

## Flat Coated Retriever Society Open Show 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Thank you so much to the Judges show sub-committee for my invitation to judge this prestigious show, it was both an honour and pleasure. Thank you to my stewards Caroline and Harry for keeping the ring moving. Lastly to all the exhibitors for such a lovely quality entry of so many wonderful dogs and for taking my placings in good spirits. The atmosphere was great and I had a thoroughly enjoyable day, with a few memorable moments that will never be forgotten. I was very pleased with my final line ups of both the dogs and bitches.

### Veteran Bitch (12,3a)

Lovely class of veterans' I was spoilt for choice.

1<sup>st</sup> Branscombes' Torinmill Gaelic Aurora Kcwg, young looking 9-year-old bitch, still showing her socks off. Good one-piece head with lovely dark eye of the correct shape, good reach of neck with correct front angulation and bone, level topline, with good turn of stifle which allowed her to move with drive across the big ring.

2<sup>nd</sup> Colson & Foxs' Blacktoft Dancing on Ice with Windyhollows(ai) slightly smaller feminine bitch, with a lovely one-piece head, kind dark eye, balanced front and rear angulation, good spring of rib and short loin, moderate turn of stifle, just preferred movement of one today.

3<sup>rd</sup> Holmes' Wiccansage Virtue Sgwc another quality veteran whom I have admired from the ringside for many years. Lovely head with kind expression, neat ears, good front and rear angulation, level topline, tail cleanly off the back just preferred movement of the other two today but all 3 could change places.

### Baby Puppy Bitch (5, 1a)

Was lovely to judge these young baby puppies, with so much exuberance and energy for life.

1<sup>st</sup> Knight & Jacobs' Gemswin Chasing Rainbows, lovely one-piece head and dark eye with a cheeky expression, good reach of neck, lovely front and rear angulation, bone and feet coming on nicely, moved well when settled, I am sure she has a bright future ahead.

2<sup>nd</sup> Walkers' Lizzlog Hanky Panky, pretty 4-month-old puppy with a pretty feminine head and again typical flatcoat exuberance, similar as above applies, lovely balanced puppy, preferred the movement of 1 today.

3<sup>rd</sup> Egginton, Egginton, Egginton & Davis' Pajanbeck Hold My Halo, another baby puppy with good potential, good head, good reach of neck and well put together all over, good bone, a very happy baby.

### Minor Puppy Bitch (8, 1a)

1<sup>st</sup> Hollands' Flatcharm Regina Phalange, Beautiful puppy with kind dark eye, excellent front construction, good reach of neck and level topline, very animated in the stand, moved out well to win the class.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bellamys' Moontorn Chasing The Dream, full of mischief puppy with a lovely head and kind expression, balanced for age and maturing on nicely, level topline and good tail action, moved well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Stevensons' Steelriver Pure Majness, another quality puppy, with a good head and dark almond eye, good bone and again balanced for age. Not as animated as 1 and 2 but I am sure this will come with time. These all could change places on another day.

#### Puppy Bitch (11, 2a)

1<sup>st</sup> Knight & Jacobs' Gemswin Handbag N'gladrags, loved this young bitch as she entered the ring, and not disappointed when going over her, classic flat coat head, with a naughty expression typical of the breed, balanced angulation on both front & hind quarters for her age, with good feet and quality bone, held topline well on the move, good rear angulation and tail action used on the move BPIS

2<sup>nd</sup> Stevensons' Steelriver Pure Majness, 3<sup>rd</sup> in minor puppy

3<sup>rd</sup> Priors' Gemswin Wherever I Lay My Hat at Finnashember, I see this is a litter sister to my winner, good head and eye, another with a lovely kind expression, balanced front and rear angulation for age, not quite the positive movement as the two above today.

#### Junior Bitch (13, 2a)

1<sup>st</sup> Romeo-Diestes' Hopevalley Morning Xanadu JW, Pretty and well-constructed lady with a beautiful head, neat well set on ears, lovely feet, balanced throughout, level topline, moved well to win the class.

