

Boston Championship show 10/01/20

Flat Coated Retrievers

Firstly, thanks to all the exhibitors who entered under me and allowed me to judge their wonderful dogs. A quality entry made my decisions hard and, in some classes, there weren't enough cards. Thanks for accepting my decisions so sportingly. I was looking for a bright active medium sized dog showing power and raciness, together with driving free flowing movement and that typical Flat Coat outgoing personality. Some lovely dogs in profile did not perform on the move. I feel movement needs to improve, some move too close behind or wide in front, but was very happy with my final line ups. Temperaments were excellent and that lovely exuberant, naughtiness was displayed all day. Thank you to Boston committee for inviting me to judge my first CC appointment, to my stewards Lynne and David and to all exhibitors for making it a very pleasurable day.

Minor Puppy Dog (5)

1st Armstrongs' Bitcon Magic Marker Handsome quality 7 month old boy. Beautiful one piece head, intelligent soft expression, kind dark eye, excellent construction front and rear and moved so true with drive for one so young. So balanced all through, pleased to award him Best Puppy and lovely to see him shortlisted in a strong group, still showing typical flat coat exuberance. I am sure he has a promising future.

2nd Reynolds' Hoedun Tarquins by Gemswin, Another lovely puppy, 9 month old with typical head and length of muzzle, kind dark eye, correct reach of neck and layback of shoulder, balanced front and rear angulation, slightly longer cast at this stage, moved well.

3rd Whytes' Kazval Custom Made

Puppy Dog (9, 3a)

1st Bellamys' Woodfinch Masquerade A heavier type 9 month male with a nicely moulded one piece head, kind dark eye, good front and bone, a lovely depth of chest and short loin, quality coat for a puppy. Moved out well for a puppy.

2nd Holmes' Rydanah This Charming Man Medium sized 11month male puppy, lovely moulded head with good muzzle, kind dark eye, good reach of neck, correct construction, good positive movement.

3rd Howes' Bramatha Mayfair

Junior Dog (9,1a)

1st Morris and Finlaysons' Finhamspride Kovu, Good honest flatcoat male moderate all through. Lovely moulded head, correct muzzle to skull proportions, with soft expression and dark almond shape eye, excellent front construction, well laid back shoulder quality bone and tight feet, short loin and moderate stifle with hocks well let down, lovely tailset, tail clean off the back, level topline held on the move and in profile.

2nd Buckleys' Steelriver Hit The Beach With Buckleyhill, 4th in previous class, slightly smaller than 1 but a good balanced boy. Good head with dark almond eye, good bone and feet, Lovely spring of rib and moderate hind quarters, moved well but preferred the driving movement in my winner.

3rd Hessings' Ronevorg I Believe In Santa

Yearling Dog (9,1a)

1st Armstrongs' Bitcon Echo Quality male, beautiful one piece moulded head, balanced all through, kind almond eye of lovely dark colour with a mischievous expression, ears well set on, correct neck and shoulder placement, excellent front assembly, quality oval bone and straight front legs, gradual spring of rib, short loin and moderate stifle, slightly longer hock but still in proportion, gleaming coat and continuously showing, moved with drive, just a little proud of his tail today to impede higher honours. Interested to see my BP is a repeat mating!

2nd Lizzlogs' Shotgun HarryJW Another quality boy, moderate workmanlike dog with correct head and eye shape, small neat ears, Lovely feet and bone, level topline, balanced angulations front and rear, moved straight and true, hock well let down, beautifully presented, preferred the head of my winner.

3rd Scaifes' Flatcharm Mr Fix It For Shennanjoy

Graduate (1)

1st, Joyces' Stranfear Get Over It JW, Although stood alone a worthy winner. Liked this dog when he came in, lovely moulded head with the kindest of expressions, good length of muzzle with good filling, lovely reach of neck into well laid shoulders, good bone and front construction, moderate stifle and moved with drive.

Post Graduate (4,2a)

1st Whittakers' Bramatha Steve McQueen workmanlike dog, a stronger male head but not course in any way, small neat ears, balanced all through with good bone, moderate turn of stifle. Movement ok but was proud of his tail today.

2nd Hessings, Bramatha Time for A Tipple Preferred the head on this male, kind dark eye and small well set on ears. Good front assembly and bone, gradual spring of rib, a little straighter in stifle and preferred the overall balance of my winner.

Limit Dog (15,3a)

1st Nicholson and Browns' Chanangel U'Got The Look, Liked this boy when he first entered the ring and going over him did not disappoint. Medium typy dog not exaggerated in anyway, beautifully balanced, correct masculine head, dark almond eye with a soft intelligent expression, lovely reach of neck into excellent front assembly, good bone and feet, gradual spring of rib and moderate hind quarters, moved with drive and extension, very sound on the move again considered for top honours but not quite the animation in the challenge. I am sure his time will come.

2nd Faunchs' Clandrifft Scout For Stars at Morrieland Another moderate dog of lovely construction, head of good quality, dark almond eye, soft expression, good bone and feet, good reach on neck and correct layback of shoulder, balanced front and rear angulation, moderate turn of stifle and moved soundly with reach and drive with lovely tail action.

