

The Flatcoated Retriever Society

Open Show

Saturday 8 June 2019

Dogs critique

I was delighted to have the opportunity of judging the Society Open Show. Thank you to all the exhibitors who entered under me and to my efficient ring stewards.

I was really pleased with my final winners. Generally I found the dogs sound and fit. A few exhibits would have benefitted from better handling and some from better coat preparation.

Veteran (5,0)

1. Stranfar Makundu - well balanced male in great condition, belies his age, kind head, great bone, nice feet, level topline, good coat, wagging tail, nice bend of stifle, well let down hocks, covered the ground with drive and enthusiasm, moved true fore and aft
2. Pajanbeck Magic Moments, also nice medium sized male, slighter broader in skull than 1. good balance, level topline, nice lay back of shoulder, good bone, nice bend of stifle, wagging tail, moved away a little close in rear and not so happy on the stand but became better as the class went on
3. Windyhollows Ragamuffin, a little larger overall and with a big coat, nicely constructed, good bone and feet, well balanced, level topline, covered the ground well, very happy boy really enjoying his day

Minor puppy (4, 2)

1. Arminzeras King of the West to Woodavens, almost 9 month old male, lovely head, dark almond shaped eyes, ears well set on, well balanced, lovely bone and feet, good lay back of shoulder, maturing nicely, coat a little dry today, gave his handler a hard time on the move but very happy boy , BP
2. Rehyrb Boralis (AI) 7 month old male, very raw, giving his handler a hard time, moved well when settled, a little raw at this stage, would prefer a darker eye, more length of upper arm and more bone. Level topline, nice coat.

Puppy (5, 3)

1. Arminzeras King of the West to Woodavens
2. Blacklake Angelo for Gayplume, 9 month old male, nicely moulded one-piece head, dark eyes, ears well set, a little rangy at the moment although a lot to like about him, longer than the first, moved very well although did give his handler a hard time on the stand, good front, would like a little more bone, feet need tightening, level topline, nice bend of stifle, happy boy

Junior (5, 3)

1. Lizzlog Shotgun Harry, well balanced male, lovely one piece head, almond shaped dark eyes, small well set on ears, really good bone and tight feet, level topline, nice spring of rib, good second thigh, good coat, wagging tail, looked really well on the move, happy boy
2. Hopevalley Morning Twister, close second just preferred the head and feet of 1. Nice medium sized male, good front, held topline well, nicely coated, good bend of stifle, moved slightly wide in the rear, wagging tail

Yearling (5, 3)

1. Lizzlog Granny Won't Like It, this boy presented the compelling picture and oozed quality. Beautiful one piece moulded head, dark almond shaped eye, mischievous look, nice length of neck into well set shoulders, good spring of rib, level topline into very enthusiastic tail, good tailset, fantastic bone, beautiful feet, nice bend of stifle, good second thigh covered the ground well on the on the move and looked a picture - BOB and BIS
2. Hopevalley Morning Twister

Novice (1, 0)

1. Steelriver Country Garden, stood alone and gave his handler an extremely difficult time but once settled showed that he can move, not great on the stand, has a nice one piece moulded head, good bone, tight feet, good coat, crouches due to enthusiasm but good bend of stifle, happy dog just needs more training

Graduate (2, 0)

1. Stranfaer Get Over It, medium sized, nice overall construction, one piece head, slightly broad in skull, leading into good neck, strong well laid shoulders, good bone, tight feet, good topline, good bend of stifle and second thigh, very enthusiastic and moved extremely well on the move with drive and true fore and aft
2. Islstrom All Of A Storm to Howlinggale, similar size and type, preferred head of first, not quite as enthusiastic as the first and coat a bit out today, prefer a little more length of neck, good shoulders, good front, good bone, good length of loin to brisket and good bend of stifle, moved a little close in rear

Post Graduate (2, 0)

1. Wistaston The Black Diamond at Howlinggale, very happy classical medium size boy, well constructed, laughing eyes, kind good head, good bone and feet, level topline, good front, nicely feathered up, good width of second thigh, good turn of stifle, covered the ground well in happy manner, really fit condition
2. Lizzlog Chicago Outfit, larger size, once settled made a nice picture but gave his handler a hard time, a little out of coat, coarser head than winner, great bone, nice feet, covered the ground well, enjoying his day out

Limit (7, 3)

Mixed class of sizes and type

1. Hopevalley Morning Arizona, covered the ground the best in the class, larger boy with one piece moulded head, dark eye, alert mischievous look, good bone, good front, well balanced and constructed, held his topline well, nice coat and featherings, strong rear, good second thigh, good bend of stifle, happy wagging tail, moved with drive, true coming and going, RBOB
2. Bochilbarley Blue Moon (AI), smaller dog, very typy, kind well moulded head, dark eye, slightly narrow through, good coat held his topline well, tight feet, good bend of stifle, happy wagging tail, didn't move with as much enthusiasm as first
3. Madelea Mister Moonlight, nicely made dog, better handling and trimming would show him off better, nice head, good front, good topline, good feet, waggy tail, could do with a bit more width of second thigh, moved a little erratically in rear

Open (2, 0)

1. CH Clandrifft Black Admiral for Clandrifft, very typical and classic male, well off for bone, well moulded head, dark eye, happy attitude, tight feet, well laid back

shoulders leading to level topline, profuse coat, good bend of stifle, good second thigh, very waggy tail, covered the ground well, moved true fore and aft

2. Danluda Adventurous Adam, transferred from Yearling having missed his class, giving his handler a difficult time, nice kind head, slightly lighter eye, would benefit from trimming of neck, feet need to tighten, well laid back shoulders, good topline, held his tail a little proud, could do with a little more width in second thigh, needs some refinement of coat

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