

Critique WELKS 2023 Judge Mrs B Nicholson



Dog CC and BOB Sh Ch Meadowdale Daisydale Lightning Bolt

Bitch CC Sh Ch Trimere Tickle Me Fancy

RDCC Sandylands Xpress Delivery

RBCC Sh Ch Sandylands Send The Roses

Best Puppy Melverly Iridescent

Thank you to the WELKS committee for the invitation to judge at their show, a long time coming with Covid delaying the appointment, such a shame the weather didn't play ball and allow us to be outside on the grass; and a special thank you to my two lovely, friendly stewards.

My overall impression of this entry was there were some lovely eye catching dogs on the stand, but on going over them I found too many were lacking forechest and narrow all through body with no width and depth and that lovely spring of rib. Heads also need to be watched, many were long and narrow with round (although lovely and dark) eyes and lacked the essential chiselling that gives you the unique, gentle look of an English Springer. That being said, I found some lovely examples of the breed, and I thank you for your entry.

Veteran Dog

1. Taubmans' Meonstoke Hawthorn. 10 year old l/w in super condition for his age. Masculine head which is still so handsome with a kind, dark eye. Excellent bone down to beautiful, thickly padded, well-shaped feet. Straight front and elbows set well to body. He is well ribbed and deep with a strong loin and well-developed muscular rear. He moved so well and soundly with plenty of enthusiasm keeping a strong topline at all times, lovely presentation.
2. Charltons' Petranella Jubilee Jester. Another 10 ½ year old who certainly belied his years. This l/w/t was in fabulous condition and excellent weight. Such a kind, dark eye that melted your heart. He was slightly taller with a good straight front with plenty of heart room, lovely depth, and a level topline. He didn't move with the enthusiasm or style of 1st but there was no denying he was sound front and back. Both are a credit to their owners.

Minor Puppy Dog

1. Eastwoods' Eastfalla Rocking My World. An 8 month old l/w/t who is just right for his age. Lovely size and so very well balanced and compact, beautifully made all through in perfect weight and condition. Found him to have a good forechest, good through neck and shoulder and lovely spring of rib and moderately bent stifle. He tended to move a little erratically with typical puppy exuberance but was sound coming and going
2. Walkers' Dexbenella It's Only Me. On the stand I found this b/w boy to be an attractive, symmetrically built dog, not quite as forward as 1st. He had a super dark, kind eye, although I would prefer it to be a little tighter, good bone and strong, full feet. Just needs to settle and strengthen on the move to show his attributes, but a baby and time is on his side. Two promising youngsters.

Puppy Dog

No entries

Junior Dog

1. Chandlers' Elazlan Tribal Craft. An eye catching b/w dog who stood paints a balanced picture. Excellent leg length and racy in build, he excelled in front and rear movement. Super front, with well boned legs onto thick, well-shaped feet. A strong, muscular neck, his shoulders are well laid and he is well ribbed with a well-developed moderate rear and tail well set. Spot on in development for age. His head has good proportions but would prefer a tighter almond shaped eye. Beautifully presented.
2. Traczs' Beresford On My Way With Acregate. A strongly built, masculine l/w dog who has super substance. His head is a little heavier than I would prefer however it is well shaped. Eyes are a little round, but had a naughty glint which I loved. Excellent length of neck, into super well laid shoulders, weight is spot on, which showed his lovely spring of rib. He came alive on the move showing power and drive, was handled to perfection to get the very best out of him. A dog that will continue to improve I feel.
3. Le-Clercs' Hunterheck Fade to Black.

