

Southern English Springer Spaniel Society
Open Show
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I would like to thank the officers and committee of the SESSS club, for inviting me to judge this Open Show. It was a great honour, and an appointment that I thoroughly enjoyed. The hospitality was fantastic, and it was lovely to catch up with old friends and fellow exhibitors. A huge thank you to Celia for Stewarding, and to Hilary Male for helping when required. And a huge thank you to my quiet, unassuming friend Claire Sharp for keeping me company.

I was very impressed with the quality of my entry overall. I feel very fortunate to have had the pleasure of judging these exhibits. In dogs I shortlisted 4, they were my Open Dog, Limit Dog, Special Yearling Dog and Junior Dog. All very worthy winners of their classes.

In bitches I shortlisted the Open Bitch, Limit Bitch, Special Yearling Bitch and Junior Bitch. The quality was excellent and gave me a dilemma. All worthy winners again and I was splitting hairs in the dog and bitch awards.

The main fault I was finding, over and over, was the eye colour, shape and expression. The standard asks for a medium size eye which is well set in, alert with kind expression. Eye colour is dark hazel. Many of the youngsters did not have this eye colour and too many with large, round eyes. This detracts from the soft, kind expression a springer should have. There was also a few showing haw. Presentation on the whole was excellent, however there were a few who hadn't been bathed and left my hands very dirty after judging the exhibit.

Best Dog and BIS: Mitchell's Peasblossom Xanti
Res Best Dog and RBIS: Walker's Sh.Ch. Dexbenella Atticus Finch

Best Bitch and BOS In Show: Calvert's Calvdale Flutter
Res Best Bitch: Peasblossom

Best Veteran: Holt's Plaiglen Beaters Bjewel to Bethryn

Best Black and White: Mitchell's Peasblossom Xanti

Minor Puppy Dog (0)

Puppy Dog (2)

1st Walker's Dexbenella Double Oh Seven, L/W of almost 11 months old. An up-to-size young male but of good proportions. He was certainly acting the goofball today, but for me, I like a puppy to be a puppy and act accordingly. He has a head of good proportions, but his eye does need to darken. The chiselling and fluting will come, I just hope he doesn't go over when his head does break. He has good bone and feet, with a good strong fore chest. His neck is of a good length and falls onto a good lay of shoulder and a good length of upper arm. He has quite a mature body, with a

good depth of chest. His ribs are showing a good spring, and he has a good length of loin. He has good quarters but wouldn't want any more turn of stifle or length of hock. He does need to settle on the move. But on the whole this young boy is already showing potential. BPD.

2nd. Hill's Dexbenella Double Trouble at Teignvalley, litter brother to the winner, and not quite as forward. I would say a better size for his age, but again, his eye does need to darken, and not quite as featured in head just yet. He has a pleasing outline, with good bone, feet are nice and tight, he has a good fore chest. Not quite the length or strength in neck of his brother but has good shoulder placement. Nice compact body which still needs to mature, and good quarters, nothing overdone, and very moderate. Again, does need to settle on the move, but this comes with maturity and growing up. Two very promising puppies.

Junior Dog (1)

1st Calvert's Calvdale Scaramouch Jones, 16-month L/W who presented a very well balanced picture. A good-sized dog, he has a good height to length proportion. His head is well balanced, and very typical. Eye colour could be a tad darker, but the shape is good, and the boy has a lovely expression. Still a young lad, this head will change again whilst he is maturing. He has a good length of neck, but not overly, which is strong. His shoulder placement is set well, and he has a good length of upper arm. He has good bone and lovely feet, with good fore chest. His body is nice and compact with a good depth of chest and nicely sprung ribs and aft a good strong, arched loin. He has good strong quarters, with good depth and second thigh. Hocks nicely let down. He moved very soundly fore and aft, driving from his rear, and covering the ground with ease, tail nicely carried and I can safely say with merriment. Topped off with excellent presentation, I feel one to watch as he matures. Was in my last 4 for best dog.

Special Yearling Dog (1)

1st Topliss' Beresford Lockdown, L/W who is just about to turn 2, by a few days. Lovely type of dog, nicely balanced in shape. He has a balanced head which is masculine. His has a nice dark eye which is well set and of good colour and his expression is lovely His stop flows up through the middle onto a nicely shaped skull. He has good fluting, and his chiselling is developing nicely. He has a good straight front, lovely and well compacted feet. Good bone for a male. He has a good neck of moderate length which is well arched. This goes back onto a well-placed shoulder, which has a good angle of upper arm. Elbows are nicely tucked in to his body. Another with a nice compact body, just needs to mature in the rib area, which I am positive he will. Nice loin, well arched. Good hindquarters, nothing overdone, and moderate in angulation. Good tail set, and on the move this boy drives from the rear and uses his tail when settled. Was in my last 4 for Best Dog.