2<sup>nd</sup> Heneseys' Miss Mallorys Tickety-Boo Wrensmead (Imp Swe) another quality youngsters just needs time to fill her frame, good one-piece head and eye shape, lovely front construction, and moderate rear angulation, well-muscled rear, moved with drive. Could definitely do a day's work.

3<sup>rd</sup> Phipps-Baker & Phipps' Maddouse Never Too Much, not quite the animation today as 1 and 2 but another lovely bitch with potential, kind dark eye and moulded head, good front assembly, moved well, just needs time to mature.

#### Novice Bitch (13, 2a)

1<sup>st</sup> Knight & Jacobs' Gemswin Handbag N'gladrags, 1<sup>st</sup> in puppy

2<sup>nd</sup> Walkers' Lizzlog Tittle Tattle pretty headed bitch, correct eye shape, good reach of neck into layed back shoulders, good front assembly and moderate hind quarters, level topline held well on the move.

3<sup>rd</sup> Oxfords' Taranbeck Sorrel Shenandor, lovely liver bitch, lovely dark coat, soft kind expression with good eye colour and a one piece moulded head, adequate front

construction, would prefer tighter feet, good reach of neck and shoulder placement, moderate rear angulation with good tail action.

#### Graduate Bitch (15)

1<sup>st</sup> Jones' Benvellyn Sequoia JW, well balanced bitch in full good quality coat, who I considered for top honours, lovely moulded one-piece head, lovely dark eye and soft expression, good reach of neck into correct shoulder placement, prominent chest bone into lovely straight legs and feet, good spring of rib into short loin, moderate rear angulation, we'll let down hocks moved with drive and used her tail to good effect.

2<sup>nd</sup> Heneseys' Miss Mallorys Tickety-Boo Wrensmead (Imp Swe) 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior

3<sup>rd</sup> Izzards' Bryshot Starlight Express, slightly larger bitch, good head and soft expression, well-constructed with good front and rear angulation, moved well.

#### Post Graduate Bitch (8, 1a)

1<sup>st</sup> Watsons' Rainesgift New Sensation, a beautiful bitch oozing breed type, with qualities I look for in a flat coat, lovely moulded head with kind dark eye and mischievous expression, neat ears, good length of upper arm, lovely reach of neck into well laid-back shoulder placement, well sprung ribs, and moderate turn of stifle, lovely bone and feet, moved with drive and an ever-wagging tail BB

2<sup>nd</sup> Ormes' Hurstclough Joy Of The Moors at Elmstock, classic bitch, similar in construction to one, lovely head, kind dark eye and balanced front and rear angulation, good spring of rib and moved well, preferred the feet on 1

3<sup>rd</sup> Stevensons' Feldkirk Rose N Roses, lovely head and soft expression, neat ears, good front angulation, spring of rib into short loin, not as strong on the hind quarters as 1 and 2.

#### Limit Bitch (14, 3a)

1<sup>st</sup> Ormes' Hopevalley Morning Dream of Elmstock, A beautiful bitch with good breed type, another I considered for top honours, lovely moulded head with almond eye shape and colour, excellent front assembly, level topline held standing and on the move, short loin, moderate rear angulation, moved well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Joyces' Stranfear One Fell Swoop, another bitch of good quality, pretty head with well set ears and soft expression, excellent chest bone and quality bone and feet, lovely spring of rib into short loin, well let down hocks and strong rear quarters allowing good driving movement, preferred the head of my winner

3<sup>rd</sup> Warringtons' Woodavens Frozen Flame, lovely moulded head and soft expression, neat ears well set on, good reach of neck and front construction, lovely bone and feet, moved well, preferred the overall balance of 1 and 2

