

CRUFTS

Thursday 9th. March 2023

Judges Critique for Flatcoated Retriever Bitches

It was an honour to be asked to judge the bitches in our lovely breed at Crufts and I would like to thank the committee for their invitation. Sincere thanks to my two exceptional stewards who ran the ring so smoothly and efficiently and looked after me so well. Thank you also to all the exhibitors who braved the awful weather to show their dogs under me, I was genuinely humbled by the level of the entry. It was such a quality entry that sadly many lovely dogs went home without cards. I was looking for medium sized bitches that matched the standard as near as possible, and who also looked capable of doing a days work in the shooting field. Some dogs who looked lovely standing sadly disappointed on the move and I had to judge what I saw on the day. Several of the dogs had very long claws which spoilt the feet making them look very flat. Heads in general were good but for me there were some very strong heads and lost the appeal of a typical flatcoat bitch head. I really enjoyed my day and the opportunity of judging some quality bitches and had some hard decisions to make, but was pleased with my final line-up.

Veteran Bitch (15,5a)

A lovely class of veterans.

1st. Eggington & Davis`s Go With The Flow Dynamic Faithful(ImpNed) Lively nine year old bitch of lovely flatcoat type in good condition. Medium sized with a lovely moulded head, good neck into well laid shoulder. Well proportioned body with good bone and tight feet. She moved out well round the ring keeping a good level topline. A happy showgirl belying her age. **Best Veteran Bitch**. and along with my fellow judge was pleased to award her **Best Veteran in Breed**

2nd. Holmes`s Wiccansage Virtue at Rydanah Seven and a half years old in good coat and condition. Similar in size and type to one. Feminine head with kind eye and expression. Good front assembly and moderate bend of stifle. Well ribbed with gradual spring and short loin. Moved steadily keeping a balanced outline.

3rd. Dyren`s Seu (U) Ch/NouCh/Int Sh.Ch Calzeat the X-Factor Amsw-15 Nord VV-21 Dkvv-21 Fivv21

Minor Puppy(2,1a)

1st. Holiday`s Shashrox Raise Your Glass Nine month old puppy standing alone but deserving of her first place. Pretty young bitch. Well constructed with ample bone, lovely head with well set on ears. Balanced outline with level topline and well set on tail. Moved out confidently with a free flowing movement. **Best Puppy Bitch**

PUPPY BITCH (11)

A strong class of puppies and on another day the placings could change .

1st. Knight & Jacob`s Gemswin Goody Two Shoes Nine month old liver puppy showing lots of promise. Correct size for age with a lovely head and good eye colour. She is well boned with a balanced outline and has good tight feet. Showed and moved well. Very close decision for best puppy, just preferred the flowing movement of the minor puppy.

2nd. Campbell`s Ronevorg Madame Butterfly Eleven month old puppy with lots to like about her. Well constructed with lovely head and expression. Good depth and width of chest with good angulation front and rear. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulders. Moved steadily keeping a balanced outline.

3rd. Tagg`s Oiyou Double Espresso

Junior Bitch (16,2a)

1st. Price & Nicholls Windyhollows English Holly At Llantrussa Lovely young bitch of correct size. She has a nicely moulded feminine head with dark eye and neat ears. Good front assembly with good bone and feet. Level topline and well set on tail. She moved well with drive.

2nd. Lutner & Jacholnik Telurn For Your Eyes Only Another lovely young bitch, slightly longer caste than one, with good bone and excellent tight feet. Pretty head with kind expression and neat ears. Good reach of neck and lay of shoulder. Good angulation fore and aft. Presented in good coat and condition. Moved out freely.

3rd Smitherman`s Seaheart Dora At Harmarlanda

Yearling Bitch (28,4a)

This was a big class of quality bitches, I had some hard decisions to make.

1st. Racic & Weber`s Ch/bih Dantaran May I Be Your Sweetheart Jch/cro,Jch/slo,Jcw Well constructed with good bone. Lovely moulded head with kind eye. Good front assembly with prominent forechest and correctly angled forequarters. Moderate bend of stifle , level topline and well set on tail . Would prefer tighter feet but couldn`t deny her overall quality to place her first. Moved well with drive keeping a balanced outline.

2nd. Gale`s Willowswind Fayette (ai) A pretty girl with classic flatcoat head and mischevious expression. Correct size with good front angulation and nice bone. Moderate bend of stifle with well made rear quarters. Presented a pleasing picture in good coat and condition . Moved well , not quite the drive of one.

3rd. Whittaker`s Jetstarski I`m On Fire

Undergraduate Bitch (18,4a)

1st Dunnet`s Hoedun Miss Atomic Bomb Presented a well balanced outline standing with good bone . Lovely head with dark eye and alert expression. Correct angulation front and rear with moderate bend of stifle. Moved well with good reach and drive.

2nd. Bellamy`s Moontorn Better Half Of Me Balanced bitch of lovely type. Finer in body than one but well put together. Feminine head with kind expression. Good shoulder placement into level topline. Well defined brisket and correctly angulated forequarters matching well angulated rearquarters. Moved steadily with drive .

3rd. Knight & Jacob`s Gunoak Solar Flare By Gemswin

Graduate Bitch (18,7a)

1st. Rees`s Braemist New Moon For Eskwinds Well constructed bitch of medium size presenting a balanced outline. She has a lovely head and expression. Good reach of neck into well laid back shoulders. Good depth of body with correctly angulated forequarters , gradual spring of rib to short loin, good bone and feet. Stylish mover once settled with good reach and drive.

