

## **Flatcoated Retriever Society Championship Show 22-08-21**

### **Dogs : Mrs Rosemary Talbot**

Firstly my thanks to the Flatcoated Retriever Society for the invitation to judge at this special show. Credit must go to Louise Jones, the Show Committee and other helpers for organising and running the show under extremely difficult circumstances. My thanks also to Christine Whitmore and Harry Nelson for their efficient ring stewarding duties, including the use of the obligatory hand sanitiser! It was a pleasure to decide on the final top honours with my co-judge Sue Crocker, who judged the bitches.

Thank you to the exhibitors for their quality entry. A couple of points I noticed. Firstly hind quarters. In some cases these lacked strength and / or were over angulated. Over angulated hindquarters may give the impression of a 'showy' dog from the ringside but in reality take away the ability to drive forward. Secondly, although for me the height of the dog is not paramount above quality, I do feel that some males are becoming too big. Yes, this does look impressive in a good quality dog, but it must be remembered that a Flatcoated Retriever should be a medium sized dog.

What better way to start your judging day than with these super veterans.

VD ( 6,1). 1 Holland's Sh Ch Brightmoor Caught in the Act at Flatcharm. (Imp) nearly 9 yrs. This dog caught my eye 7 years ago when I awarded him his first ticket. He still moves round the ring with super movement, reach and drive. Well moulded, balanced head with lovely kind eye. Well constructed overall. Stood four square showing good front and rear angulation. Super bone. Never stopped showing BVD. 2 Fox's Black Mica's Like it Hot at Blacktoft JW (Imp Swe). 7.5 yrs. Another quality dog. A size larger. Beautiful head moulding with intelligent eye. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulder. Well constructed. Lovely bone and feet. Moved well holding level topline. In super coat and condition. Moved well. Preferred overall balance of 1. 3 Kilminster's Berend Uit de Swart Polder for Withybed. (Imp Ned) 8.5 yrs. In super coat and condition. Very nice head moulding with well shaped eye. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulder. Well defined brisket, would prefer tighter feet. Level topline, though shade longer cast, into well set tail. Moved well. (4)

SpVD (4). Mcquillan's Gemswin Black Magic nearly 11yrs. What a happy boy. In very good fit condition. Moved well. Lovely expression and head moulding. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulder. Good front angulation. Held topline on the move. In between coat. 2 Danabie and Colson's Glendaruel Dancing Brave (AI). This dog made me smile with his obvious joy of life. Well moulded head and happy expression. In super coat and condition. Well angulated front, good reach of neck into level topline. Well sprung rib. Good hind angulation. A little unsettled on the move. Super bone though would prefer tighter feet. 3 Reading's Sastrugi Beautiful Sunshine at Sabarka 10yrs. In good coat and condition. Well moulded masculine head and kind expression. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulder. Good front and hind angulation. Lovely bone and well knuckled feet. Moved well.

MPD (6,1) 1 Youen's Riverglide Secret Reprieve 6 mths A very promising well boned youngster. In lovely condition. Nicely moulded head with sweet expression. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulder. Correct angulation fore and rear. Stood four square and moved nicely holding his topline. BPD. 2 Tinker's Bramatha Lockdown Blues 8 mths. A mature well boned youngster of larger type. In

good coat and condition. Nicely moulded head, good front assembly with well boned feet. Good bend of stifle. Moved steadily. 3 Hessing's Hoedun Daddys Eyes at Montechor 6mths very much a baby. Well moulded head with sweet expression. Lovely eye. Good reach of neck, well placed shoulder, level topline. Would prefer more depth of bone. A little unsure of his surroundings, confidence should improve with age and experience.

PD (5,1) 1 Bright's Hopevalley Morning Phantom A lovely youngster with all the correct essentials. In good coat and condition. Well moulded head, would prefer tighter eye, but this should tighten as he matures. Excellent front assembly, good brisket. Good shoulder placement. Moved well maintaining level topline. Good sound rear assembly. One to watch for the future. 2 Tinker's Bramatha Lockdown Blues 3. Wilson's Hameltown Pedro Ximinez 10mths Larger type puppy in good coat and condition. Nicely put together with good front and rear angulation. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulder. Preferred the quality of head moulding in 1 and 2.

JD (5,1) May's Ronevorg Dark Angel at Lussac A promising youngster who will take time to mature. Lovely head moulding with dark well placed eye. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulder. Well defined brisket, good front assembly. Level topline into well set tail. Well angulated hindquarters. Stood four square. Moved well holding topline. 2 Deacon's Harlistream Hendricks 17mths A larger built youngster with super bone. Pleasing head and expression. Well sprung rib. Level topline into well set tail. In lovely coat and condition. Preferred tightness of feet in 1. 3 Broome's Benvellyn Amur Falcon of Evingbriar 17 mths A well balanced young dog with good bone throughout. Well moulded head and kind eye. Good reach of neck. Well sprung rib. Good hind angulation. Well knuckled feet. Moved well though a little proud of tail today.

YD ( 6). A high quality class. Walker's Buzz Lightyear. What a super dog. Beautifully moulded head with dark eye. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulder. Excellent front and rear assembly. Hocks well let down. Strong pasterns. Well sprung rib. Flowed round the ring with drive maintaining topline. Beautifully presented. 2. Holland's Flatcharm Mayhem Miller. Another super dog with a bright future. Classical one piece head moulding and well shaped eye, well constructed overall. Classical outline. Good bone, tightly knuckled feet. Level topline, strong hindquarters. Moved well. Immaculately presented. 3 Egginton's Pajanbeck Shall We Dance A finer boned dog Lovely head and expression. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulder. Good spring of rib, level topline. A well proportioned dog. Classical outline. Would prefer tighter feet.