Yearling Dog

1. Reynolds' Clentonian Pitch Perfect. Rising 2 year dog who is a picture of moderation. He is not a flashy one and could be easily missed. His head was well shaped, just needs a little more work around his tight, almond shaped hazel eye to complete the picture. Well boned, with enough forechest. I found him to be a little upright in shoulder but has super depth and width to his body. Broad, well-developed rear. He moved soundly but with no enthusiasm.
2. Hills' Dexbenella Double Trouble At Teignvalley. This beautifully presented, young man catches your eye on the stand, he is a good size, and presents a pleasing balanced picture. He has good width to his skull and muzzle, I just found him to be a little plain in the head with a lighter eye but I'm sure this will darken with age and maturity. He has good bone and feet, and a strong compact body which is maturing well. Moved a little wide front and back, but side profile was powerful from his excellent muscle tone.
3. Warreners' Eastfalla Sherlock Holmes.

Post Graduate Dog

1. Topliss' Beresford Bolt From The Blue. This classy b/w dog caught my eye with his outline and balance. Loved him for size and such a beautiful well moulded head with super chiselling giving a divine expression from his dark, expressive eyes. Well boned, with a straight front and a good length of neck into well laid shoulders, good for depth, short coupled and broad muscular thighs, he moved ok and soundly but I would have just preferred a stronger, more confident action. A strong consideration for the RCC. No doubting he will be crowned sooner than later.
2. Claydons' Nineoaks Bring Him Home. This fully mature l/w/t was beautifully presented. A lovely dog to go over, he's a very standard, moderately made all through dog. A masculine head, a little heavier in back skull than I would prefer. His forechest is strong and stands well boned with lovely thickly padded feet, good length of neck onto well placed shoulders, lovely depth and width and a strong, muscular rear. When he settled he moved well with an even stride.
3. Rowlinsons' Meltarose Midshipman.

Limit Dog

1. Casey & Jayes' Sandylands Xpress Delivery. Cracking presentation on this l/w dog, standing he presents a racy symmetrically built outline with a super length of leg. A soft, pleasing expression with dark hazel eyes. I was pleased to see a slight arch to his strong neck which was of good length into well laid shoulders, fully mature which showed in his well developed chest with plenty of heart room and a super spring of rib with good depth. He is well coupled which leads to a strong, well-muscled rear. On the move he showed a strong level topline, covering the ground with excellent, typical, sound movement, a showman of quality that couldn't be denied the RCC.
2. Richardson & Terry-Richardsons' Cherishym Dofida. A well-constructed b/w dog. For me, his head was a little heavier than I would prefer, but I loved his darkest of eyes that showed a gentle, kind expression. He is well boned with well-shaped feet. He has a good length of neck which blends into well laid and placed shoulders. He has good width and depth and decent spring of rib and a broad, well-muscled rear with well let down hocks, I would just prefer a better length of leg to complete the picture and perhaps a little less feathering. A sound, honest and happy mover.
3. Morgans' Dexbenella Frilled To Bitz.

Open

1. Eyeingtons' Sh Ch Meadowdale Daisydale Lightning Bolt. This fully mature masculine b/w/t caught your eye immediately for his well balanced and free from exaggeration outline. His head is all male, well-shaped with no trace of coarseness. I liked his dark, well-shaped eye and the fluting and chiselling. I wouldn't want him any bigger but loved his excellent height to length ratio. His front assembly is very good with lovely bone and thick, well-shaped feet. Excellent depth and width and spring of rib, with the best of rear ends. Thighs are broad, muscled and hammy, combined with a firm level topline and correct tail set this showed his correct movement with excellent reach and drive, the engine is definitely in the boot of this car! A well-deserved CC and BOB and delighted to see him shortlisted in the group.
2. Topliss' Sh Ch Beresford Lockdown. A striking young l/w dog, for me, not quite fully mature but I really liked. Beautiful shape to his skull, with fabulous well set dark almond shaped eye and chiselling to give him a kind, dreamy look, I just would have preferred him stronger in muzzle with a little more depth of flew. Good straight front, beautiful for bone and the most delightful, thickly padded, tight feet. A compact, strong body all through and another with a slight arch to his well-shaped neck going into well placed shoulders, loved his hindquarters and gorgeous short hocks. He was inclined to lean back slightly on the stand. On the move he is very sound, but maybe just slow him down a tad to show his lively, powerful movement to full advantage.
3. Allen & Botts' Sh Ch Trimere Tipping Point Of Allenie.

