

## London & Provincial Collie Club's Open Show, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Critique for Rough Collies

Such a shame that the small entry was decimated further by absentees, mainly due to 'Storm Eunice' causing havoc the day before. But, well done to those who made it to this well organised show and thank you to the friendly committee, especially my stewards Keith and Paddy, for making this a most enjoyable day.

### Dogs

#### Vet D (1)

1. Skinner's Nikal It's Gud To Be Black VW. Well coated 10 ½ year old tri d of correct size/length ratio and in good condition. Clean head, sweet eye, ears could be tighter with carriage problematical today. Ample bone and substance and good depth of chest. Showed steadily and moved freely though tended to 'toe in' in front. BVD

#### Min PD (0)

#### Puppy D (2,1)

1. Howard, Newton & Patterson's Ladnar Dreamchaser. 9 months old b/m d with harsh coat of clear blue. Immature at present and up on the leg so affecting overall balance. Promising pup with the most gorgeous melting expression – clean head, dark eyes and neat expressive ears. Moved freely though a tad close behind at present. Would like to see him again when mature. BPD.

#### Jun D (1)

1. Milligan & Marley's Alfsden He Lives In You. Typical 14 months b/m d developing well and in good harsh coat of clear blue with good merling. Head handled well with clean cheeks and flat skull, sweet dark eye and correctly placed and expressive ears. Good bend of stifle and fair lay-back of shoulder, good depth of chest and spring of rib. Would prefer slightly more reach of neck to give that required elegance. Moved soundly with drive. Pleased to award him BD.

#### Yearling D (1)

1. Milligan & Marley's Alfsden Endless Night. Tri brother to Junior winner and of similar type and construction. Good head pattern and neat ears but would prefer slightly larger eye. Fair reach of neck and good lay-back of ribs though a tad short in loin. Good bone and substance. Covered the floor well, but somewhat erratically as very excitable.

#### Grad D (0)

#### Postgrad D (1)

1. May's Camanna Careerchangeing For Maqueebea. Upstanding and typical Collie, a well turned out s/w d. Head handled well with good underjaw and sweet eye. Ears well set

though loathe to use them today. Adequate bone and substance, good depth of chest and bend of stifle though a little steep in upper arm. Moved freely keeping topline level.

#### Limit D (2)

1. Fuller's Hanvale Arthur Shelby With Damos. Beautifully turned out golden sable d with lovely head pattern and sweet eye though ears could be held a tad tighter. Good bone and substance, good depth of chest, spring of rib, adequate turn of stifle but a little steep in front. A better reach of neck would enhance his elegance. A happy and confident dog, he showed steadily and moved soundly with drive. RBD.
2. Singh's Tiganlea Task Master At Trenic. Upstanding dark b/m d with dark tan points who commands attention. Of good type and correct height/length ratio, he has a balanced and clean head with sweet dark eye, correct ear carriage giving the desired expression. Solid d of good substance with fair angulation fore and aft. He showed steadily and moved quite freely though sadly too proud of his tail, which is set correctly, but which spoilt his profile and affected his overall balance on the move. His handler must persevere, as he is a lovely dog.

#### Open D (1)

1. Benton & Smith's Brooklynson El Dorado. Rich s/w d in super condition, with correct body-fitting jacket of correct harsh texture. A typical Collie gentleman, he has a balanced head with flat skull, good fill of foreface and ample underjaw, neat ears and good eye placement. Fractionally deep through which detracted from overall expression which I found a little hard. Overall, however, he is an elegant and well balanced d of correct size and length. Well handled and covered the ground well with plenty of drive.

#### Bitches

##### Vet B (4,3)

1. Daley's Tremaro Tainted Love At Rahlissa. 10 ½ yr old sweet golden sable b. Not in full coat so nothing to hide. Elegant b with ample bone and substance, good reach of neck and angulation, good spring of rib and short coupled. Head clean with flat skull and good underjaw, muzzle full but could be more rounded, sweet eye and expressive ears. She has two missing upper incisors due to an accident. She showed steadily and moved freely though she was down a little on her front pasterns but not that surprising at her age. Pleased to award her BVIB and she later went BVIS.