Maiden Dog (0)

Novice Dog (0)

Graduate Dog (4 entries, 0 Abs)

1st Calvert's Calvdale Ever Thus, L/W from the same kennel as my Junior Dog. I have to say, I prefer the overall shape and style of the Junior boy. This one needs to mature up, although he has a good head of great balance and type. He has a good

length of neck, moderate in length and nicely arched. His shoulders are nicely placed, and he does have good angulation from shoulder to upper arm. Good bone and feet and a good forefront, shoulders are tucked in nicely. He does have a nice compact body, but he lacks the spring of rib of his kennel mate. It will come I am sure, with maturity. His quarters are not quite as moderate as his brother, nor has he the depth and strength in this area as his brother. Moved out well and soundly, the boy just needs some time.

2nd Rowlinson's Meltarose Midshipman, L/W of 2 ½ years old. He has a well-proportioned head, with good eye placement, good colour and lovely expression. He has a good fore chest, good straight legs and good compact feet. His neck is of a moderate length and is strong and well arched. This falls onto well placed shoulders but doesn't quite have the angulation of upper arm as my winner. He also needs to mature in the body and loin department, which he will do in time. He is still young in Springer maturity terms. His quarters are nicely angulated, and he has good well turned down hocks. Good tail set. Moved well and very sound.

3rd Gledhill's Greg De Les Llacunes (Imp)

Post Graduate Dog (2 entries, 0 Abs)

1st Richardson & Terry-Richardson's Cherishym Draconis, L/W boy of 2 ½ years old. This boy has a head one must judge to appreciate. He has a very wide, white blaze that gives the impression this boy's head is unbalanced and strong, but in fact he has a lovely, well balanced head, lovely eye shape and colour and well set. His expression is lovely. Again, the head is going to break more as he matures, but it is masculine without coarseness, and he has a good shape of skull. He has a good length of neck which is well arched, and slopes onto good shoulders. His front is straight and his feet nice and compact. Not quite the angle of upper arm that I would like. His ribs are not as well sprung yet, but this will come with maturity. He has a nice length of loin, which is well arched. His quarters are nicely angulated, have good depth and are strong and well-muscled. Nicely let down hocks of good length. His tail set is good and merry on the move. This boy strides out well and is sound enough.

2nd Allery's Dexbenella Final Frontier, L/W who was Reserve Place in the Graduate Class. A L/W male who does own a masculine head. He has good bone and structure about him, with good legs and feet. He isn't as well defined as my winner, and maybe this is because he needs to mature up. He moved very well and soundly.

Limit Dog (6, 2 Abs)

1st Michell's Peasblossom Xanti, B/W of 4 years of age, and a boy that stole my heart today. Stood out in the class for me in type with his flowing outline and balance and overall construction. He has the most glorious head, so well balanced, masculine but not overdone in any way. He has beautiful chiselling and his eyes are well set, of good shape and nice and dark. His expression is to die for, so charming and kind. His stop is gradual, and his skull is nicely shaped. He has good bone all through. His front is nice and straight with plenty of heart room. Feet are so compact and tight. Good neck length, which is strong and well arched. This falls on to the best of shoulder placements with elbows tucked well to the body. His body is nice and compact, his ribs well sprung. He has a good length of loin, well arched. His quarters are strong with good depth and moderate in angulation. Well let down hocks. Tail set is spot on. On the move he strides out swinging from the shoulder

and driving with his well-developed, muscled quarters and so happy whilst holding his topline. Presentation was just faultless. This boy is hitting his best form and today I was happy to award him Best Dog and then Best In Show.

2nd Richardson & Terry-Richardson's Cherishym Dofida, another B/W, litter brother to my Post Graduate winner. This boy matched my winner very well. Not as mature as my 1st place but does possess the most beautiful of heads. He is only 2 ½ years old, so still has some maturing to do, but he has the most wonderful eye shape and eye colour set nicely. His expression is so kind. He presents a lovely balanced overall shape. He has a good straight front, plenty of heart room, elbows nicely tucked in to his body and good tight feet. His neck is a good length and falls onto a good shoulder placement. Has a better upper arm than his brother and he is also more mature in the body, with a better spring of rib. Another one with excellent hindquarters, nothing overdone at all. His quarters are moderately angulated, and strong, with good muscle. Well let down hocks. For me, this boy just needs to mature up, and I would like to see some of his body feathering thinned out. Moves beautifully though and definitely one to watch for the future.

