

FLATCOATED RETRIEVER SOCIETY 40th CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW
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BITCHES
JUDGE'S REPORT

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It was an honour and a privilege to be invited to judge bitches at the FCRS 40th (Ruby Anniversary) championship show. I would like to thank the Show Committee for all their hard work in ensuring the day went smoothly – the Hall looked fantastic with all the 'Ruby Anniversary' Bunting. It was lovely to get a copy of the 'Celebration Booklet' with memories from the past 40 Championship Shows.

I would also like to thank my excellent stewards Sharon and George Rose – who kept my ring flowing and all my paperwork in order.

Most importantly, I'd like to extend a huge thank you to all exhibitors for such a fantastic entry and for accepting my judgement with such good sportsmanship.

As always I was looking for that bright, fit and active dog, displaying confident cheerful friendliness that typifies a flatcoat, with a long, clean, well moulded head of one piece, and almond shaped eyes giving that kind, often laughing eye.

Overall I felt this was a good quality entry - I found that although front construction has improved in general since I last judged, I still only found a handful of really good fronts. Movement that demonstrates really good driving action was hard to find, instead I found a lot of close and erratic rear movement.

I was also looking for that quality of raciness without weediness - I continue to be disappointed by finding exhibits that lack bone and are very narrow all through. We must be careful not to lose the required 'power without lumber' – remember a flatcoat is everything in moderation.

All but a few exhibits were beautifully turned out – fit, healthy and clean. I was very pleased with my final line up. My Co-judge and I agreed on all the joint placings.

Best In Show went to the bitch 'IT CH DIAMANTE BLU ALOHOMORA' who was on top form.

Veteran Bitch 14 (2 abs)

1. Bellamy's RAINESGIFT FLEUR-DE-LUNA FOR WOODFINCH. 9 ½ years old. This lovely girl still presents a super outline and is very soundly constructed throughout. She has the loveliest head and kind expression. In superb fit condition she moved very well with driving rear action.
2. Holland's SH CH KULAWAND IN SEVENTH HEAVEN AT FLATCHARM. Another well balanced and well constructed bitch – lovely classical outline. I just preferred the head and expression and free flowing movement of 1 today.
3. Campbell's BEANIT MONEYPENNY OF RONEVORG. Very similar in outline to 2. Soundly constructed. Very elegant head and lovely kind eye. Carrying a bit of weight over her shoulders today which told in her movement. Presented in beautiful condition a credit to her owner.

Special Veteran 10 (2 abs)

A real pleasure to judge these 10+ girls – all a credit to their owners

1. Mangham's SH CH ONYXRO CAPELLA. Aged 10 ½ - what a super bitch. Good angulation front and rear and presenting a lovely outline. Feminine and well moulded head with soft expression. – she can really move, she flew around the ring covering the ground with ease. Delighted to award her Best Veteran Bitch and with my Co-Judge **Best Veteran in Show**
2. Whittaker's MARSALLAND SPECIAL EDITION. Aged almost 11 years - An extremely soundly made and workmanlike bitch with super body and bone – looked like she could still do a days work. Good head in profile and good eye shape. Moved sound and true.
3. Stevenson's SH CH STEELRIVER SUNNY SPELL. Aged 11 years– A super bitch in good hard condition with bags of enthusiasm - fabulous for her age. Soundly constructed. Feminine head and dark, kind eye. I preferred the front construction of 1 and 2. Moved well.

Minor Puppy Bitch 13 (2 abs)

Three lovely girls headed this class. It was a very close call between 1 and 2 - it turns out they are litter sisters.

1. Stevenson's STEELRIVER SUNKISSED. A very pretty baby with a beautiful head and correct eye shape. Overall very well constructed and well balanced for one so young. Moved out very well and very soundly. She demonstrated confidence and cheerfulness. Pleased to award her Best Puppy Bitch and with my Co-Judge **Best puppy in Show**.
2. McDonald's STEELRIVER DANCE IN THE SUN AT SKYLOCH. Another very pretty baby with a lovely head and eye. Very soundly constructed. I preferred the overall balance and driving rear action of 1 today. Moved well.
3. Jacobs & Holmes' WICCANSAGE VIRTUE AT RYDANAH. Yet another pretty baby with super head and expression. Soundly constructed throughout – moved well.

Puppy Bitch 28 (0 abs)

Wow what a class – challenging to judge as they were all at different ages, shapes and stages of development.

