

The Flatcoated Retriever Society

Breed Championship Show

Sunday 1st April 2018

Dogs : Miss Louise Jones (Braemist)

An honour to judge this show and I wish to thank my stewards who kept the ring running smoothly and also the committee who make all of it happen.

On the whole I was very pleased with the quality of the exhibits and temperament as always was superb. Hard decisions had to be made, with very little separating some of them, its all about the dog on the day, no dog is faultless and It is always a matter of compromise and what I am prepared to accept without losing the essence of what a flatcoated Retriever should look like “ a bright active dog, of medium size, power without lumber, raciness without weediness” showing no signs of exaggeration or coarseness”

My winners and top placings generally had most of what I was looking for, however I do think we need to improve movement generally along with feet, on the plus side we had some lovely heads and type was very strong throughout.

Thanking all those that entered and the sporting nature in which they took my decisions.

Veteran Dog (10,abs 1)

A strong class of lovely veterans.

Ist, BVD and BVIS Horners Pajanbeck Magic Moments.

Quality dog with the kindest and darkest of eyes, long well moulded head, with excellent bone and strong tight feet. Good reach of neck into clean shoulders with an adequate upper arm. Lovely topline and tailset, good hindquarters, free from exaggeration throughout, moving sound and true on a long reaching stride, just lacked a little sparkle in the challenge.

2nd Miss H Fox SH CH Steelriver Blazin Hot at Blacktoft JW

An active powerful dog who shows his best in profile movement. Good bone and feet, good clean neck , well ribbed, good short loin, strong well muscled driving hindquarters, good masculine head with a good dark eye. Holding his topline throughout, just preferred the head of the winner.

3rd Miss N Kluth GER CH Rhinefields as happy as Larry GER JCH EUJW 11 CLUB HW 11.

Very sound moving dog, using his strong hindquarters to reflect power and drive, of the correct size and proportions masculine head with a good dark eye, showing no signs of exaggeration throughout. Good reach of neck into good shoulders and upper arm, well bodied and good short tail. Looked at his best on the move, today he just lost his topline when standing.

Special Veteran Dog (3,abs2)

Miss K Hollands CH Calzeat Causa commotion at Flatcharm (IMP)

What a credit this dog is to his owner at 11 years old he stormed around the ring with the same joi de vive of a puppy. Loved his classical head, being long and well filled in and a dark eye with a very naughty expression. Good bone, not the best of feet in super coat and condition, good length and depth through the ribcage, very eye catching on the move, although a little over angulated for me.

Minor Puppy Dog (3)

1st Osborne Browns Perrymel Days of Thunder

Lovely well balanced puppy of the correct size and proportions for his age, in excellent coat and condition, good bone, feet do need to tighten, good depth of body, good short loin and correct tail set, strong topline, moving sound and true. Moderate head with dark eyes, eye does need to tighten, however this is likely to improve as his head continues to develop.

2nd Walkers Lizzlog Granny Won't Like It.

This dog was a bit of a conundrum for me, whilst I loved his classical head being long well moulded and dark almond eyes, I found him rather long and hence at this stage of his development he appeared unbalanced and his movement needs to tighten both fore and aft. However as he matures this may all well improve.

3rd Suttons Danluda Adventurous Adam

This young puppy needs a little more ringcraft and to carry a little more weight, he has a moderate head with a good dark eye and kind expression, a smaller type of dog, with a good topline and tailset, once settled he moved ok. Lovely temperament.

Puppy Dog (9)

3 lovely puppies in super coat and condition.

1st , BPD & BPIS Macdonalds Derringwood English Oak.

Quality dog with excellent topline and tailset, clean neck, well laid back shoulders, adequate upper arm, excellent bone and feet, moderate all through, no signs of exaggeration, moving sound and true for one so young, in profile he has a lovely reach of stride. Long well moulded head with the correct infill, dark eyes and a kind expression. Certainly one to watch for the future.

2ND Shelley & Lutners Tellurn Come Fly with me To Rivage.

Classical head and a kind dark eye, well balanced young dog of the correct size and proportions, excellent topline and tailset, moved with verve and drive throughout. Good neck into adequate shoulders, good bone although the feet could be better, happy wagging tail. Just preferred the more settled movement of the winner, another one to watch.

3rd Smitherman & Roberts Seaheart Crian at Gloi.

This dog stands beautifully, racy lines, good topline and tailset. Long well moulded head, with correct infill and a kind dark eye. Excellent bone but feet need to improve, clean neck into well laid back shoulders. Needs to tighten in movement through the front as at the moment he is a little tied in at the elbows. In excellent coat and condition.