2nd Gardiner`s Bitcon Taylor Made For Svenjak Nicely balanced bitch with a pretty head and dark eye with kind expression. Good depth and width of chest with a well defined brisket. Good angulation fore and aft, with a moderate bend of stifle. Moved well but not quite style of one.

3rd Cooves Pajanbeck I Have A Dream By Draketor

Post Graduate Bitch (16,5a)

Some lovely quality bitches in this class .

1st. Romeo-Dieste`s Hopevalley Morning Wicked Lovely typy bitch of correct size. In good coat and condition, with good bone and tight feet. She presented a well balanced outline with a lovely moulded head, dark eye and soft expression . Well constructed with good front angulation , good depth of body, gradual spring of rib to short loin and well angled rear. She moved with a good free flowing action covering the ground well. Very pleased to award her the **Res. Bitch C.C.**

2nd. Milton`s Manteauplat Black Pippin Lovely moulded head with kind eye . Good depth and width of chest with good front angulation, moderate bend of stifle and strong rear quarters. Well laid shoulder and level topline. Moved out well , unlucky to come up against one today.

3rd. Jacob`s Gemswin She`s Got The Look

Mid Limit Bitch (13,1a),

1st. Bellamy`s Bochilbarley Won`t Let You Go To Moontorn Medium sized typy bitch with feminine head and soft expression. Balanced angulation to front and rear , good reach of neck into well laid shoulder and level topline. Standing on good feet. Not in her best coat today but moved with good reach and drive from strong rear quarters.

2nd. Curtis`s Tallistar Crazy In Love Correct size and balance presenting a good outline standing and on the move. Lovely head with typical flatcoat expression. Well conconstructed with good angulation to both front and rear. She moved with purpose on a good stride .

3rd. Anderson`s Kazval Angel In Your Sky Over Feldkirk

Limit Bitch (24,3a)

This was certainly a class of quality, with some lovely bitches sadly going cardless.

1st Ross`s Islstrom Aila This bitch drew my eye upon entering the ring . She is of correct size with a very pleasing outline standing and on the move.Lovely feminine head with kind expression and well set on ears. She has correctly angulated fore quarters with a good depth of chest and well defined brisket .Well ribbed up with a gradual spring. Good bone and tight feet , level topline and well set on tail , moderate bend of stifle with good width off second thigh. She flowed round the ring on a good stride covering the ground with ease, keeping a well balanced outline . Shown in good coat and condition and a worthy winner of this class. Pleased to award her the **Bitch C.C.**

2nd. Nicholls & Price`s Llanrussa O`Sole Mio Another quality bitch of medium size with a nice head and expression and neat well set on ears. Super front assembly with good depth of chest and prominent forechest. Good bone and feet,good spring of rib and well angulated rear quarters. In lovely coat and condition. She moved out true fore and aft covering the ground well. Just preferred the flowing movement of one.

3rd. Egginton & Davis`s Pajanbeck Angel`s on My Side

Open Bitch (21,2a)

Again some quality bitches in this class and dissapointingly some who didn`t move as well as I know they can. On another day it could all change.

1st. Bellamy`s Moontorn Goddess Of Love A well balanced bitch with a lovely outline. Feminine head of correct proportion with dark eye and kind expression. Good reach of neck into level topline and correct tailset. Good front assembly, bone and lovely tight feet. Moderate bend of stifle with good width of second thigh.She moved with drive round the ring keeping a perfectly balanced outline.

2nd.. Holland`s Flatcharm Bianca Del Rio Slightly taller bitch with lovely moulded head and dark eye.Very good front assembly, with a good reach of neck into well laid shoulder. Level topline and good tail carriage She has good bone and feet.Well handled .Moving freely with drive.

3rd. Romeo-Dieste`s Hopevalley Morning Rainbow JW

Field Trial Bitch (no entries)

Special Working Gundog Bitch (18,3a)

1st Malz`s Multi Ch.Telurn Coming Home For me this bitch was an excellant example of a dual purpose flatcoat. She has a well balanced outline standing and on the move . With a feminine head and good reach of neck into well laid shoulder. Good angulation both front and rear with good depth to body. Prominent forechest and good bone and feet.She moved out strongly driving from well muscled hindquarters.

2nd. Hewison`s Donascimento Danilo From Casblaidd VW Sgwc Kcwg At almost ten years of age this bitch is in very good condition.Good size with a lovely head and expression,well made throughout, deep chested and well muscled. Presenting a balanced outline standing and moved well with drive in profile.

3rd Tagg`s Empire Glory Black Brianta At Oiyou (ImpCze) JW Sgwc Kcwg

Good Citizens Dog Scheme Bitch (14,7a)

1st Hayley`s Skybrook Honey Honey Mature bitch with a lot to like. Good Depth of chest with well defined brisket. Correctly angulated forequarters, gradual spring of rib to well muscled hind quarters.good bone and feet. Level topline and well set on tail. Straight and true movement.

2nd. Hewison`s Donascimento Danilo From Casblaidd VW Sgwc Kcwg. Second in Special Working Gundog Bitch.

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Judge -Mrs Val Orme