I would like to thank the Flatcoated Retriever Club of Scotland for inviting me to judge at this friendly well run show. Thanks also to my two helpful stewards who looked after the ring so efficiently and to the exhibitors who accepted my decisions sportingly. I had some lovely dogs to go over and was sorry that some had to go cardless. I was looking for dogs that matched the breed standard as near as possible, which is a medium sized dog capable of doing a days work. Unfortunately some dogs who I liked were carrying excess weight and this did affect their placing. Movement was in general good but there were some dogs who looked lovely standing but disappointed on the move. I was pleased with all my winners and see that my three top dogs were all related.

VETERAN DOG (7,1a)

1st Holland's CH. CALZEAT CAUSA COMMOTIONAT FLATCHARM (IMP)
   A dog I have always liked and at 9 ½ yrs old he is still full of himself. Full of quality, lovely head and dark eye with a mischievous expression. He has good angulation front and rear with moderate bend of stifles, good depth and width of chest and level topline. He is an elegant boy who moved well with drive. Pleased to award him the Res. CC.

2nd Dalziel-Scott & Scott's SH.CH.BRANCHALWOOD DAER WATER
   Another quality dog of 9yrs. old. Lovely moulded head with dark eye and soft expression. Well proportioned body with good bone and tight feet and a good forechest which is sadly lacking in some dogs these days. In good coat and condition he moved well covering the ground with an easy stride

3rd Colson`s WINDYHOLLOWS BRERE BEAR

MINOR PUPPY DOG (6,1a)

Some promising babies in the two puppy classes, all at different stages, who will I am sure change places many times during their development.

1st Joyce`s STRANFAER GET OVER IT
   At just 6mth of age this young man shows a lot of promise. Still very much a baby, as he should be at this age, but really well balanced with a beautiful head and expression. Presented a lovely outline standing with correct angulation and an excellent topline. Feet need to tighten but that should come with time. Moved out confidently and well for one so young. Best Puppy Dog, and in agreement with my co-judge, Best Puppy in Show.

2nd Holland's FLATCHARM TOP GUN
   Another lovely puppy, unlucky to come up against 1 today. He is right for size at 8mnths. old. Lovely head with dark eye and melting expression so typical of this breed. Good conformation, with a good reach of neck into a level topline. Correct angulation front and rear. Showed and moved well.

3rd Ross`s GO WITH THE FLOW EBONY IN HARMONY AT QLOCONTRAIL (IMP NED)
PUPPY DOG (14, 2a)

1st Ross`s GO WITH THE FLOW EBONY IN HARMONY AT QLOCONTRAIL (IMP NED)
7mnth. old puppy of correct size for age A lot to like about him. Good head with kind eye and neat ears. Well constructed with good bone and lovely tight feet. Very well balanced in profile with level topline standing and on the move. Third in minor puppy unlucky to come up against the other two, but he shone in this class.

2nd Chipperfield & Higginbotham`s ISLSTROM ALL OF A STORM AT HOWLINGALE
Another good youngster showing promise. 9mnths old, of nice size with good overall balance. Pleasing head and expression. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulder, good front and bone with tight feet. Moved well.

3rd Curtis`s TALLISTAR MR ALL BLACK

JUNIOR DOG (12, 2a)

1st Curtis`s TALLISTAR MR ALL BLACK Third in puppy he came into his own in this class. The right size for me with a lovely moulded head and dark eye. Good overall construction showing a balanced outline with correct angulation, moderate bend of stifle and correct tail set. Moved with drive.

2nd McConnell's FELDKIRK FEARGHAL AT TORRWEAVING Similar in size and shape to 1. Well balanced with good angulation fore and aft. Good head and dark eye with well set on ears. Good level topline which he held on the move. Not quite the drive of 1.

3rd Chipperfield & Higginbotham`s WISTASTON THE BLACK DIAMOND

YEARLING DOG (6, 2a)

1st Whitaker`s UP TO THE STARS BLACK BRIANTA TO JETSTARSKI JW (IMP CZE)
I liked the size and shape of this boy. Well constructed with a lovely balanced outline. He has a lovely moulded head with kind eye, good depth and width of brisket with a pronounced forechest. and correct bend of stifle with good second thigh. Moved well with drive holding a level topline.

2nd Lutner`s BEAUTYFIELD`S GLENURY ROYAL AT TELURN (IMP DEU)
Upstanding liver dog. Masculine head with good eye colour.A size larger than the winner but balanced with good angulation fore and aft. He has a good reach of neck and correct shoulder placement with a deep chest and well muscled quarters which gave him good driving movement. Just preferred head of 1.

