

Flatcoated Retriever Society Open Show

9th June 2018

Firstly thank you very much to Victoria and the Committee of the Flatcoated Retriever Society for the invitation to judge the Dogs at this Open Show. Thank you also for the 'A' team of stewards, Caroline Chambers and Jenny Campbell led by Jan Egginton. A brilliant team enabling me to concentrate fully on the lovely entry of dogs entered for me to judge. I was really pleased with the quality of entered dogs and on the whole all the dogs were of correct size and well presented. My biggest disappointment was movement, a lot of dogs lacked muscle tone and drive, pottering round the ring, however I was thrilled with my final line up and my winners were all in good hard condition and it showed on the move.

Special Veteran Dog. 0

Veteran Dog. 7, 1abs

1st Fox's Sh Ch Steelriver Blazin Hot at Blacktoft JW. This 8 year old dog oozes quality, he has a nicely moulded head with kind, dark eye. Deep chest with well-defined brisket, good bone and feet, well-muscled and angulated quarters provided movement with drive completed the picture of a well constructed dog capable of a days work. More than happy to award him Best Dog then to see him awarded Best of Breed by the referee. Also Best Veteran.

2nd Gale's Willowwind Whispering Elm JW ShCM. Nearly 9 years old. Another dog of correct size and not looking his age. Pleasing head with a dark eye and well set on ears of correct size. Good length of neck and depth of brisket, well angulated for and aft, moved well just preferred the ground covering drive of the winner.

3rd Broadbent's Hallbent October Toccata ShCM

4th Romeo- Dieste's Hopevalley Morning Mayhem JW ShCM

5th Gardiner's Kulawand Time to Treasure with Svenjak

Minor Puppy Dog. 1

1st Williams Wistaston Jet's Legacy. This 8 month old puppy stood alone in this class and I think he missed the company of others seeming a little worried. He has plenty of bone for his age, a good front, bone and feet. He didn't move as I am sure he can. He just needs to gain confidence all the best with him.

Puppy. 3

1st Walker's Lizzlog Granny Won't Like It. An 11 month old puppy of excellent type, well filled in head with a dark eye, correct ear size and placement. Excellent bone and feet, angulation and length of body. On the move he kept his topline and tailset. Very promising boy. BPD BPIS

2nd Osborne-Brown's Perrymel Days of Thunder

Another promising puppy, 10 months old with good overall balance, kind expression with a dark eye. Good bone and feet, slightly longer in body than 1, he has a good tail set standing and on the move. Moved with drive for such a young dog.

3rd Knight's Telurn Can't Touch This

Junior. 3

1st Stevenson's Plainfire's The Captain of My Heart is Steelriver (imp CHE) NAF. 16 month old, stood out in this class, he must have a bright future. Immaturity doesn't detract from his qualities. Excelled in head shape and expression with a dark eye and neat ears. Plenty of bone for his age, tight feet, good front angulation, well ribbed body of correct length leading to well angulated hind quarters. Moved with drive.

2nd Hewison's Casblaidd Island in the Sky. 12 month old, Finer build than 1 and quite immature throughout as he should be at this age. Another with a good dark eye, ear placement and expression. Typical outline and moved well when settled.

3rd Knight's Telurn Can't Touch This

Yearling Dog. 0

Novice Dog. 4

1st Walker's Lizzlog Granny Won't Like It. 1st in Puppy

2nd Hewison's Casblaidd Island in the Sky. 2nd in Junior

3rd Knight's Telurn Can't Touch This

4th Coleman's Brookeoneden Oak at Ravensjais

Graduate Dog. 7

1st Romeo-Dieste's Hopevalley Morning Arizona. Medium sized dog that benefitted from being shown free standing, showing a classic outline and balance. Lovely head with kind expression, good bone and angulation, excellent feet and overall condition that showed on the move.

2nd Ross's Go With The Flow Ebony in Harmony at Qlocontrail (imp NL) JW ShCM. Another quality boy with a well moulded head and a dark eye. Correct bone, feet and angulation. Not quite as positive on the move as 1.

3rd Hammersley's Castlerock Magical Shadow JW

4th Broadbent's Trapestone Out of the Blue

5th Joyce's Stranfaer Get Over It

Post Graduate Dog. 6

1st Pingree's Castlerock Burning Love to Heatheridge JW. Well-presented dog of correct size. Another classy dog, with a pleasing head and good eye. Great reach of neck into a balanced body with good angulation front and rear. Excellent feet and good bone. Moved with drive holding his correct tail set.

2nd Ellis & Taylor-Ellis's Capworth Corsair. Shown in good coat this boy is well angulated for and aft, adequate bone, slightly longer than 1 but held his topline standing and on the move. Good head with a rounder eye than I would like. Moved well.

3rd Curtis's Rainesgift Time to Pretend

4th Branscombe's Torinmill Worth The Wait

5th Walker & Carter's Lizzlog Chicago Outfit

Limit Dog. 5

1st Jones's Arminzeras Infomania by Benvellyn (imp SWE). Typical dog with well moulded head, correct shaped dark eye and ear placement. Shoulders well laid back into a balanced body and correct hind quarters. Good bone, feet and tail set. Well-muscled and moved well. His overall balance and size gained him Reserve Best Dog

2nd Davis's Pajanbeck Rumour Has It. Another well-muscled dog shown in hard condition. Comments as 1 apply to this boy, he just needs time to fully mature. His true driving movement gained him this place in a quality class.

3rd Goldberg&Keight's Laurvic Talking Italian

4th Knight's Wiccanssage Hugo's Dream

5th Fox's Black Mica's Likes it Hot at Blacktoft JW (imp SWE)

Open Dog. 4

1st Blain's Sh Ch Caci's Just a Gigolo at Steelriver JW (imp SWE). Won this strong class with his overall type. Classic head, well laid shoulders with a good fore chest. Well defined brisket and correct gradual spring of rib, moderate bend of stifle, good feet and bone, moved well.

2nd Creasy&Gale's Willowswind Orions Stars. Quality boy with a pleasing head and typical expression. Good length of neck and depth of brisket. Another with correct spring of rib and angulation for and aft. Moved well just lacked the drive of 1.

3rd Jones's Blacktoft American Smooth at Braemist JW

4th Ross's Downstream Face the Music

Special Open Liver Dog. 1

1st Coleman's Brookeoneden Oak at Ravensjais. Masculine head, balanced dog, good bone and feet. Good pigmentation. Moved well.

Special Shooting Dog Certificate Dog. 2

1st Knight's Wiccanssage Hugo's Dream 4th in Limit . I put in my notes 'bright active dog' and this boy epitomized the flatcoat temperament. A workmanlike medium sized dog with good bone and overall balance. With an ever wagging tail on the move and standing, set correctly.

2nd Gardiner's Kulawand Kookaburra for Svenjak. A larger dog than 1, well boned with a good front and ribcage, moved okay. Needs time to mature.