

Flatcoated Retriever Society – Open Show, 8th June 2019

Mrs Alex Newton - Bitches

Thank you so much for the society for inviting me to judge the breed open show, it is a huge honour for me. Thank you all the exhibitors that entered, the atmosphere was lovely. I was delighted with my final line up of bitches and I was pleased to see some real promise in the younger classes. We do however need to be careful of size, some of the bitches were too tall also front angulation, or lack of it, was key in many of my decisions. Many girls were out of coat on the day, but I overlooked this as it showed their true conformation. I was over the moon that my bitches took all but 1 of the top honours. Thanks also to my co-judge Jenny Campbell.

Special Veteran Bitch (1,0)

- 1st Bellamy's Bochilbarley Xanthes Angel JW. Loved this bitches overall size and balance. At 10yrs old she belied her age and powered around the ring. Pretty bitch with feminine head, good length of neck into well laid shoulders and correct brisket. She stood on excellent feet. Lovely short loin and correct topline and tailset which she carried well on the move. Excellent rear angulation and well let down hocks. Her attitude made me smile and her overall balance and drive won her **RBB** and **BVIS**.

Veteran Bitch (4,0)

- 1st Walker's Lizzlog Kiss and Tell JW. 8yr old bitch with a very pretty head and expression. Loved her size and balance. She had a good length of neck and well placed shoulders with the correct brisket. Lovely tight feet. Excellent topline with strong short loin. Moderate turn of stifle with well let down hocks. She moved with drive around the ring and was handled well. Considered her for higher honours.
- 2nd Harrison's Sh Ch Glendaruel Black Diamond at Solotown (AI). A 9yr old bitch of taller frame. She had a very pretty head with a soft expression. Good length of neck but not quite the front of 1. Good depth of chest. Excellent turn of stifle. Moved well but dropped her topline a little.
- 3rd Colson's Eskwinds Driving Miss Daisy to Windyhollows. Really liked the size of this bitch but she was carrying a little too much weight today. Feminine head and soft expression, good length of neck into a well angled front with defined brisket. Correct bone for her size. Excellent rear angles but on the move her extra weight spoilt her movement.

Minor Puppy Bitch (3,2)

- 1st Williams' Wistaston Lucky Choice. 7mth old girl who is just how she should be at this age, giving her handler a hard time but her breed type shone through. Loved her head and expression, Excellent length of neck into a good front. Although still a baby she had a good depth of chest. Excellent topline and tailset and well angled rear. On the move she showed her balance shape and moved with drive. Pleased to award her **BPB** and that she went **BPIS** as my co-judge also loved her.

Puppy Bitch (2,1)

- 1st Warrington's Bochilbarley Heaven Sent to Woodavens (AI). 11mths old. Lovely sized bitch with a super pretty head and expression and boy did she have character. She had good length of neck and an excellent front. Good depth of chest for her age. Superb feet and good bone. Lovely topline and tailset into an ever wagging tail. Moderate turn of stifle. She moved well but still a little unsettled.

Junior Bitch (5,0)

- 1st Peer's Tweedisle Lindores. This bitch really caught my eye, she is a very pretty bitch with a beautiful expression. Excellent length of neck into very well placed shoulders and the correct defined brisket. Enough bone for her size. Lovely topline and tailset which was carried well. Short coupled and very well-muscled. Her movement was effortless with the true drive and balance. Considered her for top honours but this will come with maturity I am sure. Will watch her with interest.
- 2nd Crocker's Hopevalley Morning Dew at Ravenhall. Another very pretty bitch with a sweet expression. Loved her size. Good length of neck into well laid shoulders. Good bone and excellent feet. Lovely topline and tailset. Correct moderate rear angle with well let down hocks. She moved well.
- 3rd Walker's Lizzlog Nun On The Run. Feminine girl with a lovely expression. Preferred the fronts of 1 and 2. Correct bone and excellent feet. Strong topline. Very good rear angles and hocks well let down. Moved with rear drive but not the front movement of the others.

Yearling Bitch (2,0)

- 1st Powell's Bonnyhilbrae Love Of Joy. Just loved the shape and balance of this bitch. She was very pretty with an excellent neck and a superb front construction. Good depth of chest and lovely bone and feet. Excellent topline which she held on the move. Moderately angled rear that was well-muscled. She powered round the ring with ease.
- 2nd Carter's Lizzlog Top Totty. Taller bitch with a pretty head but would prefer a better shaped eye. Good bone and excellent feet. She had the correct length of neck but not quite the upper arm of 1. Lovely topline and tailset. Moved well.