Veteran Bitch

1. Wests' Grosbreuil Abricot Regal. 7 year l/w bitch who presents a balanced outline. Feminine, well chiselled head with the most lovely almond shaped, kind eye. A picture of moderation all through, enough neck into good shoulder placement, a very standard, well-made bitch with depth and width and excellent weight. Very well-muscled, she moved soundly keeping a good, firm topline but would have like to have seen a little more verve. Sympathetically handled.

Minor Puppy Bitch

1. Smiths' Melverly Iridescent. At nearly 9 months old this young bitch had maturity on her side. She appealed in balance and outline although I wouldn't want her any bigger. For me her head needs to break, time will be her friend. She is good for bone and has tidy, well-rounded feet. Very mature and deep in body which is strong and compact and well ribbed back with fabulous well-developed hindquarters and short hocks. She moved well and soundly with a nice outline and a free, easy manner. Best Puppy.
2. Eastwoods' Plaiglen Bestylish Girl. Not as forward as 1st at 8 months, but her style, shape and size appealed. Has a glorious dark, well-shaped eye, her head is a lovely shape and feminine, I would have preferred her foreface to be a little more in proportion to her skull. Feet are a little flat but she has enough bone all through. The best forechest of the day, with well sprung ribs and is short coupled. She moved well and steadily.
3. Havards' Annavah Aquarius.

Puppy Bitch

1. Frushers' Chanangel When You Believe. A beautifully presented and handled year old l/w bitch. Feminine and well-shaped head with super chiselling and fluting. Elegant neck with a good front assembly, decent width and depth for her age, a little longer in loin, her hindquarters are moderately angled. She appealed for her size and moderation in outline. She moved soundly with a particularly good rear movement.

Junior Bitch

1. Savells' Petranella Tipping The Wink. 13 month l/w. A pleasing outline with nice balance and just lovely for size and type. She has good width and balance to her skull and muzzle but found her a little steep in stop. On the stand she shows excellent angulation fore and aft and just right for her age and development in body with a firm topline. I liked her hindquarters which were well developed and an excellent bend of stifle and second thigh. On the move she goes with enthusiasm and very soundly behind, today she decided to paddle in front which was a shame.
2. Joyces' Peasblossom Aura At Felltops. Initially, I thought this gleaming l/w bitch would be my winner. She is immaculately presented and stands a picture of balance and symmetrically built and excellent length of leg although I would prefer a touch more bone. Such a pretty, feminine head and thought her chiselling and dark eyed expression lovely. Front angulation is super and her hindquarters are in hard muscular condition. She moves well and freely and her side gait is scopey. However, I found her a little narrow all through which showed in her front and rear movement. Age and time will be her friend.
3. Smiths' Melverly Vignette.

Yearling Bitch

1. Walkers' Dexbenella Double Take. This young l/w catches your eye immediately with her typical, compact outline, if I could wave a magic wand, I would like her with a touch more length of leg, but there is no doubting she is quality. Her eyes are dark hazel and of good shape, her head is well moulded and correct, a little lacking in chiselling but hopefully this will improve with age. Her front angulation was excellent with lovely bone. She has depth and width, short coupled and a firm, level topline. Her rear angles match her front beautifully. Loved her fat bum and short hocks. Liked her reach and drive on side profile but would like her to firm up a little front and behind. Beautifully presented.
2. Kibbys' Trimere Taylor Maid At Pinhays JW. A l/w bitch rising 2 years. Lovely size and compact in shape, she has a pretty, well moulded shaped head but found her a little round in the eye that spoilt her expression. She couldn't match one in maturity or substance today and would have preferred slightly better bone. She moves with confidence and her side gait is steady, front and rear movement is narrower than I would have liked but another who has time on her side.
3. Weymans' Spuffing Prosecco.