3rd Youens' Riverglide Black Frankel

Open Dog (10,2a)

Lovely class with some good exhibits not in the placings.

1st Blains' Sh Ch Cacis's Just A Gigolo At Steelriver (SWE IMP) JW A stunning racy dog with the most beautifully moulded one piece head, kind dark eye of correct shape with a soft expression and a hint of naughtiness, Excelled in front and upper arm assembly and layback of shoulder, quality bone and feet, level topline held on the move and in profile, moved effortlessly round the ring straight and true, covering the ground on an long stride ,powered by moderate rear quarters, beautifully presented with a gleaming coat, although not heavily feathered, I was pleased to award him the CC

2nd Walkers' Sh Ch Lizzlog Granny Won't Like It JW. A boy I have watched since a youngster and pleased to have the opportunity to go over him. A quality dog all in moderation. Masculine head with equal muzzle to skull proportions, kind eye and neat ears, balanced front and rear angulation, gradual spring of rib, good bone and feet, and in full coat. Not exaggerated in anyway giving a lovely outline in profile. Moved sound and true. Not quite the reach and drive of my winner, pleased to award him the RCC.

3rd Jones' Arminzeras Infomania By Benvellyn

Veteran Dog (7,2a)

1st Strudwicks' Sh Ch Downstream Fair and Square For Burpham JW. Lovely medium sized typy dog, classic head with a beautiful dark eye and soft intelligent expression, small well set on ears, good reach of neck into good front assembly, bone and feet. Gradual spring of rib and short loin, moderate stifles. Moved with extension and animated tail action. Not overdone in anyway giving a balanced picture in profile when standing and moving. Best Veteran.

2nd Knight and Jacobs' Sh Ch Broomsward Hugo Boss By Gemswin, 9yr old workmanlike male. Lovely masculine head with a naughty expression, kind twinkling eye, neat well set on ears, balanced front and rear angulations with good bone and feet. Well ribbed to a short square loin, strong hindquarters, moved well but not striding out as well as my winner today.

3rd Horners' Pajanbeck Magic Moments

Good Citizens Dog/Bitch

1st Faunchs' Cladrift Scout for Stars at Morrieland 2nd in Limit Dog

2nd Salts' Levelmoor Acorn Antiques Via Wetnoses, 10 month old puppy bitch, Good head proportions', eye needs to tighten, neat ears and good reach of neck, adequate bone, going through the leggy stage, just needs time to mature.

3rd Salts' Levelmoor Black Adder

Minor Puppy Bitch (9,2a)

1st Phipps Baker and Baker, Never Say Never Oasis of Peace Beautiful 7 month old puppy, super feminine head, kind dark almond eye with a soft melting expression, very balanced for a puppy, correct front and rear angulations, gradual spring of rib and short loin, moderate turn of stifle. Moved soundly with ease. Best Puppy Bitch.

2nd Foxs, Blacktoft Dancing the Blues, I wrote another super puppy, unlucky to meet 1. Gorgeous 8 month puppy, beautiful head and kind dark eye, good bone, similar applies as above, balanced angulations, short hock and lovely tail set, preferred the movement of 1st today.

3rd Walker and Roberts' Funstuff In And Out At Gloi (IMP)

Puppy Bitch (15,4a)

1st Goodmans' Beanit Olivia, Lovely correct size for age puppy, lovely feminine head with gentle expression, dark almond eye, good front assembly, bone and feet, lovely coat developing, gradual spring of rib and short loin, moderate stifle moved well with a lovely tail action. I am sure has a bright future.

2nd Fox's Blacktoft Dancing the Blues 2nd in Minor Puppy

3rd Walker and roberts' Funstuff In And Out At Gloi (IMP)

Junior Bitch (11 4a)

1st Campbells' Ronevorg I Believe I Can Fly. Liked this young lady as she walked in, my type, medium sized bitch, of moderate proportions throughout. Feminine one-piece head, appealing dark eye and soft intelligent expression. Quality bone and straight front legs. Beautifully balanced front and rear angulations, lovely spring of rib and short coupling, moderate turn of stifle, elegant on the move with drive and level topline held on the move and in profile, lovely tailset.

2nd Hutchisons' Waverton Illusion, VHC in previous class but of correct type. Medium sized balanced bitch, feminine head with kind dark eye and soft expression, level topline held on the move, a sound mover with a lovely true gait, tail set is a little high, Preferred head of winner.

3rd Goodmans' Blacklake Marianna For Gayplume

Yearling Bitch (12,3a)

1st Strudwicks' Flatcharm Miss Lotsa Love For Burpham, Typy medium sized bitch who caught my eye. Classic feminine head, intelligent expressive dark almond shaped eye with a little hint of mischief, used to her advantage of her handler, Lovely reach of neck into layback of shoulder, good bone and front, correct upper arm, well ribbed to short loin and moderate hind quarters with the hocks well let down. Moved with extension and drive, however sometimes a little exuberant, but so free flowing when settled. Her tail action completed the picture of a moderate balanced bitch maturing on correctly for age, beautiful coat and condition, I feel the best is yet to come for her.

