

Flat Coated Retriever Society

Open Show 12 June 2021

KC Building Stoneleigh Park

Warwickshire

Dogs – Bob Allen

My thanks to the FCR Society for this appointment after so long of not being able to show dogs.

Veteran Dog

First – Fox's Black Mica's Likes It Hot At Blacktoft JW (IMP SWE)

What a lovely head and neck into well laid shoulders. Standing had a very pleasing outline balance between withers and croup showing that all important power without lumber. Strong hind quarters driving him effortlessly round the ring, well deserved for the reserve best dog placing.

Second – Colson's Windyhollows Ragamuffin

This strong class producing yet another ageless male, super, all the same attributes as the winner, just splitting hairs on movement, the winner had just that bit more drive and balance.

MINOR PUPPY DOG

FROM THE MATURE TO THE UP AND COMING

FIRST – Romeo Dieste's Hopevalley Morning Phantom

Liked the Dog's outline, just at the right point for his age, plenty of bone and lots of growing room; Both front and rear slowly developing at the right stage and proportions, moved soundly, handler keeping an easy pace, has plenty of promise for the future.

SECOND –Simpson's Everblack Caught in the Act.

Different type but still has all the attributes required, not as mature as winner, but a good outline, a dark eye and correct angles, just needing to develop as he matures. Will be pleasing to watch as he develops.

PUPPY DOG – No Entries

JUNIOR DOG

FIRST – Walker & Robert's Gloi Dubh Just One Look

First glance round this dog caught my eye, I was not disappointed having gone over him. Very well structured, just right in depth and spring of rib, supported by good hind quarters, strong hocks and tight feet. On such a sound body his movement had drive and purpose.

SECOND – May's Ronevorg Dark Angel at Lussac.- This dog had all the attributes of the winner, and it was very difficult to split them. Type, balance and structure all just right, even movement from both was very good. Perhaps just the style of the winner won over.

YEARLING DOG

FIRST – Romeo Dieste's Hopevalley Morning Circus

Yet another strong contender from this Kennel, very good in outline, standing and presentation. All the levers working correctly, very pleasing to the eye when moving round the ring. When fully mature, will be challenging and hard to beat for the top honours.

SECOND – Walker's Lizzlog Buzz Lightyear

As the winner, this Breeder can produce outstanding stock, fits all the requirements of the standard and more. Today just lost out to a dog in excellent form, I am sure he will have many more red cards to hang in his Kennel.

GRADUATE DOG

FIRST – Douglas's Plainfires Quintessential Greenbayhill (IMP CHE)

This offspring from an exceptional Sire has all the quality of his Dad, typical head, lovely dark eye, neck and shoulders sat correctly into a sound well-constructed forehand. Level top line, gently sloping croup and a well-turned stifle. Good reach and driving movement completing the picture.

SECOND – Pingree's Calzeat Gentleman's Agreement to Heathridge JW (IMP SWE)

Very difficult to separate, would have liked to have two first place cards but not allowed, was a very close second.

POST GRADUATE DOG

FIRST – Fox's Satinbaze Cracksman for Blacktoft JW (AI)

Quality male maturing slowly but correctly, very good in outline and balance, well-muscled hind quarters and tight feet, providing super drive when on the move.

SECOND – Walker's Lizzlog Shotgun Harry JW

Different type from the winner, not quite as racy but has all the same attributes.

LIMIT DOG

FIRST – Pingree's Castlerock Burning Love to Heathridge JW

I have admired this dog many times from the ringside, and a pleasure to actually judge him in the ring. Now mature and finished off, presented a quality typical male in super condition. Fit and covering the ground with easy strides on tight feet, his balanced outline, completing the picture.

SECOND – Bellamy's Bochilbarley Blue Moon (AI)

At this level, it's always very difficult to separate quality dogs, he has all the balance and structure of the winner, just lost out to the winner on top form.

OPEN DOG

FIRST – Millbank's Kvicksans Eye Of The Storm of Larksdown

An amazing dog, stood out for type and structure, a head that perfectly fitted the standard. Set into correctly laid shoulders, supported by a balanced body and driven by strong well-muscled hind quarters. His drive and balance moving round the ring was exceptional.

Well-deserved first place and best Dog.

During his challenge for best in show he went lame, what a tragedy for both dog and handler.

I look forward to seeing his progress in the future.

Specials – Mrs Sharon Lewis

Special award puppy dog/bitch

1 Lane & Lane-Ridyard's Kazval thing called love with Kulawand- Almost 10 months and looking very smart, loved her head and good front construction moved well with a good tail carriage

2 Simon's Coedylan Bambino Caro

This puppy was just 6 months for today's show, very graceful and moved with style. Level topline and good reach and drive.

3 Gowland & Gibbon's Castlerock moment of truth to Remington

A lovely topline and tail set which resulted in a true wagging tail, pretty head and enough substance for her age.

Special award Graduate dog/bitch

1 Fox's Blacktoft Dancing the blues-I could have taken this bitch home with me, a one piece head with dark eyes, a decent neck leading into a good topline and waggy tail, good front and back construction.

2 Broome's Benvellyn Amur Falcon of Evinbriar- Handsome head and moved well, at one with his owner.

3 Gardiner's Bitcon Taylor made for Svenjak NAF- Pretty bitch with true flatcoat type, and moved well.

Special award open Dog / Bitch

1 Fox's Satinblaze cracksman for Blacktoft JW (Ai)

My judges notes say 'complete picture', which includes a racy outline with an ever wagging tail, excellent head and construction good movement.

2 Goodman's Blacklake Cordelia

A mature bitch who moved well, loved her dark eyes with a typical flatcoat expression.

3 Colson & Fox Blacktoft Dancing on ice with Windyhollows (Ai)

Unfortunately the handler left before the critique, however this bitch again had a typical one piece head and moved well with purpose.