

WESSEX BORDER COLLIE CLUB OPEN SHOW

20th MAY 2007

Judge: Nick Grosvenor

I would like to thank the Wessex Border Collie Club for the invitation to judge this show and say how much I enjoyed my day with very good hospitality, an excellent large ring to assess the dogs in and a very pleasing 93 entries for me to judge. I had many excellent representatives of the breed to assess and many of my decisions were marginal and could be different on another occasion. Overall type and temperament were very good and overall balance and construction in the main I found very pleasing all allowing some very good exhibits to move with a true and correct manner with excellent reach and drive with correct economy, on the minus side I did find the number of exhibits with shallow under developed fronts slightly disappointing.

Best in Show - Locheil Really and Truly at Croxlea



Reserve Best in Show & Best Puppy in Show - Littlethorn Porche



(no photograph)

Reserve Best Puppy - Tonkory Lightening Strikes Jaydean

Best Dog - Valecroft Colorado



RBD Sh Ch Caristan Moet Chandon

BDP Borderbeau Emporio Armani

BB Locheil Really and Truely at Croxlea

BPB & RBB Littlethorn Porche

Minor Puppy Dog (2, 0)

1 Beaumont's BORDERBEAU EMPORIO ARMANI **BPD** - 6 mth B/W. of good shape and balance, very pleasing head ,eye and expression with good construction front and rear with a well held backline supported by sound limbs. Very pleasing side gait and moved true to and fro.

2 Cannon's VALECROFT OBERON - 6mth B/W with good eye and expression, balanced in outline with good angles front and rear. Moved erratically away and back at first but did settle once given time and moved with purpose in side action once into his stride although he is still rather puppy loose in backline but I am sure all these will improve with maturity and experience.

Puppy Dog (3, 0)

1 Cannon's VALECROFT OBERON

2 Poguntke's ARNISTON QUANTUM LEAP - 10mth B/W of good type, pleasing head and expression with good balanced outline. Shown in good order with a steady side gait although does need to settle in front and rear action.

Junior Dog (6, 0)

1 Angier's & Kerr's EYES OF THE WORLD EXCALIBUR AT BILYARA (IMP) - very pleasing R/W dog to go over with very good construction and angulations throughout, very appealing balanced head and expression good length of neck, firm backline and sound solid limbs and neat feet all of which he puts to good use in movement with a true action away and back and a good ground covering correct action in profile and presented and shown in super condition.

2 Mann's BORDERPRIDE CLASSIC AFFAIR - B/W close up to winner in many aspects with a most appealing head and outline and good sound limbs just marginally preferred shoulder and upper arm of winner, presented in super coat and body condition and moved true away and back with a very pleasing side gait.

3 Ferber's WIZALAND GLENMORANGIE AT ROSSBROOK

4 Ward's GLESHANNON PIPER CHANDON AVEC CARISTAN

5 Emery's FLORAUNA TIMELESS

Novice Dog (3, 0)

1 Mann's BORDERPRIDE CLASSIC AFFAIR

2 Prentice's MOUNTLOCHAN LAIRD O'LEYS - Tri dog with pleasing expression, character and overall outline and moved with a good enthusiastic side action and presented in good order.

Graduate Dog (3, 0)

1 Emery's VALECROFT TRAVELLERS JOY TO FLORAUNA JW - 18mth B/W male of excellent type and shape, very pleasing in head properties with good eye and ear placement, front and rear construction was very good with good reach of neck well held backline and supported on sound well boned limbs. Moved positively and true away and back and with excellent reach and drive in side action covering plenty of ground with correct flowing action close up in challenge for best dog.

2 Beaumont & Gregory's TONKORY ILLUSION - eye-catching B/W dog of classical outline with a most pleasing head and expression, much the same comments apply in respect of construction and balance and also moved with accuracy and correct action in all directions, I just felt on the day my winner just showed marginal better drive from rear to win the class but could easily change places on another occasion.

3 Gowing's MADELEYS TOP HAT MATT WITH PIKARA

Post Graduate Dog (3, 0)

1 Kerr & Angier's BILYARA MR MERCURY OF BORDERCLAN - 2yr B/W of good balance, head, expression and overall construction holding a firm backline and supported on well boned straight limbs. Moved with accuracy to and fro and gave a very pleasing display in side gait covering plenty of ground with good reach and drive, presented in good jacket and overall body condition.

2 Bakers ARNISTON INDEPENDENCE DAY - B/W pricked eared dog with gentle kind expression, in front construction I found him to be rather steep and a shade long in loin, rear angles were good and supported on sound limbs, moved true away but could be more accurate coming to, in side action moved with enthusiastic purpose.

Limit Dog (3, 0)

1 Cannon's VALECROFT ORLANDO - 3yr B/W dog with excellent head and expression with very good eyes mouth and ear placement, outline is balanced and well constructed in all aspects although would prefer more development in front to finish him, moved true away and back and gave a good display in side action.

2 Anderson's CARISTAN CATCH ME IF YOU CAN - 2yr B/W with pleasing head and eye giving a good expression. In profile is a shade longer cast than winner due to length of loin and did not have as good angulations in front as winner but good angles in rear. Moved away with accuracy but could have been more precise coming on, showed a good flowing action in side gait but not the reach of winner.