#### Open Bitch (6, 1a)

1<sup>st</sup> Holmes' Rydanah Devils In The Detail, Lovely happy bitch showing plenty of breed type, beautiful head of one -piece, intelligent soft expression with dark eye, neat small ears, good reach of neck into layback shoulders. Good length of upper arm, into straight front legs with good feet. Lovely spring of rib into short loin and moderate turn of stifle, correct tail set, moved with drive. RBB

2<sup>nd</sup> Bellamys' Moontorn Better Half Of Me JW ShCEX OSW another quality bitch in full coat and close decision to 1. Lovely head with kind dark eye of correct shape, good front and width for heart room, good bone and balanced front and rear angulation, lovely tail action really enjoying her day, unlucky to meet winner in such good form.

3<sup>rd</sup> Thurgoods' Thurwitt Madame Cholet, pretty headed bitch, with soft expression, good reach of neck and front assembly, level topline held sand on the move, moderate rear quarters with good tail action, not as in full coat as 1 and 2 but a lovely bitch to go over.

#### Champion Bitch (2)

1<sup>st</sup> Kiddells' Multi Ch Hameldowntor Midsummer Night's Dream, lovely moulded one piece head, soft dark eye and good length of muzzle, balanced front and rear angulation, deep chest and short loin, well-muscled throughout, which allowed good driving movement.

2<sup>nd</sup> Romeo-Diestes' Sh Ch Hopevalley Morning Wicked, pretty headed bitch of correct size, kind dark eye with a cheeky look, balanced picture standing with good front and rear construction, preferred movement of 1 today.

#### Special Working Bitch (5)

1<sup>st</sup> Keartons' Hopevalley Morning Dew at Ravenhall Kcwg, a lovely bitch with a nicely moulded one piece head, correct eye shape and colour giving that soft expression, good front assembly, correct shoulder placement, deep chest into strong short loin, well let down hocks, moved well with good tail action.

2<sup>nd</sup> Fords' Lussac Yawl of Percuil JW Sgwc, a medium sized bitch I have liked before, a pretty one piece moulded head with soft expression and a kind dark eye, good front angulation and straight front legs, a gradual spring of rib into a short loin, moderate hind quarters, and moved with drive, not the tail action of my winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Kitchings' Casblaidd Angels Landing Wgc, workmanlike bitch, with a nicely moulded one piece head, would prefer a bit more length of upper arm so not quite the reach as 1 and 2 on the move, level topline, moderate turn of stifle with well let down hocks, balanced picture whilst standing.

#### Special Beginners Bitch (6, 1a)

1<sup>st</sup> Goodmans' Blacklake Dark Lady for Gayplume, happy bitch of correct size, nicely moulded head with a kind expression, good front angulation, spring of rib and moderate turn of stifle, in full coat, moved ok to win the class

2<sup>nd</sup> Kitchings' Casblaidd Angels Landing Wgc, 3<sup>rd</sup> in working

3<sup>rd</sup> Kitchings' Selloana Callisto Nymph Wgc, pretty bitch with soft expression, neat ears and good reach of neck, deep chest and straight front legs, moderate turn of stifle, tail set a little low.

#### Veteran Dog (7, 1a)

A lovely quality veteran class

1<sup>st</sup> Taites' Gamerights Troyte, excellent veteran boy enjoying his time in the ring, lovely moulded one-piece head, correct eye shape and colour with a hint of naughtiness, deep chest with plenty of heart room, well ribbed up to short loin, good turn of stifle with well let down hocks, standing true and moved well, in full coat with ever wagging tail.

2<sup>nd</sup> Joyces' Stranfaer Get Over It JW, another lovely male with similar qualities, good head with kind eye, correct shoulder placement and a good front, moderate turn of stifle, with tail clean off the back, making a lovely balanced picture, good tail action preferred the overall profile of 1

3<sup>rd</sup> Bellamys' Bochilbarley Blue Moon (ai) Sh CEx another lovely veteran, good head with soft expression and small well-set ears, not as strong in front as 1 and 2, but still presenting a balanced picture.