2nd Delamere' Gamerights Enigma, Lovely medium sized bitch of correct proportions, good head and muzzle to skull balance. Kind soft expression, dark eye with soft expression, lovely reach of neck and shoulder placement, good front, lovely straight legs and feet, moved soundly, not as animated as my winner, hopefully this will come with age. Not overdone in anyway.

3rd Taggs' Empire Glory Black Brianta At Oiyou (IMP CZE)

Graduate Bitch (3,1a)

1st Colson and Foxs' Blacktoft Dancing on Ice With Windyhollows (AI) Very outgoing exuberant bitch, beautifully moulded head with melting expression from her dark mischievous almond eyes, good reach of neck into correct front assembly, lovely bone and feet, gradual spring of rib, strong loin and moderate hind quarters with well let down hocks, moved with drive. Shown in lovely coat and condition.

2nd Delamares' Gamerights Deep River Blues, slightly larger type, with a good head, dark eye colour with a soft expression. Balanced picture in profile, good front and shoulder placement, with correct front and rear angulations, moved soundly with drive, preferred the head of my winner.

Post Graduate Bitch (8,3a)

1st Drottsgard and Brunnstroms' Moonstruck Making Out. Gorgeous medium sized bitch with a very elegant head and soft melting expression, amazing front assembly with correct layback of shoulder and quality oval bone, well ribbed up into short loin and moderate hind quarters, level topline held in profile and on the move, moved soundly with drive. Not in her full coat today but that just showed her construction. I am sure she has a promising future ahead of her.

2nd Richards' Hamelowntor Moon River in Manhattan (IMP) larger bitch, a good head but not as refined as my winner, kind dark eye, good reach of neck, good bone, balanced angulations fore and aft, moderate hind quarters, lovely tail action, moved soundly with drive.

3rd Walkers' Lizzlog Brewing Bettie JW

Limit Bitch (12,4a)

A lovely class where decisions were close and could change places on a different day, some lovely exhibits went cardless

1st Holmes' Wiccansage Virtue At Rydanah A beautiful medium sized bitch of moderate proportion throughout not overdone in any way. Fabulous head with good muzzle infill and soft melting intelligent expression, dark almond eye, lovely front and layback of shoulder, good width between legs and depth of chest, lovely oval bone, level topline, strong short loin and moderate turn of stifle into well let down hocks, lovely tailset clean off the back, moved with ease with driving action and good front extension, presented in full gleaming coat and condition pleased to award her the RCC

2nd Smithermans' Seaheart Ceclia JW, A bitch I have admired from the ringside. An elegant classical bitch of correct proportions throughout, her head is of correct muzzle to skull proportions with an intelligent naughty expression, lovely dark almond eye and small neat well set on ears, lovely reach of neck into a good front assembly, good length of upper arm, quality bone, well ribbed to strong quarters and moderate stifle. Sound mover driving from the rear, not quite the maturity and finish of the winner on the day.

3rd Burrs' Woodfinch Rubha Innis of Scheindubh

Open Bitch (21, 9a)

Another quality class,

1st Watsons' Rainesgift Bide Your Time JW, Loved this bitch when she entered the ring, no exaggerations, tidied gleaming coat and totally moderate all through from her head to her tail. Super classical head with an intelligent soft melting expression, lovely dark almond shape eye and good infill, small neat ears well set on. Lovely reach of neck, into layback of shoulder and correct front assembly, good quality bone and feet. Well sprung ribs into strong short loin and moderate hind quarters, not overdone in anyway, loved her laughing expression when moving so straight and true with drive and free flowing side gait, could definitely do a day's work. Pleased to give her the CC and BOB. As awarded the CC, I was told this is her third, congratulations.

2nd Armstrongs' Bourbon Black Kiss At Bitcon, a taller bitch than my winner but her construction and breed type could not be denied, Beautiful head of correct proportions and intelligent naughty expression, dark almond eye and lovely ear set. Excellent front assembly and good oval bone, well sprung ribs and short loin, powerful hind quarters allowed her to drive around the ring, lovely level topline in profile and on the move, constant tail action.

Veteran Bitch (5,3a)

1st Simons Coedylan Visi D'Arte ShCM JW Have done this bitch well before during her career at 9 years young she is a beautiful veteran, Lovely feminine head, full of mischief with a twinkling in her kind dark eye, good bone and feet. Balanced front and rear construction, gradual spring of rib and short loin, moderate stifle and still moves with presence driving from her rear quarters.

2nd Richards' Luss Kiss In The Dark Another medium sized bitch slightly longer cast than my winner, Feminine head with neat ears and soft very dark eye, Good front assembly and moderate rear angulation, Happy girl. Preferred 1st's topline.

Special Beginners Bitch (3,1a)

1st Gamerights Deep River Blues, 2nd in Graduate Bitch

2nd Sales' Free Spirit Black Brianta At Cloudfall 14month bitch , still a baby at the moment, a little leggy, just needs time. Sweet head with soft expression, good eye shape and colour, A sound mover with a level topline held on the move and in profile.

Helen Osborne-Brown