3rd Mc McKenzie ARICDELL NIGHT SKY FOR DAMASHI

MAIDEN DOG (7)

1st Ross`s GO WITH THE FLOW EBONY IN HARMONY AT QLOCONTRAIL (IMP NED)

2nd Curtis`s TALLISTAR MR ALL BLACK

3rd Laird`s ISLSTROM BLACK GROUSE OF DAICHEIL
NOVICE DOG (10)

1st Ross’s GO WITH THE FLOW EBONY IN HARMONY AT QLOCONTRAIL (IMP NED)

2nd Chipperfield & Higginbotham’s ISLSTROM ALL OF A STORM AT HOWLINGALE

3rd Curtis’s TALLISTAR MR ALL BLACK

GRADUATE DOG (3, 1a)

1st Fox’s BLACK MICA’S LIKES IT HOT AT BLACKTOFT JW (IMP SWE) Lively well proportioned young dog with a lovely head and kind eye. Good bone and feet. In profile he presents a lovely outline with balanced angulation front and rear. Well muscled rear quarters with good second thigh. He covered the ground efficiently with good reach and drive.

2nd Harris’s HIGHLANDER Z MOKRE HORY AT SIANCALA (IMP CZE) A size larger than 1 but well balanced. Masculine head with dark eye. Good reach of neck and well placed shoulder. Not quite the front of 1 but has a good depth of chest and is well muscled with a good tailset. Good bone and neat feet. Moved out well but not as positively as 1.

POST GRADUATE DOG (10, 2a)

1st Ross’s ISLSTROM ORRIN Presented a lovely racy outline in profile. Correct size with a lovely head and soft expression. Well constructed with a good reach of neck and level topline. He has a good depth of brisket and correct angulation. Shown in good coat and condition. When moving he covered the ground well.

2nd Lairds BRANCHALWOOD STRATHEARN OF DAICHEIL (AI) Smaller type than 1 but everything to like about this dog. Well balanced with a lovely head and expression. Straight front down to neat feet. Good length of neck and strong topline leading into well muscled hind quarters with a moderate bend of stifle. Sound, true movement. Close decision just preferred the racier outline of 1.

3rd Enticknap’s BOCHILBARLEY BALLABRIGGS WITH TESSERA

LIMIT DOG (10, 3a)

1st Lairds SEAHEART ARCHIBALD OF DAICHEL Correct size with a good outline in profile. He has a lovely well moulded head with good eye shape and colour. Well off for bone with prominent forechest and good depth of brisket. Well muscled hind quarters with good second thigh. Shown in good coat and condition. A stylish dog with good free flowing movement.

2nd Ross’s DOWNSTREAM FACE THE MUSIC JW Medium sized dog with a good head and kind eye. Balanced angulation to front and rear. Good front assembly with well defined forechest. Good bone and tight feet. Moved well with a good even stride.

3rd Blain’s CACT’S JUST A GIGOLO AT STEELRIVER JW
OPEN DOG (6)

A lovely class full of quality.

1st Holland's BRIGHTMOOR DAUGHT IN THE ACT AT FLATCHARM (IMP)
   This dog caught my eye as he came into the ring. An elegant racy outline in profile. Lovely moulded head with soft expression. Good length of neck into well placed shoulders. Excellent topline with good forechest and depth of brisket. Well muscled with good second thigh. Very stylish dog with excellent free flowing movement covering the ground efficiently. **DOG C.C. Best Opposite Sex and Reserve BEST IN SHOW**
   I was delighted to hear that this makes him up (subject to KC approval). Well done.

2nd Lairds SH. CH. BRANCHALWOOD TAMDHU OF DAICHEIL JW ShCM
   Unlucky to come up against the winner today. A size smaller but so well constructed. A pleasing head with kind eye. Good angulation to front and rear with deep chest and gradual spring of rib to strong well muscled rear quarters. Well balanced boy presented in good coat and condition. Moved and showed well.

3rd Douglass SH. CH. GREENBAYHILL BLACK TUXEDO

SPECIAL OPEN LIVER (3)

1st Colson’s WINDYHOLLOWS BRERE BEAR
   Lovely head with soft expression. Mature balanced construction with good front assembly and correct angulation with moderate bend of stifle. On the move he covered the ground well with good reach and drive. **Best Liver in Show**

2nd Sullivan’s JARVO JEWEL OF THE LAKE
   A lovely liver boy so exuberant. Well constructed throughout with a lovely head and good eye colour. Good length of neck into well laid shoulder and level topline. Good front assemble with well muscled quarters giving good driving movement. Just lacked the finish of the winner.

3rd Lutner’s BEAUTYFIELDS GLENURY ROYAL AT TELURN (IMP DEU)