#### Baby Puppy Dog (2,1 a)

1<sup>st</sup> Jacobs & Taites' Gemswin It's Raining Men, this little man stole the show, he never stopped wagging from beginning to end and I am sure has a bright future ahead of him, lovely moulded head, kind dark eye and full of mischief for one so young, lovely bone and front, developing ribcage and lovely bend of stifle, what can I say, loved him and pleased to award him BBPIS

#### Minor Puppy Dog (5, 2a)

1<sup>st</sup> Bellamy & Nicklins' Moontorn Count On Me, happy male puppy with a lovely head and kind dark eye, good front angulation with good bone for age, balanced profile, preferred this boys movement for the win

2<sup>nd</sup> Lilly & Reynards' Rainesgift Play on Words, liked this puppy, lovely head with a soft expression, good reach of neck and shoulder placement, developing on correctly for age, level topline and moderate rear quarters, wagging tail, not as positive on the move as 1

3<sup>rd</sup> McIlwaine & Reynolds' Flatcharm Mr Heckles for Benoveor, this boy needs to fill his frame, kind head and expression, good bone and feet, lovely reach of neck I am sure these puppies will change places as time goes on.

#### Puppy Dog (5, 3a)

1<sup>st</sup> Hazelton & Vaseys' Telurn Ghost Of You for Hazeyvasey up to size male, with good head with kind dark eye, good front and bone, feet need to tighten, level topline and happy to be in the ring

2<sup>nd</sup> Gales' Willowswind Countryman, good one-piece head and eye shape, kind expression, not as good in upper arm as my winner, needs time to mature and fill his frame.

#### Junior Dog (10, 1a)

1<sup>st</sup> Knight & Jacobs' Gemswin Innocent Man, liked this young man, full of flatcoat exuberance, lovely head with almond eye shape, balanced front and rear with a good spring of rib, moved with drive and I understand this gave him his Junior Warrant.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bells' Curlycrest's Sweet Home Chicago (Imp Nor), kind male head on this boy with good eye shape and colour, good front and bone, level topline, not as balanced in profile as my winner, needs time to come together.

3<sup>rd</sup> Pawelskis' Lamesbella Eugene, liked this boy a medium size, with good head and neat well set on ears, kind dark eye and balanced front and rear angulations, not as positive on the move as the first two today.

#### Novice Dog (5, 2a)

1<sup>st</sup> Clarks' Ronevorg Can You Be Serious, good head and eye, lovely reach of neck, good front and width for heart room, level topline and moderate hind quarters, moved well

2<sup>nd</sup> Ashcrofts' Gunoak Ora's Myth, womanlike medium sized male with good head and balanced proportions, moved well, coats need's tidying up, would show his attributes better.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tinkers' Kelvincross Smokey Joe, liver dog with a lovely dark colour coat, good head, would prefer a darker eye, balanced front and rear but a little proud of his tail today on the move.

#### Graduate Dog (7)

1<sup>st</sup> Halls' Hightyne Night Train, lovely medium sized boy, really liked this boy, lovely head with a cheeky look and a happy disposition, good front construction with a deep chest and good spring of rib, level topline and moderate turn of stifle, moved well

2<sup>nd</sup> Knight & Jacobs' Gemswin Innocent Man, winner of Junior

3<sup>rd</sup> Bells' Curlycrest's Sweet Home Chicago, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Junior

#### Post Graduate Dog (10, 1a)

1<sup>st</sup> Anson & McManus' Rotherfield Secret Code, this boy caught my eye when he entered the ring and he didn't stop showing from start to finish, no exaggeration from head to tail, Lovely moulded one piece head with muzzle of good length and well filled in, soft melting expression with a lovely dark almond eye, great front angulation and straight front legs with quality bone into good feet, well ribbed up into strong loin and moderate bend of stifle, moved effortlessly with drive across the big ring and couldn't deny him top honours of BIS with his look at me presence, and I am sure he has a bright future ahead of him.

