

THE FLATCOATED RETREIVER SOCIETY

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My thanks to the club for giving me the Honour of judging this lovely breed, it was a pleasure. I think the intensive heat could have affected some of the dogs movement but over all they coped very well.

Puppy Dog 3 [1]

1st: Mrs. Bowen : Clandrift Bring Me Sunshine : An excellent example of the breed. This youngster really took my eye as he entered the ring, he moved with an easy stride covering the ground without effort on good feet placed in line all through, head carried slightly down and a tail that was happy and carried correctly, showing a super outline, His rounded headpiece with nicely shaped well set eyes was ideal for his age in balance with his foreface, his nose having good open nostrils. A good length to his neck into well laid shoulders, ample width and good depth to his front, well ribbed and moderately angled rear that was strongly muscled, Could not deny him Best Puppy dog, followed by my choice for Best Dog, on Referees decision he was later awarded RBIS and BOSIS and BPIS.

2ND: Mr. Mrs. Miss & Mrs. Eggington & Davis: Pajanbeck Think Of Me: Very promising lad of good breed type, not as forward as winner but a great deal to like, just needs more time, Nicely developed head with a good eye, nicely tapered foreface and a good nose, enough neck and body for age, straight strong bone to front legs and an over all balance that showed in his movement.

Junior Dog 4 [1]

1st: Repeat from Puppy

2nd: Mr. & Mrs. Burrows: I Know Him So Well At Rokaness: Nice type, pleasing in head, with enough neck but would prefer a better lay of shoulder which affected his movement, well developed body and strong bone, good attitude.

3rd: Mr. Mrs. & Miss. Colson: Windyhollows Ragged Robiin JW. Much heavier set dog all through, strong body, for me he was lacking that racy shape and clean movement. Well angulated rear.

Novice Dog 4 [2]

1st: Second in Puppy

2nd: Mrs. Gulbis: Blacklake Lysander For Gayplume: Head in proportion a good nose, enough width and depth to chest, moderate in all departments, would prefer less height to his shoulders, all though he had a lovely attitude his movement was not correct for the breed.

Graduate Dog 9 [3]

1st: Mrs. Harvy: Moontorn Black Magic: Smashing type with a good head, all in proportion, well set ear and plenty of length to neck, flowing into good shoulders, correct ribs and length

of body, straight and strong bone to front legs, nicely angulated to rear, good feet, moved with an easy flowing action and good side gate with perfect tail carriage and good attitude.

2nd: Repeat from Junior

3rd:Mrs.Prior:Gemswin Shut Up And Dance: Very good type with a lot to like, balanced head piece with a good eye and strong jaw, ample length to neck and correct shoulders, presented a lovely shape all through with a lovely outgoing nature, moved with a very good action showing his free moving side gate and good top line covering the ground without effort.

Post Graduate 4

1st: Mrs.Youens: Riverglide Secret Reprive: A good dog that was balanced all through, Nicely proportioned head piece with a good eye, ample bone and strong feet, well made chest development, correct rib and length of back, moderate rear angulation, moved really well with a good action, true front and rear, out going happy nature. RBD

2nd:Mrs.Gulbis: Blacklake Angelo Gor Gayplume: Very similar comments to my winner, lovely lad just a shade bigger, splitting hairs, just preferred the movement of winner.

3rd: Repeat from Junior

Limit Dog 3[2]

1st: Mrs.Fox: Satinbaze Cracksman For Blacktoft: Nice size, balanced with a good nature, pleasing head and eye, well set ear and enough length to neck, deep chest but rather wide on front which affected his movement. Ample strong bone well muscled to upper thigh.

Open Dog 1

1st: Mrs.Youens : Riverglide Black Frankel: Built on bigger, heavier lines but balanced, strong head to foreface , good eye, well developed chest of good width, good ribs and tuck up, decent shoulders and strong body, nicely angulated rear, moved soundly with a very happy nature.

Veteran Dog 3 [1]

1st: Mrs. & Miss. Mellamy: Bochilbarley Blue Moon [AI] ShCEx: Good type, with a well balanced shape and conformation all through, liked his size and side gate, pleasing in head, jaw line and plenty of width to nostril, ample depth and width to frontage, strong, straight bone and good feet, well muscled thigh, not so happy on the move today. BV

2nd:Mr.& Mrs.Joyce: Stranfaer Get Over It JW: Heavier type but similar remarks, both 7 years old, nicely made all through strong well boned with good feet, kept his shape from the side with good stride, again not so happy on the move, the heat was getting to several dogs.

Mrs.E.Thomas [Judge]