

Southern Counties Critique 22

Judge: Mr F Kane

Had a lovely morning and was much happier than on my last two occasions where I was dismayed by too many with nervy temperaments. Today only a few who lacked confidence. Good line up for the challenges – loved my 2 ticket winners who stood out but there are some top-class youngsters coming on – the best junior – is a great example of the breed's correct forward swing and reach on the move. I think what the breed needs to watch is leg length – important for breed balance. Many thanks to my stewards Sam Tydeman and Liz Glass.

PD (2) 1 Walker Dexbenella Double Oh Seven 9 months liver/white excellent head and eye, good bone. Feet can tighten. He can firm up in topline but he has quality all through. I'd prefer a little more leg but full of promise. Best Puppy

2 Hill Dexbenella Double Trouble at Teignvalley litter brother, I liked his body length but needs more leg to balance him. Not as forward in head as the winner and a touch lighter in eye. Went well. Tailset a little low.

JD (2) 1 Calvert Calvdale Ever Thus 13 months, lovely quality all through and his movement is an example of true Springer movement. Very good head and eye. Good angulation of shoulder and upper arm. Good drive. Can fill out a little in ribcage. Shown in excellent form. A good prospect. Would like just a little more leg. Made the final three in the challenge and pressed the reserve CC winner hard. Best Junior.

2 Reynolds Clentonian Pitch Perfect 12 ½ months. Good proportions and leg length which I liked needs to drop in chest now which shows on the move. Good head but his eye can darken yet. Firm topline. Generally, not as forward as the winner.

GD (2) 1 Allery Dexbenella Final Frontier almost 3-year-old, scored in his balance of leg length to body. He scored in moving. Carrying too much weight over the shoulder and rib which shows in his outline on the move.

2 Gledhill Greg De Les Tres Llacunes 2 years, a good moving dog who is a little low on the leg to balance his height but will look better when he fills out in middle piece. Quality head. Eyes can darken. Good legs and feet.

PGD (6) 1 Casey & Jayes Sandylands Xpress Delivery 20 months liver/white a lovely moving dog who looks more balanced on the move. I would like a little more leg to balance his depth of body. Very good chest and ribcage. His head needs time to finish. Scored in shoulder and chest to win this close decision. Res DCC

2 Rowlinson Meltarose Midshipman 2-year-old liver/white/tan, in lovely condition and I liked his bone and rib. Good head and his eye colour is acceptable. Not quite as clean through the shoulder and neck as the winner but I liked him a lot and he pressed hard. 3 Morgans Dexbenella Frilled to Bitz

LD (5, 1) 1 Gray Trimere Time Tracker 4-year-old easy winner of the class for balance, topline and movement. Good head type with soft expression. Very good forehead. Top size.

2 Woodbridge Crackerjanne Court Jester 6-year-old a lovely headed dog who needs a little more leg. His topline could be firmer. Clean mover. Scored in head and cleanness through the shoulder over.

3 Richardson & Terry-Richardson Cherishym Draconis

OD (5, 1) Quality dogs but for me the winner stood away. Never seen him before and it was a pleasure to see him for type, balance and quality. 1 Walker Sh Ch Dexbenella Atticus Finch ShCEx 5-year-old, easy winner of the class for his balance and movement. Quality head and soft expression. Carries himself well holding a firm topline. Full of type and shown in an immaculate form. DCC

2 Eyeington Sh Ch Meadowdale Daisydale Lightning Bolt 3-year-old bigger black/white with excellent profile movement. Topline can be firmer on the move. His head is a little overdone for my taste. Carriage and showmanship won him this place over.

3 Smith Sh Ch Molverly Top Geezer

V (8, 2) 2 lovely bitches heading this class. 1 Gibson Calvdale Rag Nymph 7-year-old, looked a picture and went with real style. Feminine head and good expression. Carried an excellent topline. Breed type and balance all through. Unexaggerated and a very good mover. Best Veteran.

2 West Meonstoke Cherry Blossom at Grosbreuil 9 years old and still lovely for type and I preferred her head to the winner. Good proportions. Excellent profile stride but not quite as firm in rear as winner. Pressed hard – lovely quality.

3 Taubman Meonstoke Hawthorn

GCDS (2) 1 Kibby Trimere Turn Back Time just 12 months old and forward for her age with good proportions, excellent legs and feet and a quality head which needs a touch more time to finish. One of the best movers with excellent forward swing and good topline. Lovely coat texture and while she needs more feathering to finish her, I think she has a very good career ahead of her.