Novice Bitch (2,0)

- 1st Peer's Tweedisle Lindores.
- 2nd Harley's Blouet Noelle at Arrowhill. Very pretty bitch with a sweet expression. Beautiful dark liver coat. Good length of neck. Lovely topline and tailset. Well-muscled rear with moderate turn of stifle. Moved soundly but preferred front of 1.
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Graduate Bitch (6,1)

- 1st Bellamy's Moontorn Goddess Of Love. This girl makes a lovely shape and I really liked her overall balance. Lovely head and expression. Excellent length of neck into well laid shoulder and the correct defined brisket. Moderately angled rear and well

let down hocks. Excellent topline and tailset. Her length comes from her body, she is lovely and short in loin and this shows on the move as she held her topline beautifully. Won this class on movement.

2nd Colson and Fox's Blacktoft Dancing On Ice with Windyhollows (AI). Close decision between these two. I preferred her size to 1 but she didn't quite have the front and reach. She has a very pretty head and expression. Good bone and excellent feet. Lovely topline and short coupled loin. Excellent tailset with every wagging tail. Correct moderate rear angles and well let down hocks. She moved well and with drive.

3rd Eggington's Pajenbeck Georgy Girl. Another loved sized bitch but just wasn't as settled on the move as 1 and 2. Lovely length of neck into well laid shoulders. Excellent topline and tailset. Good bone but would prefer tighter feet.

Post Graduate Bitch (5,1)

1st Lynott's Avening Sky Full Of Stars. This pretty girl was just the size I was looking for. Such a feminine head and lovely expression. Good length of neck. She was balanced with a good topline and tailset. Out of coat today but didn't detract from her shape. Excellent rear angulation and once she had settled she moved with drive.

2nd Branscombe's Torinmill Gaelic Aurora. Another pretty girl but a little taller and longer in frame than 1. She had an excellent head and expression. Lovely length of neck into well laid shoulders and defined brisket. Lovely topline on the stand but had tendency to drop it on the move. Moderate turn of stifle and hocks well let down. Another with little coat.

3rd Williams and Goodwin's Wistaston Another Love JW. This girl makes a very nice shape on the stand. Preferred the head of 1 and 2. She has an excellent length of neck and well laid shoulders with defined brisket. Moved ok but would drop her topline due to her length of loin.

Limit Bitch (4,0)

1st Walker's Lizzlog Chicago Showgirl. This girl oozes breed type and she was a pleasure to go over. Loved her size and balance. Such a pretty girl with a soft expression. Excellent length of neck into the best of fronts and she has the correct defined brisket. The right about of bone for her size and excellent feet. Beautiful topline and correct short coupled loin. Moderate turn of stifle and well-muscled. She flowed round the ring with drive and this won her the class with ease. I was delighted to award her **BB** and she then went on to win **RBIS** and **BOS**.

2nd Bellamy's Bochilbarley Eighth Wonder. I liked this bitch and her shape but she was carrying a little too much weight today. Preferred the head of 1. She was very balanced and had an excellent neck, well placed shoulders and a brisket. Lovely

bone and tight feet. She had a good topline but she could carry her tail a little high. Even with the added weight she powered round the ring with drive.

- 3rd Colson's Blacktoft Frozen In Time by Windyhollows (AI). Pretty bitch of taller size. She had a good length of neck into well laid shoulders. She had a lovely topline and tailset. Preferred the length of 1 and 2. Moved well.

Open Bitch (6,2)

- 1st Jacob's Moonstruck Macadamia JWW15. Feminine bitch that had a lovely expression. She had a good length of neck. Correct bone for her size but would prefer tighter feet. Longer cast than I would like which spoilt her topline. Moderate turn of stifle. She moved well which won her the class.
- 2nd Murray's Araminta Glass at Gayplume. This girl seemed to step up her form from her previous class. She has the correct front angles and well placed shoulders, Good depth of chest and the right amount of bone with excellent feet. Moved with drive.
- 3rd Bellamy's Bochilbarley Izzy's Legacy. Really liked the profile of this bitch but she was carrying a little weight which spoilt her front movement. She has an excellent length of neck and well placed shoulders. Moderate turn of stifle and hocks well let down. Lovely topline and tailset. She had the better length of body and nicely short coupled. Moved well.

Special Open Liver Bitch (1,0)

- 1st Harley's Blouet Noelle at Arrowmill – **BLIVIS**

Special Shooting Dog Certificate Bitch (0,0)