1. Lutner's TELURN BETTER BELIEVE IT. Very pretty Liver puppy. She has a beautiful head of one piece and correct shaped dark eye. Good reach of neck into well angulated front with good shoulder placement. Moved very well and soundly with good driving rear action. Best Liver Bitch.
2. Watson's WISTASTON THE BLACK SECRET. A very well made bitch. Beautiful head and melting expression. Lovely in outline. She has a super coat for a baby. Moved well and soundly.
3. Ball's GWENADILLO PURE GENIUS AT CHAMPUNZIE. Lovely puppy full of enthusiasm, she has a feminine head and lovely eye shape. Overall very well constructed and has good balance. Not as together as 1 and 2 today on the move.

Junior Bitch 16 (2 abs)

1. Joyce's STRANFAER SOLITAIRE JW. Very well balanced bitch full of type. Feminine well moulded head of one piece with kind eye and expression. Super front construction followed by soundly made rear quarters. Correct length to height ratio. Tail well set, carried and used. Moved very well covering the ground with ease and demonstrating good rear driving action. I'm sure she has a very bright future.

2. Bellamy's WOODFINCH HYDRA. This young lady presents a very clean profile – with feminine head, good reach of neck, good bone, tight feet, level topline and good rear quarters. Moved very soundly. I just preferred the overall balance of 1 today.
3. Burr's WOODFINCH RUBHA INNIS OF SCHEINDUBH. Litter sister to 2 another good quality bitch. Good front angulation. Moved well but did not have the enthusiasm on the move of 1 and 2 today.

Yearling Bitch 12 (4 abs)

These three girls could easily swap places on another day

1. Campbell's I BELIEVE IN ANGELS OASIS OF PEACE AT RONEVORG. A lovely bitch, very soundly and well constructed all through. Lovely feminine head and dark mischievous eye and expression. Good quality oval bone and in super coat condition. Super tight feet. Moved very soundly with good reach in front and driving from behind.
2. Romeo-Dieste's YONSAFF VIENNA BY HOPEVALLEY JW. A very elegant bitch with a beautiful head. Racier all through than 1 but nonetheless very soundly constructed. Moved well with exuberance. I just preferred overall balance and topline of 1 today.
3. Lewis' DRAKETOR SEA GYPSY AMONG FAIRWINDS. Very pretty girl with a feminine head and dark eye. Very well balanced. Moved well but her outline was spoilt by her tail carriage today.

Novice Bitch 14 (2 abs)

1. Dutton's BRYNYWAWR THE ONE AND ONLY. This bitch is top size but is very soundly constructed and well balanced. She moved soundly and was presented in beautiful coat and condition.
2. Dixon's MADELEA MAKING MAGIC. A very feminine head and dark eye with lovely expression. A size smaller all through than 1 but well balanced – she has a good front. I preferred the strength in rear end of 1. Moved well coming but, a little erratic going away.
3. Bowen's CLANDRIFT MIDNIGHT GALAXY. Unplaced in the 28 strong puppy class this girl is well grown and up to size, nonetheless she is well balanced. She has a feminine head and dark eye with soft expression. Not in her best jacket today. Moved out well.

Graduate Bitch 16 (2 abs)

1. Goodman's KEEPERSWAY GRACIE TO BEANIT JW. Very racy and elegant bitch. Presents a very typical profile. Beautiful well moulded head and soft melting expression. Super neck into good front construction. Over all very well constructed and has lovely balance. Moved well with free flowing action.
2. Drottsgard & Brunnstron's MOONSTRUCK MACADAMIA. Another lovely bitch – different to 1 in outline as she is more workmanlike. She is very soundly constructed with good front and rear angulation. Not in the best of coats today. I preferred the head and expression of 1. Moved well and soundly.
3. Egginton's PAJANBECK TEARS IN HEAVEN. A pretty bitch, with good front construction and well angulated rear. Beautiful, feminine head and kind expression. Full of type and well balanced but did not hold her topline as well as 1 and 2 on the move today.

Postgraduate Bitch 27 (3 abs)

Another big class full of all shapes and sizes – Three lovely bitches who could swap places on different days headed this class.

