiful feminine bitch from this kennel. She has the most exquisite head with so much work in it. Requisite fluting between the eyes and chiselling below. Dark eye of correct shape and when it is all put together it facilitates the most melting expression. She has excellent bone and feet with moderate angles front and rear. Good return of upper arm and correct lay of shoulder. When stacked she makes a balanced picture. When she moves her construction enables her to show correct movement away and back as well as a wonderful side gait. She couldn't be denied the Res CC today.

2 Calverts Calvdale Hot Pink JW This B&W bitch has the most elegant headpiece. She is so pretty with a dark eye of correct shape. Correctly arched well muscled neck that leads into well placed shoulders. She has super bone and feet with the most wonderful forechest that this kennel excels in and is sadly lacking in so many. Moderately angled behind but a little longer in hock to heel. Moved well and was really splitting hairs between the two. Two lovely bitches.

3 Corbetts Trimere Ticatboo

Open Bitch (4,2)

1 Corbetts Sh CH Trimere Ticket Maid Beautiful feminine bitch with a lovely head and expression. Dark eye of correct shape and head having lots of work in it. Required chiselling under the eyes and fluting. She has sufficient bone standing on tight feet and an excellent lay of shoulder. She moves freely with forward reach and drive behind. A worthy champion shortlisted for top honours.

2 Terry Richardson's Cherishym Celaneo Longer cast bitch than 1. She has a lovely neck and shoulders with plenty of forechest. I would like more depth in her body. Moves with reach and drive. Well presented.

Veteran Bitch (3,0)

1 Walkers Dexbenella Inquisitress JW 9 ½ years young and what a beauty she still is. She is a bitch I have always admired her for her femininity and flowing movement. She has lost none of those qualities that I previously appreciated. She was shown in lovely hard condition and in fabulous coat. She is so well balanced and is moderately angled front and rear. Stands on good legs and feet with sufficient bone. She moved really well for a youngster! Best Veteran in Show

2 Taubman's Peasblossom Geisha at Meonstoke 9 y year old L&W. She has a feminine head with a strong arched neck. Again shown in excellent hard condition and in fabulous coat. She is well bodied with moderate angles. Moved well with reach and drive. A real credit to her owner for presenting her so well.

3 Hipgrave's Ternspringer Melody