

Northern England Flatcoated Retriever Association

9th Championship Show at Fenton Manor Sports Complex, City Road, Stoke-on-Trent on Sunday 6th November 2016

Bitch Judge: Miss L S Jones (Braemist)

A pleasure to judge this well run show, and thank you to all exhibitors who took my decisions so sportingly, never easy and so much coming down to how they were on the day. Many thanks to my stewards Mr Harry Nelson and Mrs Christine Whitmore who kept everything running smoothly.

On the whole I was very pleased with my line up and in essence I was looking for a bitch that is within the standard and showing very little exaggeration. I expect our breed to have quality and refinement, whilst still having the substance and construction to enable them to carry out a day's work. Unfortunately I found some of the bitches not only on the large side but also lacking quality or refinement in head, it is difficult to describe but you know when you see it.

On the plus side I did find that hind movement had improved and many exhibited the typical flatcoat temperament.

Thoroughly enjoyed judging with my co-judge Dr Ruth Barbour in which we agreed on all the final decisions, for BEST IN SHOW, both were top quality with the dog just edging the bitch moving on a long free flowing stride, in super coat and condition and very much looked the part.

VETERAN BITCH 14 entries, 4 absent 90

1st & BVIS Goldberg & Keight Mrs V & Ms L SH CH Ballyriver Band of Gold

Beautifully presented, in excellent coat and condition, having a long well filled in head, dark eye and a kind expression. Correct bone for size, good reach of neck into well laid back shoulders and good upper arm, well angulated hindquarters, moved sound and true on a good length of stride. If I am being critical she is just a shade long, pushed hard for RCC.

2nd Walker Mrs L Lizzlog Lacey's Enigma JW

Lovely classical type of bitch, excellent bone and feet, long head, well filled in, good dark eye with the correct almond shape and kind expression, presented a racy outline, with a good reach of neck flowing into a level topline and tailset, good strong hindquarters moving soundly just a little wide in front.

3rd SULLIVAN, MISS V M Lakemere Shes My Kinda Girl at Wyrebeck

Lovely type of bitch with the typical character to go with it, well-muscled in good hard condition. Pretty feminine head and a very naughty expression, pleasing outline and balance, not the best of feet, excellent topline and tailset, good strong hindquarters moving well.

SPECIAL VETERAN BITCH 3 entries, 2 absent

1st Brooks Mrs D Castlerock Ultimate Choice

Lovely classical type of bitch, who at 11 years old moved sound and true with the energy of a two year old. Good bone and feet, well-proportioned throughout, correct size and balance. Long well filled in head with a good dark eye and naughty expression, good layback of shoulders and upper arm, well let down hocks, may be just a tadge slightly over angulated.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH 12 entries, 2 absent

1st & BPIS Gale Mrs T & Miss C Willowswind Nette Lark

Super type of bitch who caught my eye from the start, moving beautifully on a long stride using the whole ring. Long well filled in head with the correct moulding, correct eye shape and good dark colour, naughty expression. Adequate reach of neck into well laid back shoulders and upper arm, good defined brisket. Excellent bone and feet, held her topline powering from strong hindquarters.

2nd Pelham Mrs J Stranfaer Victim of Love

Close up to 1, just preferring the better upper arm and overall balance of the winner on the day. Moving sound and true, good bone and feet, kind dark eye with a pleasing feminine head. Correct size, good length and depth through the ribcage.

3rd Huyton & Huyton P R & C E Gladpenny Kiss from a Rose by Hightyne

Eye catching young bitch presenting a balanced picture in no way exaggerated. Correct size and proportions, good length of neck into adequate shoulders, not the upper arm of the winner, moved well on good strong hindquarters, well filled in head, with a good dark eye.

PUPPY BITCH 6 entries, 0 absent

1st Gale Mrs T & Miss C Willowswind Nette Lark

2nd Ashcroft Mr D A Gunoak Solar Wind

Lovely puppy who was unlucky to meet 1 today, jus preferring the rear drive of the winner. Feminine head good dark eye, good bone and feet, good layback of shoulders and good return of upper arm, good length and depth of the ribcage, good hindquarters and , moving sound and true although a little wide in front. In excellent coat and condition.

3rd Huyton & Huyton P R & C E Gladpenny Kiss from a Rose by Hightyne

JUNIOR BITCH 12 entries, 2 absent

1st McDonald Mr I A & Mrs A L Steelriver Dance in the Sun at Skyloch

Lovely trio of bitches who could exchange place another day, the winner won on overall balance and racy lines with the movement and the femininity I was looking for. Quality bitch, with a lovely long well filled in head and a dark eye with a mischievous expression. Excellent bone and feet, good reach of neck, level topline and tailset, would prefer a little more return of upper arm, strong hindquarters which she used well, moving sound and true.