1. Fisher's SEAHEART ASTRA OVER SAWBROOK. A real eye catcher. A most beautiful head with super dark, almond shaped eyes and a twinkling expression. Good reach of neck, good bone, tight feet, level topline and strong rear quarters. Moving so well with rear driving action and good forward reach.
2. Griffith's CASTLEROCK COSMIC HATTIE. Similar to 1. Not quite as mature and not in the peak condition of 1 today. A beautiful girl with super head, correct eye shape and melting expression. Good reach of neck, good bone, tight feet, level topline and strong rear quarters. What a show girl – she did not put a foot wrong standing or on the move.
3. Hedges' BLACKTOFT QUICKSTEP OF SATINBAZE. Yet another lovely girl. Soundly constructed. Feminine head and pleasing expression. Moved well but not with the accuracy and drive of 1 or 2 today.

Mid-Limit Bitch 14 (4 abs)

1. Walker's LIZZLOG ANNIE GET YOUR GUN. I have always liked this girl. A good quality workmanlike bitch of medium size. Pretty head and correct eye shape with melting expression. Moved very well and very soundly with enthusiasm.
2. Stanley's STORMWATCH BORN TO FLY TO HALLBENT. Very different to 1, this girl whilst being top size is full of type. She presents a typical outline and has a beautiful well moulded head. Very well constructed all through. Moved soundly with good drive. Just preferred medium size of 1.
3. Fox's BLACKTOFT BURLESQUE JW. Very pretty and feminine bitch. Smaller all through than 2 but nonetheless very well made and put together. Not as free flowing and positive on the move as 1 and 2 today. Lovely girl with happy go lucky attitude

Limit Bitch 17 (2 abs)

1. Youen's BITCON BLACK CAVIAR AT RIVERGLIDE. Wow this young bitch has come on in leaps and bounds. She has a beautiful feminine head with super dark eye. She has fabulous front construction matched by her sound rear end. She presents a very well balanced and typey outline which clearly demonstrates 'power without lumber'. She moved out so well with super reach and rear driving action. Delighted to award her the Reserve CC.
2. Knight's BROOMWARD VERA WANG. A really lovely medium sized bitch. She has a feminine head with lovely eye and expression. She is a shade lighter all through than 1 but still very well constructed. Moved soundly but not with the drive of 1 today.
3. Skjelbred's TORPEDOS IT'S A MAGIC MORNING. A lovely bitch, she has a feminine and gentle head and expression. A taller bitch she is still very well balanced. Not in her best coat today. Moved soundly.

Open Bitch 14 (0 abs)

1. Genco's IT CH DIAMANTE BLU ALOHOMOA. Wow – what a beautiful bitch in top condition and showing herself to perfection. She is stunning in outline demonstrating as our breed standard requires 'power' and 'raciness'. Beautiful well moulded head of one piece with that lovely soft flatcoat expression. Super reach of neck, super front construction, good quality oval bone, tight feet, fabulous level topline and strong rear quarters. She moved with

real drive and exuberance covering the ground with ease. Today was her day - I was delighted to award her CC and in agreement with my co judge Best In Show.

2. Smitherman's SEAHEART ISABELLA JW. This girl I have often admired from the ringside. She is a beautiful bitch with the loveliest head and kind eye. On going over her she is so very soundly constructed and well balanced, however, sometimes she has so much coat it can detract from her outline – today was one of those days. Her title will surely come. She moved soundly and with good reach.
3. Walker's Sh Ch LIZZLOG KISS ME QUICK JW. Another girl from this kennel that I have always liked. Another good quality workmanlike bitch of medium size. Pretty head and correct eye shape with melting expression. Very soundly constructed - she moved very well.

Field Trial Bitch 1 (0 abs)

1. Genco's IT CH DIAMANTE BLU LUMOS MAXIMA. Litter sister to CC winner and very similar in many respects. A beautiful well moulded hea with a kind dark eye. She is very soundly constructed and moved out well. I considered her for top honours but today she was not in the best of coats and did not have the sparkle of her litter sister.

Special Liver Bitch 17 (4 abs)

1. Hutchison's CASBLAIDD QUEEN BEE AT WAVERTON JW. A very well made liver girl. She has a feminine head and correct eye shape. Presents a clean outline with level topline held well on the move.
2. Rogers-Ball's STARBALL MISS BUBBLES BROWN. Super head and eye giving soft expression. Very well balanced with just enough bone and substance. Overall good sound construction. Moved well.
3. Trevor's DARK DEVOTION ZUCCESS HIP ZONE AT TREVORSILK. Soundly constructed liver girl. Lovely head with kind, dark eye. Well balanced and moved well.

Special Shooting Bitch Certificate 1 (1 abs)

Victoria Goldberg (Judge)