2<sup>nd</sup> Burroughs' I Know Him So Well at Rokaness, medium sized boy with a lovely head, correct eye shape and colour, good front construction and layback of shoulder, well balanced throughout, level topline, good tail action and moved well

3<sup>rd</sup> Jeffries' Madaral Meet Jules, another good medium sized boy, with a good head and kind expression, good front and spring of rib, moderate rear quarters not as mature as 1 and 2 just need time as it's all there.

#### Limit Dog (6,1a)

1<sup>st</sup> Halls' Rotherfield Just The Ticket, Lovely head on this boy, kind dark eye, good length of muzzle, small neat well set on ears, balanced front and rear angulation and level topline, came into the ring wagging and exuberant, moved well, noticed he is the same breeding as my best in show!

2<sup>nd</sup> Wilsons' Hamelowntor Pedro Ximenez, Good male head with a kind eye, would prefer a longer upper arm, but does produce a balanced picture in profile, well-muscled throughout with good bone and tail action. Preferred the front extension of my winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> Keartons' Braemist Bootlegger at Ravenhall, I have liked this boy before, he is a medium sized boy with a classical head, he has a naughty look and kind dark eye with good layback of shoulder, good front angulation and balanced throughout, lovely tail action but not as positive on the move as 1 and 2 today.

#### Open Dog (2,1a)

1<sup>st</sup> Colsons' Windyhollows Ragged Robin JW Good quality male loved his exuberance as he entered the ring, with a soft expression and lovely dark almond eye, quality bone into good feet, balanced front and rear angulation, good spring of rib and with well let down hocks, strong level topline held on the move and in profile, ever wagging tail, in full coat, pushed hard for top honours but just missed out on movement today in the challenge, I am sure his time will come

Champion Dog (2) What I would expect from a champion class; this was a very close decision between 1 and 2

1<sup>st</sup> Bellamys' Sh Ch Bochilbarley Goblet Of Fire JW, lovely medium sized balanced dog in good coat, lovely head with kind dark eye and expression, neat ears well set on, good front and bone, good spring of rib into short loin and moderate hind quarters, moved around the ring well with good tail action standing and moving.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bellamys' Ch Woodfinch Masquarade another quality male, lovely moulded head with good length of muzzle, well filled in, good eye shape and colour, depth good reach of neck into a well laid-back shoulder, good front angulation and depth of chest, good bone and feet, covered the ground well, just preferred the animation of one today

#### Special Working Dog (4)

1<sup>st</sup> Foxs' Satinbaze Cracksman for Blacktoft (ai) JW Sgwc a lovely medium sized workmanlike boy with a masculine head, dark eye, good length of neck into strong forequarters, good

bone throughout, well ribbed up into strong well-muscled hind quarters allowing him to drive around the ring, can see him doing a day's work with ease

2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds' Telurn Can't Touch This VW Sgwc, I would prefer a little more refinement in this boy, he is a medium sized male, with good eye colour and shape, balanced front and rear angulation, and exuberant tail action enjoying his time in the ring.

3<sup>rd</sup> Hewisons' Casblaidd Island In the Sky Sgwc Kcwg, a workmanlike boy enjoying his day out, good one piece head and almond eye shape, good length of neck, and front assembly, balanced throughout, not as animated as 1 and 2

#### Special Beginners Dog (3)

1<sup>st</sup> Turners' Torwood Galactic Flyer, showed well in this class, happy boy with male head, balanced front and rear angulation, would prefer a little more bone, moved ok

2<sup>nd</sup> Hazelton & Vaseys' Telurn Ghost Of You for Hazevasey, 1<sup>st</sup> in Puppy

3<sup>rd</sup> Pierces' Wychwizard Forester at Tarnmillcrag, similar to 1<sup>st</sup>, but not as balanced as 1 and 2, male head with soft expression, good length of neck, chest needs to drop. Just needs time to come grow into his frame.

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