3rd Ainsley & Nicklin's Daenerys Blood Of The Dragon

Open Dog (2)

1st Walker's Sh. Ch. Dexbenella Atticus Finch L/W boy of 5 years old and really on form. This boy has the most charming head. He has the most delectable expression, and this is because he has good eye set with good shape and a lovely dark hazel colour. His head is well balanced and masculine, but not overdone in any way. He has a good straight front with plenty of chest room. His feet are nice and compact. He has a good length of neck, which is strong and well arched. He has the best shoulder placement, and he has good angulation on the upper arm, which shows when he is on the move, swinging correctly from the shoulder. Great height to length proportions, he presents a really good solid, outline. Great spring of ribs, strong well arched loin. He has good, strong quarters, which have great depth and so well-muscled. Toned all the way through, on the move so very sound, and really drives from his quarters and holding his topline well. Well presented, another very happy boy that I fell in love with. I was pleased to award his Reserve Best Dog and ultimately Reserve Best In Show.

2nd Topliss' Sh. Ch. Beresford As Good As It Gets, almost 4 years old, another who is reaching his full potential. Today, I preferred the stronger front of my winner, but he has much to offer. In stance, he is very well proportioned, with good height to length and not overdone in any way. He has a good masculine head of good proportions. I preferred the stronger front of my winner today, but this boy has good neck and shoulder placement. He has a good, firm topline with a good spring of ribs. Another dog with good strong quarters which are not overdone in anyway. He was very sound on the move. Presentation was good, and he was superbly handled.

Veteran Dog (2, 1 absent)

1st Taubman's Meonstoke Hawthorn, L/W boy of 9 years of age. He is also the sire to my best puppy dog and best puppy bitch. I always love the oldies, and this boy is certainly looking very well for his age. He has a well proportioned head, a good eye colour, and a dear expression, so kind. He is well boned, with a good straight front and plenty of heart room. He has adequate length of neck falling onto a good shoulder placement. Elbows well tucked into the body, he has good depth and a

good ribcage. Quarters are moderately angulated and are well muscled. He moved very well around the ring, considering the hot weather and his age.

Special Beginners Dog (1)

1st Allery's Dexbenella Final Frontier, L/W boy who was Res in the Graduate Class.

Minor Puppy Bitch (2, 1 Absent)

1st Richardson & Terry-Richardson's Daenerys Moondancer to Cherishym, this little sweetheart is literally only 6 months old, and she really did look very much a baby. She has the sweetest of heads. Personally, I would like to see a bit more substance on her all through and I hope this will come as she matures. She does need to settle standing and moving, but I am sure this will all come together as she grows up.

Puppy Bitch (3, 1 Absent)

1st Walker's Dexbenella Double Vision. L/W litter sister to the dog, and oh my days, she totally took my breath away. Stood, absolutely stunning with good balance and very much my type. She has the most gorgeous, feminine head and yes, eye does need to darken, but she still has the kindest expression. Good frontage, with good room for heart. She has a straight front and the best of feet. Elbows nice tucked into the body. The body nice and compact, and of good length. Her quarters are strong and have good depth and 2nd thigh. Well let down hocks. For her age, she is well muscled, and on the move, very sound and a delight to watch. As always from this kennel, very well presented. I predict good things for this girl, and I would be more than happy to have her come stay with me anytime. Best Puppy Bitch and Best Puppy In Show

2nd Weyman's Spuffing Presecco, L/W bitch who is nearly 12 month old. This one isn't quite as forward as my winner and doesn't quite have the substance that I prefer. She has a pretty little head, which is very feminine and well balanced. Her overall shape is pleasing, with good height to length ratio. She does need to mature and settle for her owner.