2 Such Trimere Ticks The Box at Mujascal ShCM 5 year old male and obviously more mature and carrying more coat but I preferred the leg length and balance of the winner who scored on the move. Owner unhappy with my decision and declined to come into the unbeaten dog line-up. I would point out that maturity is not everything and that proportion, type and movement are more important in my decision making.

SBB (4) 1 Harris Melverly Burano 2-year-old of the excellent breed type associated with her breeding. I liked her leg length and body proportions but she needs to fill out in middle piece. Moved cleanly with good stride. Feminine quality head which is not yet fully finished. Good legs and feet and went well here.

2 Reynolds Clentonian Picture Perfect 5-year-old more mature in body but not as feminine in head and expression. Has good type but less weight would improve her outline and movement.

3 Kibby Trimere Taylor Maid at Pinhays

PB (3, 1) 1 Walker Dexbenella Double Vision 9 months lovely quality puppy full of type. Can come up on the leg a little more yet very good on the move scoring in chest and head here.

2 Weyman Spuffing Prosecco 10 months, I liked her proportions and frame but not as forward in chest and body as the winner. Feminine head, eyes a touch round. Carried herself well.

JB (9, 2) Quality class led by two beautiful bitches. 1 Calvert Calvdale Flutter top quality 15 months liver/white/tan full of type and went well. Superb legs and feet. Lovely head type, forward in chest and body. Excellent mover. Scored in topline and eye in this close decision, made the final 3 in the challenge and should have a bright future.

2 Corbett Trimere Time Flys 14 months, scores in her leg length but she is not as forward as the winner or as firm in topline. Lovely head. Just rolling a little on the move but should have a good future.

3 Kibby Trimere Taylor Maid at Pinhays

YB (4, 2) 1 Hill Peasblossom Tupelo Honey with Teignvalley 22 months black/white/tan good proportions and movement. Well bodied and shown in very good form. Very good head type with dark eye. She is a high-quality bitch and should do well.

2 Proctor Petranella Perfick Bliss 15 months reserve in Special beginner's class. Feminine and sound. She needs a little more leg and time to develop in head. A real teenager at the moment but happy and sound.

GB (8, 1) 1 Taubman Meltarose Madeleine at Meonstoke 2-year-old lovely type and very good mover carrying a little too much weight on her but she had a pull in head over the second. Lovely quality Springer.

2 Kibby Trimere Turn Back Time winner of Good Citizens and I liked her a lot. At 12 months the winner is a little more finished in head but I loved her type and clean action should have a good future

3 Simmons Dexbenella Frivolity

PGB (5, 2) 1 House Gledsbury Dynamite 3-year-old who won with her type with beautiful head and expression and good proportions. She was sluggish on the move and could be firmed up but I liked her best for type and balance in this class.

2 Rowlinson Meltarose Mystique 2-year-old liver/white/tan lower on the leg but best mover in the class and in lovely condition. Scoring in topline over 3 to take this place. I would prefer her more feminine in head.

3 Reynolds Clentonian Picture Perfect

LB (5) 1 Keely Shipden Alhambian Diana Dors 5-year-old liver/white lovely Springer type for proportions and movement and scored in her stride and topline to win this good class. Lovely head type, scoring in eye here. Carrying a little weight over her shoulders. On the day which told against her in the challenge where she made the final cut.

2 Dobbin Donarden Gin Fizz 3-year-old another lovely bitch in superb condition and full of breed type and quality. Lovely head, but her eyes are a little bold. Good profile stride. Not as finished in chest as the winner but should have a good future.

3 West Grosbreuil Abricot Regal

OB (6) Great class for depth of quality. 1 Wildsmith & Brown Sh Ch Trimere Tickle Me Fancy 6-year-old in perfect condition and moving with style. Feminine but with good bone and lovely feminine quality head. Beautiful bitch, in peak form looking a picture. CC BOB Group 2.

2 Corbett Sh Ch Trimere Taylor Swift 3-year-old I liked her head and leg length but not in the coat of the winner. Full of Springer type. Her stride and absolutely correct movement won her the Res CC, pressed hard by the Junior bitch who was not as forward in body but what a great line up for the bitch CC

3 Havard Sh Ch Trimere Time to Shine among Annawah