Junior Dog (6)

1st Watsons Rainesgift Urban Myth

Well up to size dog with excellent bone and feet, in beautiful coat and condition, strong hindquarters, well muscled throughout. Head of good length, well filled in, kind dark eye, long neck, however a little short and straight in upper arm which

caused his front movement to be rather erratic. Good length and depth through the body, good tailset- promising future.

2nd Hewisons Casblaidd Island in the Sky

Typy young dog, not exaggerated moving sound and true, adequate bone for size, feet need to tighten, good length of neck, would prefer more front angulation, good topline and tailset, good length through the ribcage, long well filled in head and a kind dark eye with a very naughty expression. Lovely temperament.

3rd Youens Black Frankel

Strong well muscled dog in hard condition, with super well angulated hindquarters, strong topline and tailset, good bone and feet. Moving well although a little wide through the front. Good neck and shoulders, good length and depth through the ribcage. Would prefer a little more refinement in head for me.

Yearling Dog (7,abs1)

1st Kings Kingsisla Glen Sligachan

Young dog of the correct size, balance and proportions free from exaggeration. Good bone and feet, good head with dark eyes and a laughing expression, good length of neck, adequate shoulders and upper arm, good depth of chest, correct tailset and carriage, moving soundly although a little close behind.

2nd Trotters Lussac Vill I An JW

Well Up to size young dog, in good coat and condition, moving well enough but needs to get the dog going straight, good shoulders and upper arm, good length and depth of ribcage, good bone and feet ok, moderate head with a dark eye, would prefer a little less cheek.

3rd Joyces Stranfaer Get Over It JW

Overall well balanced, well bodied young dog, good topline and tailset, good deep ribcage and generally a good front assembly. Moving soundly although a little wide in front, would prefer the head to be a little less domed through the skull and also to have a tighter eye. Good well angulated hindquarters.

Novice Dog (9, abs 2)

1st Milners Park Cariad King Of The Ocean.

Vey sound moving dog, excellent movement both front and back in excellent coat and condition, good bone and feet, strong topline and tailset, well moulded head, kind eye and expression although a shade lighter than I would like, good shoulders, a little short in upper arm, won on movement, maturity and balance.

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3rd Hewisons Casblaidd Island in the Sky

Graduate Dog & RCC (13,abs1)

Top quality trio of dogs and really splitting hairs between the first three.

1st Strudwicks Burpham Million Love Song JW

Classical head with a kind dark almond shaped eye and the correct infill between the eyes. In top coat and condition. Good reach of neck into good shoulders and an adequate upper arm, excellent bone and feet, good length and depth through the ribcage, excellent topline and good tailset. Well angulated hindquarters, in profile he moved on a good long stride with no over reaching, very positive front movement and although he moved a little close behind his many other qualities today deserved him the RCC.

2nd Deacons Tongreen King of the Makers.

Lovely dog of the correct size and balance and conformation, good bone, good depth through the ribcage, good topline when standing, good strong well muscled hindquarters. Good head, with a laughing expression, would prefer a slightly darker eye. Moving out well, in good coat and condition, well handled. Preferring the eye and maturity of the winner.

3rd Savory's Hopevalley Morning Arizona.

Quality young dog well up to size, moving from very strong powerful hindquarters, good topline and tailset, good bone although feet could be better, good neck and shoulders, adequate front, well bodied and coated, head of good length just preferred the head and eye of the winner, but still an overall good type with a bright future.

Post Graduate Dog (20, abs 2)

1ST Cooves Draketor Sea Shanty ShCM

Classical type of dog, with a long well moulded head and the kindest and darkest of eyes. Excellent bone and feet, of good size, not overdone, good reach of neck into adequate shoulders and upper arm, good length through the ribcage, moved on a long free stride, going soundly. Just needs to mature to compete for the top spots.

2nd Mullins Seaheart Byron.

Mature dog in lovely coat and condition, good bone, feet could be better, correct size and balance, well proportioned throughout, moving sound and true with good drive from the rear, good topline and tailset, head long and nicely moulded, dark eye ,although would prefer the eye to be a little less round in shape.

3rd Burrs Woodfinch Torrin of Scheindubh

Classical head with laughing eyes, moderate size and nicely balanced, good bone and substance for size, good neck shoulders and upper arm, well angulated hindquarters, does tend to fly his tail slightly on the move and although moving soundly tends to step a bit short, however overall he presented a quality workmanlike dog.

Mid Limit Dog (8 abs, 1)

Lovely trio of dogs just preferring the reach and drive of the winner.