Junior Bitch (4)

1st Calvert's Calvdale Flutter, L/W/T bitch that really caught my eye as she entered the ring. She is of a lovely type who has flowing lines and is so well balanced. I wasn't disappointed on going over her. She has a beautifully balanced feminine head. Her eyes are set well, nicely shaped and such a very, soft, kind expression. She is nicely boned. Her front is straight and is nice and strong with good heart room. The tightest of feet. Her neck is of a moderate length and is well arched and strong and she is nicely angulated on the upper arm. Elbows tucked nicely into the body, she has a good spring of rib, and a compact body that I like. Good strong topline. Her quarters are strong with a good second thigh of moderate angulation. Lovely well let down hocks. Very sound on the move, she actually does move effortlessly but with purpose. Not overdone in feathering, she is beautifully presented, I was pleased to award her Best Bitch and Best Opposite Sex in Show 2nd Corbett's Trimere Time Flys, L/W bitch who has a very pleasing head and expression. For me, I feel she is going through another transition period, and wasn't quite as well balanced as my winner, but this is just my opinion. She has a good neck which flows onto good shoulders, and she is well angulated at the front. Not quite the compact in body as my winner, I do feel this girl this is where she is lacking

the maturity right now. She has good hindquarters, which are nicely angulated. Moved out well and soundly. Beautifully presented and handled.
3rd Pattison's Crackerjanne Cassiopeia

Special Yearling Bitch (6, 2 Absent)

1st Hill's Peasblossom Tupelo Honey with Teignvalley, B/W/T bitch who commanded my attention. Absolutely loved her flowing balance and shape, and very much my type. Again, not disappointed when I got my hands on her. She has a well-balanced, feminine head with a super dark eye and wonderfully kind expression. She is well boned, and has a good strong front and lovely neat feet. Her neck is of a good length and is strong and well arched. Her shoulders and upper arm are well angulated, and her elbows nicely fit to the body. She has the compactness that I like with good depth of chest and owns a good spring of ribs. Nicely arched loin which is strong. Her quarters are nicely angulated, with depth and excellent muscle tone. Strong topline held on the move, she is certainly very smart on the move, really driving from the rear and totally happy. She was just a little close on the run off (owner told me after she is due in season), but I really did love this girl. Not overdone in feathering, she was very well presented and handled. Pleased to award her Reserve Best Bitch.

2nd Wilson's Kingsheath Kushida at Cassapple, another B/W/T bitch, who again has the prettiest of heads and expressions. Not quite the angulation fore and aft of my winner, she still needs to mature up in the body department, but she is of a lovely type, and she moved very well around the ring. Beautifully presented and well handled.

3rd Proctor's Petranella Perfick Bliss

Maiden Bitch (2, 1 Absent)

1st Pattison's Crackerjanne Cassiopeia, a very pretty B/W bitch of a super type, she was 3rd in Junior. She has the prettiest of heads and a lovely dark eye and expression. She is nicely boned and has a good straight front and nice tight feet. She has a good length of neck which sits on a good shoulder placement. She needs to deepen in chest, and she does need to mature in body, but she presents a lovely, balanced shape. She has good quarters, which are moderately angulated and which she uses on the move. She is nice and sound. Maybe owner could attend her mothers Ringcraft lessons and practice what was shown to her on the day.

Novice Bitch (4, 2 Absent)

1st Wayman's Spuffing Prosecco

2nd Proctor's Petranella Perfick Bliss, L/W who was beautifully presented and handler was also very well turned out. Loved the red and white against the liver. Definitely my winner for the best turned out handler. Pretty, feminine head with a good expression. She is nicely boned and has a good straight front and nice tight feet. She is well angulated front and rear, however she does need to body up and drop in chest. She moved out well and very sound.

Graduate Bitch (6, 2 Absent)

1st Simmons' Dexbenella Frivolity, a L/W of lovely shape and balance. She owns a lovely, well balanced head and has a good expression. She is very well angulated front and rear. She has good bone but keeps that femininity about her. She has super feet and legs well tucked into the body. She is maturing nicely in the body but

would like to see more spring of rib. She has good height to length proportions though and has lovely angulated quarters. Moved very well with soundness.

2nd Holt's Bethryn Sea of Tranquillity L/W who owns a beautiful head. Nice and feminine with a very kind expression. She has a good neck length and is well angulated at the front. She is lacking the depth and maturity in the middle part, but is well angulated to the rear, and moved out very well. Well presented.

3rd Rowlinson's Meltarose Mystique

Post Graduate Bitch (6, 4 Absent)

1st Harris' Molverley Burano, L/W who catches the eye for her very classical lines. Stood presents a beautiful type and is of beautiful balance that flows. She owns a delightful head and a very endearing expression. She has a good neck, which is arched and strong, her shoulders are correct, and she owns a good strong front with plenty of heart room. She has the tightest of feet. She is maturing nicely in the body, and she has a good ribcage and good depth of chest. Her loin is nicely arched and strong, and for me her quarters are just right, nothing overdone whatsoever with a good second thigh. On the move, she is a delight to watch, moving out and driving from the rear and very sound. She is such a happy sole on the move, and I am going to watch her career with interest. Just need the eye to darken up a bit more but is beautifully presented and in fine fettle.