2nd Lutner Mr R F & Miss K M Telurn Better Believe It

Different type to 1, with excellent forehand construction, good layback of shoulders, well defined brisket, with her front legs carried well underneath her body, good depth of body and plenty of heart room. Excellent topline with a constant wagging tail, moved with reach and drive. Good long head just preferring the refinement all through of the winner.

3rd Stevenson Miss S Steelriver Sun Kissed

Quality bitch who at this stage appears taller, however she just needs to drop to fill her frame. Moving very soundly on strong legs, excellent bone and feet, in good coat and hard condition, good long head with a good dark eye and kind expression, a little short and straight in upper arm but she presented a vary racy elegant appearance.

YEARLING BITCH 11 entries, 1 absent

1st Kulczycka, Miss I Seaheart Bronte at Everblack

Another strong class really splitting hairs to make the final places, just preferring the length and finish of the winner. Feminine head with a long muzzle, dark eye, although slightly round in shape. Good length through the ribcage, well laid back shoulders and good upper arm, good topline and tailset, not the best of feet but excels on the move driving from strong hindquarters.

2nd Joyce Mr D & Mrs K Stranfaer Solitaire JW

Super character, well balanced feminine head with a naughty expression, good bone and feet, very moderate all through showing no signs of exaggeration, good balance and proportions, excels in topline and tailset, moved with drive and verve, good depth through the body, well ribbed up.

3rd Johnson Ms B Downstream Poetic Justice JW

Classical head and a naughty expression with a good dark eye, looking quite young in this class and just needs to mature. Good bone, not the best of feet, well ribbed through the body, with the correct length through the ribcage, well let down hocks, when standing has a tendency to drop her hindquarters slightly, however this was not apparent on the move, covered the ground with ease on a good long stride.

NOVICE BITCH 5 entries, 1 absent

1st Stevenson Miss S Steelriver Sun Kissed

2nd Romeo-Dieste Mrs M E Hopevalley Morning Dakota

Very refined feminine bitch needing time to fill her frame, top size for me, long well filled in head, correct dark eye, not the upper arm or layback of shoulder, moving soundly presented an elegant racy appearance.

3rd Stevenson Mr R Bonnyhilbrae Calypso

GRADUATE BITCH 9 entries, 1 absent

1st Nicholls & Afseth Price Mr, Mrs L B & Mrs C: Llantrussa Hot of the Press to Linover JW

Beautiful bitch of the correct size and proportions throughout in good coat and condition, super bone and feet, level topline and low well set on tail, pretty feminine well filled in head, good dark eye, well laid back shoulders and good ribcage with a defined brisket, moving well on strong hindquarters.

2nd Romeo-Dieste Mrs M E Yonsaff Vienna By Hopevalley JW

Unlucky to meet 1 , naughty girl who made me laugh, the best of heads, moves with drive and verve, slightly low tail set, strong hindquarters, lovely type, adequate bone for size, well balanced throughout.

3rd Egginton Mr P & Mrs J Pajanbeck Tears in Heaven

Lovely well moulded head, of good type with a dark eye and naughty expression, needing to settle on the move, good length of neck into good shoulders and upper arm, good topline and tailset, well angulated hindquarters, of the correct size.

POST GRADUATE BITCH 19 entries, 3 absent

1st Goodman Mr P & Mrs S Keepersway Gracie To Beanit JW

Strong class, just preferring the the forechest and the head and eye of the winner. Of classical type, long well moulded head, correct almond shaped eyes of a good dark colour, well bodied and ribbed up, good bone and feet, super layback of shoulder and good upper arm , giving her the defined brisket, , level topline and tailset, moving with drive on a long free stride. Top size but her quality shone throughout- her time will come.

2nd Macdonald Mr M B& Mrs R Spring Time In Deringwood

Another quality bitch, feminine head, slightly lighter in eye than the winner, well balanced with good body properties throughout, level topline and tailset, free flowing movement, lovely elegant bitch with flowing lines which she held on the move. Moving sound and true.

3rd Hedges Miss J A Blacktoft Quickstep Of Satinbaze

Smaller type but within the standard, quality throughout, pretty feminine head with a good dark eye, well balanced throughout, good deep ribcage, would prefer slightly more bone, and moving just a tad wide in front , beautifully presented , well angulated hindquarters.

LIMIT BITCH 20 entries, 4 absent

Another strong class, and really splitting hairs for the final placings. Lovely trio of bitches who presented the size, balance and quality I was looking for.

1st BCC, RBIS & BOS- Fox Mrs H M Blacktoft Burlesque JW

Classical head and eye, with the correct eye shape, colour and the naughtiest of expressions, super temperament, constantly showing with an ever wagging tail. Really comes into her own on the move in profile, moving soundly on an easy stride, no overreaching or exaggerated front or back movement, she holds her topline throughout and looks like she could work all day. Good bone for size, excellent feet, good upper arm, good deep ribcage with the gradual spring of rib, good short loin, well set on tail. Her forte is the best of hindquarters, well-muscled with a strong second thigh, correctly angulated, if I am being really critical she does move a little wide in front. To me she epitomises the standard.