ND (5) 1 May's Ronevorg Dark Angel at Lussac. 2 Broome's Benvellyn Amur Falcon of Evingbriar. Hessing's Time for a Tipple at Montechor. A well balanced dog of heavier type. Well boned. Good hind angulation, strong quarters. In good coat and condition. Would prefer greater refinement to head moulding. Held topline on the move.

GD (9,2). Huyton's when I Fall in Love. I really liked the overall balance of this dog. In good coat and hard fit condition. Of excellent overall construction with no exaggerations. Well balanced masculine head, good reach of neck into well placed shoulder. Very good front assembly, Good spring of rib and short, square loin. Strong well angulated hindquarters, hocks well let down. Moved well holding level topline. Res DCC. 2 Protheroe's Manteauplat Tom Putt for Ynsysddu. In lovely coat and condition. A soundly put together dog with good bone. Well moulded head with intelligent eye. Good fore and hind angulation. Well knuckled feet. Moved well. Preferred overall balance of 1. 3 Buckley's Steelriver Hit the Beach with Buckleyhill. An elegant dog with pleasing head and dark eye. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulder. Pleasing front assembly. Tightly knuckled feet. Level topline into well set tail. Just preferred movement of 1 & 2 today.

PG (7,4) Walker's Lizzlog Shotgun Harry. Another super dog. Pleasing head and expression. Well balanced with good bone and well knuckled feet. Good front and rear angulation. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulder. Correct proportion of rib to loin. Strong hindquarters. Moved well. In good coat and condition. 2 Blain's Ronevorg I'm a Believer in Steelriver. Lovely head moulding with intelligent expression. Good front and hind angulation. Well developed brisket. Well sprung rib. In good coat and well muscled fit condition. Moved well holding level topline. Preferred overall balance of 1. 3 Protheroe's Manteauplat Tom Putt for Ynsysddu

ML ( 6 ) 1Holland's Flatcharm Mr Brightside. A very well balanced, well proportioned dog. Lovely one piece head with soft expression. Correct front and hind assembly. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulder. Good spring of rib. Correct proportion rib to loin. Moved with drive maintaining level topline. Lovely coat and condition. 2 Joyce's Stranfaer Get Over It. An active, nicely sized dog. Pleasing head moulding with intelligent expression. Overall sound well balanced fore and hind construction. Good bone throughout. Well knuckled feet. Well sprung rib. Strong square loin. Moved well with drive, maintaining level topline continuing to well set tail In good coat and fit condition. 3 Hessing's Ronevorg I Believe in Santa at Montechor. A nicely headed dog with well set ears. Well balanced. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulder. Good depth of chest. Good fore and hind angulation, short square loin. Level topline. In good coat and condition.

L ( 7,1) MacDonald's Deringwood English Oak. This dog caught my eye as he entered the ring. Well balanced. Lovely one piece head, nicely shaped eye. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulder. Super bone. Straight front, well defined brisket, well sprung rib, strong over the loin. Strong well angulated hindquarters. Level topline, well set tail. In good coat and fit condition. Moved with power and drive. DCC (I believe his 3rd) and BIS with the agreement of co judge. 2 Bellamy's Bochilbarley Blue Moon An elegant dog of finer build. Well balanced. Pleasing outline. Classical head moulding with kind expression. Good front assembly, lovely reach of neck into well placed shoulder. Good hind angulation. In lovely coat. Moved very nicely. . Would prefer a touch more depth of bone. 3 Hewison's Casblaidd Island in the Sky A good sound type of dog. In fit condition. Good depth of rib. Pleasing head and expression. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulder. Good front and rear angulation. Moved well. Would prefer tighter feet and depth of bone.

O (6,1) A quality class. 1 Stevenson's Plainfire's The Captain of my Heart is Steelriver A masculine dog of larger type with good bone. Classical head with pleasing expression. Super depth of chest and front angulation. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulder. Level topline which he held on the move. Strong well angulated hindquarters. Super feet. In good coat and condition. Moved well. 2 Reynold's and Jacob's Ch Wiccansage Hugo's Dream JW SGWC A dog I have always liked. A workman like well boned dog. Well balanced. Lovely one piece head with dark eye. Good front assembly. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulder. Well sprung rib. Strong well angulated hindquarters. Moved with drive holding topline. Lovely coat and condition. 3 Holman's SA CH Trevana Masterchef ( Imp ZAF) Super head moulding and melting expression. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulder. Level topline into well set tail. Good front angulation and strong well angulated hindquarters. Well boned. In lovely condition. Moved with drive. Close decision between all three dogs.

Sp O Liver. (3,1) Whittaker's Bramatha Brownie. A strong well constructed dog. Well moulded head and kind expression. Good bone throughout. Well developed brisket. Good front assembly. Strong well angulated hindquarters. Level topline into well set tail. In good coat and fit condition. BLIS 2 Bellamy's Bochilbarley Harvest Moon with Moontorn. At 21 mths this youngster is not as mature as 1 and is going to take time. Pleasing head and expression. Nice eye colour. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulder, pleasing front angulation. Well knuckled feet. Moved well. In between coats at the moment.