2nd Lillie's Freeway Remembrance, another L/W of lovely type. Not quite as up on the leg as my winner, but still has a good shape and balance to her. Very feminine in head, she is well angulated at the front, with good straight legs and compact feet. A good length of neck falls onto good shoulders. Nice compact body, with ribs that are developing. Good hindquarters that are nicely angulated, she moved very well and soundly.

3rd Ainsley & Nicklin's Daenerys Song of Ice and Fire

Limit Bitch (5, 1 Absent)

1st Cokell's Carlyquinn Kisses of Fire JW, a very pretty headed bitch with a cracking expression. She is nicely boned and has compact feet. Her front is straight, with elbows nicely tucked in. She has a good neck and shoulder and an excellent angulation on the upper arm. She has a nicely matured body, with good spring of rib and good loin which is arched and strong. Her quarters are of a good angulation, and she has well let down hocks. She moves out very well and very soundly, and her presentation is superb. In my last 4 for best bitch.

2nd Lillie's Freeway Fortune, this L/W is more my type, and I really did love her. Stood she has a lovely outline and is well balanced but didn't have the maturity of my winner. She owns the most feminine of heads and pleasing expression. She has a good, straight front, good bone and nice feet. Her neck is of a good length, and she has good shoulders and angulation to the upper arm. Compared to my winner, she was not as mature in the middle section, and needs to deepen in chest. Good hindquarters though, with moderate angulation, and neat hocks which were well let down. On the move, is very steady and sound.

3rd Calvert's Calvdale Hostage of Fortune.

Open Bitch (4, 1 Abs)

1st Ainsley & Nicklin's Daenerys Winds of Winter, L/W who I could not deny the class. Absolutely loved her stood. Such a clean, flowing outline and well balanced. Not as up on the leg as I like admittedly, but just stood there, I thought yep, I like

you. Head was very feminine with great eye colour and expression. She is nicely boned and has a straight front and good compact feet. Her front angulation is lovely, from her neck to her shoulders down to the upper arm. However, she was lacking in weight today, which I noticed when I got my hands on her. She has good depth to her chest and her spring of rib was good, but no meat on her, especially around the loin area. Her rear angulation is also good, not overly done, and lovely neat let down hocks. She moves exceedingly well and is very sound. Presentation was excellent. I would like to see her again when she has a little more weight on her. In my last 4 for Best Bitch.

2nd Wildsmith & Brown's Sh.Ch. Trimere Tickle Me Fancy, L/W now 6 years old. A very pretty bitch with a pleasant eye and expression. She has good bone. She has plenty of heart room between her front and tidy feet. She has a good length of neck, well arched, and her shoulders are placed nicely. She is compact in body and has a good depth of chest. I did prefer the rear angulation of my winner, but that is not taking away the quality of this girl, which is just my assessment on the day. She was presented immaculately, and her young handler certainly got the best out of her on what was an exceedingly hot day.

3rd Corbett's Sh. Ch. Trimere Taylor Swift

Veteran Bitch (5, 2 Absent)

1st Holt's Plaiglen Beaters Bjewel to Bethryn JW, headed up this Veterans Class, and what a love she is. In super shape, she has a lovely well-balanced outline. I found her head to be very feminine and pretty with an adorable kind expression. She has a nice neck and good front angulation. She is well bodied, with good rib cage and depth of chest. Her quarters are nicely angulated and well-muscled. She was definitely the best mover in the class, she could show some of the youngsters how it is done. Well done for keeping her in top nick. I was pleased to award her Best Veteran in Show.

2nd Weyman's Spuffing Molly's Secret, B/W bitch, of a slightly heavier build than my winner. At 7 years old, she still keeps her balanced shape. She has a beautiful dark eye and a grand expression. She has a good neck and shoulders; she is well bodied with a deep chest. Her hindquarters are nicely angulated, and she moved very well around the ring.

3rd Gibson's Calvdale Rag Nymph

Special Beginners Bitch (2)

1st Pattison's Crackerjanne Cassiopeia

2nd Proctor's Petranella Perfick Bliss