2nd & RBCC Griffiths Mr R E & Mrs G Castlerock Cosmic Hattie

Another of the same mould as one, in no way exaggerated compact or cobby, refined throughout, lovely flowing lines, not quite in full coat, ample bone for size, good length and depth through the ribcage, moving soundly just not quite the reach and drive of the BCC. Prettiest of heads with a twinkling expression, in the challenge she had the quality to take the RCC and was the closest to the CC for type and balance.

3rd Dyren Miss A Flatcharm Chelsea Whopper

Quality bitch with the best of hindquarters which she used to advantage on the move, well balanced throughout with good body properties. In excellent coat and condition, excellent topline and tailset, good length of neck, into adequate shoulders, not quite the upper arm. Good length and depth through the ribcage, for me I would prefer a little less cheek in the head, however she had the naughtiest expressions with a good dark colour.

OPEN BITCH 11 entries, 2 absent

1st LUTNER, MISS K SH CH Beautyfields Flashdance at Telurn JW (IMP DEU)

Really liked this no nonsense sort of bitch, lovely type throughout, long well moulded head with a kind dark eye, well balanced and well-made throughout, great topline and tailset. For me she excels on the move, driving from strong powerful hindquarters on good bone and feet, looks like she can work all day. Just lacking the coat to take the top honours today

2nd Stevenson Miss S Blacktoft Misty Blue Steelriver

Well what a little joy this one has turned out to be, quality bitch lovely flowing lines from the tip of her nose to her tail, good reach of neck into good shoulders and good upper arm giving her a well-defined brisket, good length through the ribcage, long well moulded head with a pretty dark eye, the make and shape reminds me of dogs in the past, just lacking the free flowing movement of the winner.

3rd Egginton Mr & Mrs P A Pajanbeck Heaven Can Wait

Super type of bitch, not the flashiest, but is quality throughout, lovely long well moulded head with the correct almond shaped eye and kind expression, good bone and feet, good upper arm and

layback of shoulder, good length and depth through the ribcage, moving soundly, however would prefer a little more rear driving action.

SPECIAL LIVER BITCH 5 entries, 0 absent

1st & BLIS Lutner Mr R F & Miss K M Telurn Better Believe It

2nd Colson Mr E W, Mrs P J & Miss N E Windyhollows Winnipeg

Well-made soundly constructed bitch, good upper arm and layback of shoulder, slightly stuffy in neck, good topline and tailset, moving soundly. Head of good length, good dark eye and a kind expression, preferring to dark colour of the winner.

3rd Trevor, Mr & Mrs T J Dark Devotion Zuccess Hip Zone At Trevorsilk (Imp Nld)

Pretty feminine bitch, good dark liver colour, needing to body up, moving soundly, good length and depth through the ribcage. Presented an overall racy appearance

SPECIAL WORKING BITCH 4 entries, 1 absent

1st Hewison Mr & Mrs C Donascimento Danilo From Casblaidd

Lovely flowing lines on this bitch, pretty feminine head, adequate bone for size, not the best of feet, good topline and tailset, active mover, good topline and tailset, just preferred the refinement of the winner.

2nd Fitzherbert-Brockholes Mr S Mosstarn Maiden

Very soundly made well-constructed bitch with a good weatherproof coat, good depth and length through the ribcage, feminine head just lacking a little length in muzzle, moving well on strong hindquarters.

3rd Orme Mr R D & Mrs V E Elmstock Thyme To Remember

Happy outgoing attitude, correct size, good deep body, good length through the ribcage, movement a little loose, head of good length with a kind expression.

SPECIAL MEMBERS OPEN DOG OR BITCH 8 entries, 2 absent (judged with my co-judge Dr Ruth Barbour)

1st Romeo-Dieste Mrs M E Hopevalley Morning Mist

Quality bitch of excellent type, good length and depth through the ribcage, moving true both fore and aft, good bone and feet, well-proportioned throughout, lovely flowing lines.

2nd Fox Mrs H M SH CH Steelriver Blazin hot at Blacktoft

Upstanding dog, with a happy outgoing attitude and constant wagging tail, excels in profile movement with strong hindquarters and holding his topline throughout. Good strong bone, not the front construction of the winner.

3rd Romeo-Dieste Mrs M E Yonstaff Vienna By Hopevalley JW

Res Fox Mrs H M Black Mica's Likes it Hot at Blacktoft JW (Imp Swe)

Vhc Joyce Mr D & Mrs K Stranfaer Solitaire JW