##### Min Puppy B (0)

##### Puppy B (3,2)

1. Margett's Collingvale Campari. Promising 9 months old tri b in good coat and dark tan points. Feminine b with ample bone and substance, good angulation and fair reach of neck. Head handled well, flat skull and mischievous dark eyes, well set ears and sweet expression

but would prefer slightly more underjaw. Fair lay-back of rib and short coupled. Confident girl who showed well and moved soundly. BPB/BPIB and later awarded BPIS.

#### Junior B (4,1)

1. *Collingvale Campari*
2. Perrott's Gataj One Moment In Time. Well grown 14 month old s/w b in good coat of correct harsh texture. Head balanced with clean cheeks and flat skull though stop needs to clear as yet. Sweet eye and neat ears. Ample bone and substance, good angulation and tight elbows, fair reach of neck though a tad overlong in loin. Moved freely.
3. Larkin's Rahlissa Toffee Cake For Denora

#### Yearling B (2,1)

1. Philpin's Tudorlyn Alice In Wonderland. 2 year old b/m youngster with overall good breed conformation. Well coated and clear silvery blue, well marbled with black. Pleasing head pattern, dark eye and sweet temperament. Although she stood and showed, she did not enjoy being approached and handled, so it was difficult to assess her properly. She moved quite well, though rather hurriedly, and it was obvious she was very unsettled though not shy at all. She has promise, so handler should persevere with her.

#### Grad B (4,2)

1. Clark's Starlenga Madam Cyn At Derbypark. Tri b with dark tan points. On the small size for me but well balanced with good head pattern, well moulded foreface, flat skull, sweet eye, expressive ears and fair reach of neck. Ample bone and neat feet, sufficient substance, and good spring of rib. Attentive to handler and moved with drive. RBB
2. *Tudorlyn Alice In Wonderland*

#### Postgrad. B (3,2)

1. Collino's Imaginist Perfect Pitch. One I haven't seen before – an elegant and well balanced s/w b of good size/length ratio, in good coat of correct texture. Pleasing head properties. At first glance she appeared to have a slightly hard expression, but this was dispelled on closer examination. She has a well moulded foreface and good underjaw, sweet dark eye and correctly set and well used ears. Adequate angulation fore and aft, good reach of neck, length of back and low-set tail. She showed steadily for her young handler, and moved freely with plenty of drive keeping her topline level. Although a little proud of her tail, it was not carried gaily, and this portrayed her good temperament. An easy winner of BB/BOB, and later my co-judge and I agreed to award her RBIS.

Limit B (3,2)

1. Philpin's Sassari Snow Shimmer For Tudorlyn JW. B/m b in profuse coat of clear blue and well marbled. Balanced head, moulded foreface and good underjaw, sweet dark eye and small ears which could be set a tad tighter. Good substance with ample spring of rib and fair bend of stifle. Slightly steep in upper arm which affects reach of neck so she just lacked that bit of elegance I was looking for. She appeared to be a bit lack-lustre today though she moved quite freely.

Open B (4,3)

1. Margett's Lynmead Lemonade For Collingvale JW. B/m b with well broken colour and good substance though a tad overweight. Head handled well, correctly set ears which she was loathe to use today, and sweet dark eyes. Nicely balanced b with good reach of neck, and adequate angulation fore and aft. Covered the ground well though a little close behind.

BIS wards: Sophie Wray-Ramsden and I judged the BIS awards and were in agreement on all final placings so the referee's services were not required.

BIS – Smooth Collie, Benton's Brackenhaye Queen Of Hearts Of Oakestelle – a close decision but we agreed she had the edge over the Rough with slightly better front and the tightest of elbows.

RBIS – Rough Collie, Collino's Imaginist Perfect Pitch

BPIS – Rough Collie, Margett's Collingvale Campari

BVIS – Rough Collie, Daley's Tremaro Tainted Love At Rahlissa

Pat Hutchinson (Judge)