Post Graduate Bitch

1. Pattisons' Crackerjanne Cassiopeia. A smart b/w 2 year old bitch with much to admire. Stood she is a super size and presents a balanced outline with nothing exaggerated. She has a pleasing front construction, good for bone and fabulous well shaped feet. Such a feminine and appealing well moulded head, her eyes were like dark pools to the soul! Enough spring of rib set well back onto her muscular loin. Her rear end is developing well with a moderate stifle. She moved true and soundly front and rear with a smart side profile keeping a good topline.
2. Hills' Peasblossom Tupelo Honey With Teignvalley. An upstanding b/w/t bitch in the most fantastic condition who is well balanced with a pleasing outline. Her head is well balanced with lovely fluting and chiselling, she has a reachy neck that flows to well laid shoulders. Her chest is deep and ribs well sprung. Her hindquarters are meaty with excellent muscle. She moves with drive but today I found her a little narrow in her rear movement.

Limit Bitch

1. Lillies' Freeway Remembrance. A fully mature 5 year old l/w bitch who I liked for size and shape. There is no exaggeration on this bitch she is moderate, compact and balanced. Her head is well-shaped and feminine with a very dark hazel eye and has the sweetest expression. Her neck is muscular and strong and set into well laid shoulders. Her chest is deep, well developed and has a lovely spring of rib. A well developed, muscular rear, and a moderate bend of stifle, her topline is strong and has a good tailset. She moves well and soundly but didn't put a whole lot of effort into it, maybe moving her a little faster would be to advantage.
2. Taubmans' Meltarose Madeleine At Meonstoke. An upstanding young bitch with an attractive outline. Her head is well made of medium length with enough stop and chiselling, ideally, I would like her to be a little more feminine. She didn't have the maturity of my winner. She is clean and reachy through neck and shoulder, enough forechest with good width and depth for her age and well boned. Her hindquarters are well muscled and hocks well let down. She covers the ground well on an easy free stride. Presented in excellent order.
3. Corbetts' Trimere Time Flies.

Open Bitch

1. Wildsmith & Browns' Sh Ch Trimere Tickle Me Fancy. This classy 7 year old was determined to take on the girls... and she did. Such a typey, compact bitch. The breed standard asks for merry and active, she has that in abundance. She stands on the most gorgeous tight feet and is moderate and balanced with no exaggeration at all, totally feminine but with enough bone and strength to keep you looking. Her head is a beautiful shape, with super chiselling and fluting, the grey around her eyes accentuates her beautiful almond shaped, dark eye with such a soft kind expression. Her neck is of good length, shoulders are well laid, if I could, I would give her a little more in forechest. She has width and depth, her weight is perfect, and she is well coupled. She has a muscular rear and good in second thigh, I think the feathering down to her hocks actually detracts that though. On the move she shows correct reach and drive on a loose lead with an ever wagging tail. It was a pleasure to award her the CC and Best Veteran in Breed. She then went on to take Veteran Group 2 later that day. Congratulations.
2. Casey & Jayes' Sh Ch Sandylands Send The Roses. What a lovely find this bitch was. Symmetrical, compact, highest on leg and racy. In my opinion this lovely young bitch matched the standard very well. Her head is balanced, eyes are a lovely shape and dark in colour although I would like to see little more work around the eye. Her throat is clean and her front straight with an excellent forechest, elbows are set well to her body in fact her front angulation is lovely. Deep in rib, strong in loin, a moderate bend of stifle and in hard muscular condition which showed when she moved with a firm

topline and good tail carriage. She came to life on the move swinging from her shoulder and hocks driving well under body, it was effortless. A well deserved RCC.

3. Chandlers' Sh Ch Elazlan Right Of Reply.