1st Reynolds Wiccansage Hugo's Dream JW

Well balanced young dog in top coat and condition, used his strong hindquarters to advantage on the move, good bone, feet could be better, head of good length well filled in and nicely moulded, kind dark eye, good topline and tailset, happy outgoing temperament. Good movement both fore and aft.

2nd Fox's Black Micas Likes it Hot at Blacktoft JW (IMP)

Quality dog, classical head and the darkest of eyes, excellent bone , good reach of neck into an excellent topline which he held on the move, good short tail set on correctly, driving from strong hindquarters, moving a little wide in front and would prefer more upper arm. Very eye catching young dog, needing a little more time to mature.

3rd Millbanks Kvicksand Eye of the Storm at Larksdown

Classical head , long and well moulded, kind dark eye with a melting expression, just preferring the power ,reach and topline of the first two, however he moved soundly both fore and aft. Excellent bone and feet, in good coat and condition, would prefer a little more width all through, but overall a quality dog.

Limit Dog (8 abs 1)

1st Candler's Bitcon Chaser

Very lively outgoing dog, moved well on powerful hindquarters when settled, A long head, well filled in and a kind dark eye. Good bone and feet ok, well balanced throughout. Nice reach of neck into adequate shoulders, good depth of body and a good short loin, in good coat and condition, excellent topline and tailset.

2nd Lairds Seaheart Archibald of Daicheil ShCM

A quality dog in super coat and condition, Moderate well moulded head with a kind dark eye and expression. Correct size and balance throughout, good bone, feet ok, good deep body, good upper arm and layback of shoulders, good hindquarters, moving soundly on a good stride, looks at his best on the move and just dropped in topline when standing at the end. Very close decision between 1 & 2.

3rd Enticknaps Bochilbarley Ballabriggs with Tessera

Good overall type, moving very soundly from strong hindquarters, good bone, not the best of feet, masculine head, good dark eye, would prefer a little less cheek and slightly more length. Good depth of body in good coat, good short loin, correct tailset.

Open Dog (9)

1st DCC AND BIS Hollands SH CH Brightmoor Caught in the Act at Flatcharm (IMP)

A quality dog who in the challenge out moved the others here today, he moves parallel both front and back and in profile he moves with his head carried correctly on a level with his back. He has an excellent topline with his tail set on correctly, he powers around the ring covering the ground with ease. Good head, having enough length with dark eyes and a naughty expression, good reach of neck into adequate

shoulders, if I am being honest I would like a little more upper arm, but that is difficult to find in many of the exhibits.

Overall he typified a racy, active dog with the soundness I was looking for, without being overdone or coarse and having the required balance and maturity.

2nd Zuberbuelher & Schneider Almanza Secret of Success Multi J CH JEUW-17

Well balanced moderate dog, with all the right proportions, good bone and feet, nicely moulded head and a dark eye, moved well in profile on a long reaching stride, but would prefer the front movement to be a little tighter, good reach of neck into adequate shoulders and upper arm, good topline and tailset, well coated and presented, just preferring the movement and maturity of the winner.

3rd Stevensons SH CH Casis Just A Gigolo at Stellriver (IMP SWE)

Quality dog, classical head and dark twinkling eyes. Lovely moving dog on a long free flowing stride, good reach of neck into good shoulders, good topline and tail set on correctly. Nicely angulated hindquarters which he used to advantage. I feel that this dog is not yet at his best and still has more to come, he was giving away a little in maturity and his coat was not at his best today.

Special Liver Dog (3 abs 2)

1ST Jacobs & Holmes Charming Melvin Oasis of Peace (IMP CZ)JW SGWC

Can't help liking this dog, lovely head and eye being well filled in and nicely moulded, plenty of bone and substance, in profile moved with freedom and drive although a little close behind, well bodied and coated a little over-angulated on the hindquarters, held his topline and tailset on the move, happy outgoing temperament.

Shooting Dog Certificate (3)

1st Knight & Jacobs Gemswin Rolling in the deep JW

Well balanced no nonsense sort of dog. The correct size and proportions, good flowing lines, in excellent coat and condition. Good moderate head but would prefer a darker slightly less round eye. Good bone, feet could be better, moved well but tends to fly his tail on the move.

2nd Newtons Jasper I'm no Angel

Very active dog, moved with verve and drive, good head and intelligent expression, good depth and length through the ribcage, tailset a little low, in good body coat.

3rd Price Wagglewater Croxton Buck For Ruddleberry KCWGC SDC

Smaller type of dog, good bone for size, good hindquarters, in excellent coat and condition, well muscled, pleasing head, would prefer a slightly darker eye and lacked a little enthusiasm for the ring. Good overall type.