

Flatcoated Retriever Society Open Show – 11th June 2022

Thank you so much to the Committee for the invitation to judge males at our club open show. It was long awaited due to Covid restrictions but worth the wait. Always a very friendly event and I thoroughly enjoyed my day. Thanks must go to my two stewards Chris and Natalie for keeping the ring running so well for me and also to all the exhibitors who gave me the opportunity to go over their lovely dogs. It was a privilege.

Veteran Dog

1st Fox's Black Mica's Likes It Hot JW (IMP SWE)

Super 8 year old really stylish boy who is so well balanced. He has a classical moulded head, dark almond shaped eyes giving such a lovely soft expression. He has good length to neck which flows into correct shoulder placement. Deep in the chest, flat ribbed with gradual spring to short loin. Excellent rear angulation and well muscled hind quarters, plenty of bone and stood four square on neat feet. His movement was straight and true forward and back and powered around the ring with drive. Thrilled to see him go Best Veteran in Show.

2nd Davis's Pajanbeck Rumour Has It

Another nice Veteran, smaller in type to first placing and also very well balanced. He has a super head with correct eye shape and colour and gentle expression. Correct angulations front and rear and stood on neat feet. Movement was true forward and back and he moved freely around the ring but I felt not quite the drive of first placing today.

Minor Puppy Dog

1st Colson's Windyhollows Ragged Robin

What a super six month old P puppy who performed so well, it being his first show. Loved his size for a minor puppy. He has a beautiful one piece moulded head with dark almond shaped eyes giving a melting expression. So very nicely balanced at this stage, his neck is of good length flowing into correct shoulder placement. Nice depth to chest for such a youngster with gradual spring of rib and short in the loin. He has really neat feet and plenty of bone. Moved out well forward and back and covered the ground nicely around the ring. Will look forward to watching his progress.

2nd Walker & Roberts Gloi Kristopher Robin

Another lovely puppy of 8 months of age who has a balanced outline throughout. One piece head with kind expression, correct eye shape and size. He has good length to his neck and correct angulations front and rear. Standing four square with very neat feet and good bone. Moved out true forward and back and moved around the ring positively keeping a level topline.

3rd Warrington's Water Valet

Puppy Dog

1st Walker & Roberts Gloi Kristopher Robin

Second in Minor Puppy

2nd Warrington's Water Valet

Third in Minor Puppy. This boy has a lovely moulded head with correct eye shape and colour giving him such a soft expression. He is very well balanced and has good angulations both front and rear. Good depth of chest, gradual spring of rib and short loin. Initially a little unsettled but he soon gained his confidence and moved around the ring well but not quite the drive of first placing today.

3rd Gulbis's Blacklake Lysander for Gayplume

Junior Dog

Kearton's Braemist Bootlegger at Ravenhall

Really liked this boy. A lovely size and so well balanced. Super moulded one piece head with dark almond shaped eyes, neat ears sitting close to head and a soft expression. Neck of good length and correct angulations front and rear. Deep chest with gradual spring of rib and short in loin. Stood four square on super neat feet. Moved freely around the ring with drive.

2nd Youens Riverglide Secret Reprieve

Slightly larger type than first placing but still a nicely balanced boy. He has a pleasing head with a kind expression. Eyes dark and almond shaped. Good length of the neck with correct shoulder placement, good depth to the chest with short loin and well muscled rear quarters. He moved well around ring keeping a level topline.

3rd. Large's Selloana Aquarius

Yearling Dog

1st Prior's Gemswin Shut Up and Dance

Very enthusiastic 21 month old boy who was giving his owner a lot to deal with. He has a classical well moulded head with eyes of correct shape and colour giving a kind expression. He is well constructed throughout with good depth of chest and pronounced brisket. He has plenty of bone and feet ok. Once he settled he moved really well with plenty of drive

2nd Stott and Stott's Hamelowntor Amontillado with Lorosiette

This boy has a classical well moulded head with dark almond shaped eyes giving a soft expression. Neat ears sitting close to head. He has correct angulations both front and rear and short in loin. He has sufficient bone and neat feet. Moved out well but preferred the driving action of first placing today

3rd Wilson's Hamelowntor Pedro Ximenez

Graduate Dog

1st Walker & Roberts Gloi Dubh Just One Look

I judged this boy as a puppy and he's maturing nicely. He has a classic moulded head with correct eye shape and colour with a soft expression. Neck is of good length and correct front construction with deep chest, flat ribs and short loin. He has well muscled rear quarters. He was sound and true on the move keeping a level topline.

2nd Broome's Benvellyn Amur Falcon of Evingbriar

Two years old, well balanced in outline and good all round construction. Well moulded one piece head with dark eye and kind expression. He moved out well enough but didn't have such free movement as first placing today.

3rd Peers Marked Crusader

Postgraduate Dog

1st Romeo-Dieste's Hopevalley Morning Circus

Lovely balance to this 3 year old boy, shown in super coat and condition. He has a classical moulded one piece head with dark almond shaped eyes and a soft expression. Correct angulations front and rear. Good depth to chest, flat ribbed with gradual spring and short loin. Well muscled rear quarters. Sufficient bone and stood foursquare on very neat feet. Moved out with style keeping level topline on the move.

2nd Calzeat Gentleman's Agreement to Heatheridge

Slightly bigger boy than 1st but again is nicely balanced throughout with one piece moulded head, correct eye shape and colour and neat ears sitting close to the head.

Good depth to the chest, good angulations both front and rear and short loin. Rear quarters well muscled. Good bone and neat feet. Moved nicely but not the same driving action as first placing

3rd. Blacklake Angelo for Gayplume

Limit Dog

1st Fox's Satinblaze Cracksman for Blacktoft JW (ai)

Really close decision between these two lovely boys, however I really liked the first placing for his size and overall quality. He is so well balanced with no exaggeration. Not in his best coat today but couldn't deny his quality. Super classical head with dark almond shaped eyes giving such a kind expression. Correct angulations front and rear with a deep chest, flat ribbed, short square loin and plenty of bone with strongly muscled rear quarters. He moved straight and true going forward and back and powered around the ring with such style and drive.

2nd Walker's Lizzlog Shotgun Harry JW

Another super flatcoat shown in beautiful coat and condition and similar attributes to first placing. Very well constructed throughout with a nicely moulded head, and eyes of correct shape and colour. He also moved well around the ring but felt he didn't have the drive of my first placing today.

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1st Hewison's Casblaidd Island in the Sky SGWC KCWGC

I liked the size and balance of this boy. Well moulded one piece head with lovely soft expression from his dark almond shaped eyes. Good depth to his chest and well defined brisket and correct angulations all through. His ribs were flat with gradual spring and short square loin. Well muscled rear quarters. He moved straight and true forward and back and drove around the ring with style.

2nd Smitherman & Roberts Seaheart Crian at JW

This boy has a classic moulded one piece head with correct eye shape and colour giving a kind expression. Deep in the chest with pronounced brisket. Well muscled rear quarters. Moved out well enough but didn't have the free flowing movement of the first placing today

Judge: Hilary Buckley