3 Simmons FOXBARTON THE MAGICIAN AT CHARANETA

Open Dog (3, 0)

1 Cannon's VALECROFT COLORADO **BD** - 3yr B/W with a super head with very good eye and ear placement all put to excellent use to give a most pleasing expression when alert. This dog I found to be very well constructed and totally balanced throughout and was shown in super coat to enhance his outline. All these attributes and very good straight limbs allowed this dog to move with precision away and back and portray a very good side action with plenty of reach and drive. I felt he would push hard for top honours today but when it came to challenge the bitches for best and reserve best in show he just tended to flag a shade and had to give way to two young ladies still giving their all, but I still consider him an excellent example of the breed.

2 Beaumont's LOCHEIL TRAVELLIN SOUTH TO BORDERBEAU - 3yr B/W I have done well before as a puppy and still appeals greatly, well balanced in outline with a most pleasing head and expression front and rear angles are good and holds a firm backline at all times, shown in super jacket and moved true and well all ways with a very pleasing side action, close up to winner in many aspects.

3 Paesler's RESLEAP CHRISTMAS CRACKER

Veteran Dog or Bitch (6, 0)

1 Ward's SH CH CARISTAN MOET CHANDON **RBD** **BVIS** - 9yr B/W of excellent type, balance and condition still maintaining a firm well conditioned body and presented in super jacket and moved with a correct expansive ground covering action in profile putting some of the younger dogs in the shade, pleases in head and eye with excellent front and rear angles supported on sound well boned limbs on very good feet and held a firm backline throughout, a credit to his owner in all aspects.

2 Paesler's RESLEAP HIGHLAND LAIRD JW - 8yr B/W also of excellent type and style and very close up to winner in many aspects and unfortunate to come up against such a cracking exhibit on the day as he was well capable of topping this class and still holding his own against younger opposition. He is very balanced in outline with a very good head and expression with very correct construction front and rear on totally sound limbs and moved positively and true in all aspects with a very good ground covering side action and presented in cracking order both in body condition and coat.

3 Emery's BLUSHING PEBBLES FOR FLORAUNA

4 Catchpole's PASSIM DREAM CATCHER AT ARNPRIORS

5 Hartfield's TAMARSH MUST BE AN ANGEL AT MOSHANTA

Minor Puppy Bitch (6, 0)

1 Tunncliffe's LITTLETHORN PORCHE **BP** **RBB** **RBIS** **BPIS** - 7mth B/W of absolutely super balance and style and excels both in type and conformation throughout, she has a most attractive head with very good eye and ear placement all giving a most attractive correct expression, very good length of neck with correct front and rear construction and good croup and very sound well boned limbs. Stood and showed off her qualities to great advantage never once putting a leg out of place even when free standing and moved with excellent accuracy away and back and with a far reaching correct side gait and I am sure she has a very bright future ahead.

2 Higgins' TONKORY LIGHTENING STRIKES JAYDEAN **RBPIS** - 8mth B/W also of excellent type, balance and style and portrays a most pleasing eye-catching picture when stood, very attractive in head and expression with good neck and front and rear angulations on very good limbs, presented in excellent jacket

and moved true away and back and with a good ground covering side gait just felt she was carrying a shade too much weight to totally do herself total justice today but a bitch of much promise and should also have a very good career ahead.

3 Beaumont's BORDERBEAU RIVE GAUCHE

4 Angier & Harlow's BILYARA SANTA ANA TO BORDERTIME TAF

5 McCord & Morrison's ALTAMERA TARTAN ANGEL

Puppy Bitch (4, 0)

1 Paesler's RESLEAP SUMMER HOLIDAY - 10mth B/W of sound construction, head not as feminine as I would like and would prefer a better ear set, holds a firm backline and has a balanced outline in profile with straight limbs, moved true away and back and portrayed a reasonable side action but does tend to be rather proud of her tail, presented in good coat and body condition.

2 Dennett's HAWTHORNS LIBERTY X - 8mth B/W of pleasing outline with fair front and rear construction, I found her slightly fie in head for my taste but has a good eye and ear placement, moved with reasonable accuracy to and fro and gave a fairly good display in side action and held a good backline.

Junior Bitch (6, 0)

1 Tillers FOXBARTON LADY CHANDON - 13mth B/W of really good type and style and appeals greatly in head with a very good eye and ear placement to give a very attractive feminine expression, well off for length of neck with a firm backline and good croup all on a well angulated sound body which she puts to excellent advantage in movement both away and back but also in side gait in which she gave a most easy active ground covering action, and presented in firm condition and good coat to complete the picture.

2 Saxon's ARNPRIORS FIELDS OF GOLD - 13mth E/E RED. Who pushed really hard to top this strong class with many of the same comments as the winner, pleases greatly in head and outline being well constructed and balanced throughout and shown in super order and moved as you would expect with such correct conformation, at the death just felt the winners handler just got that little extra from her to tip the decision but I could easily have gone the other way in my final analysis when choosing between these two lovely bitches.

3 Emery's FLORAUNA WISHFUL THINKING

4 Cannon's VALECROFT WILD ORCHID

5 Clements' MOUNTLOCHAN QUEEVA DIVA

Novice Bitch (7, 0)

1 Higgins' TONKORY LIGHTENING STRIKES JAYDEAN

2 Saxon's ARNPRIORS FIELDS OF GOLD

3 Ferber's PEGSLINE DREAMMAKER AT ROSSBROOK

4 Granados & Klemmensen's MOSHANTA MAGIC CASSIE

5 Dennett's HAWTHORNS LIBERTY X

Graduate Bitch (6, 0)

Tiller's FOXBARTON LADY CHANDON

2 Tunncliffe's LITTLETHORN JAZZ - B/W of very good type, construction and very balanced in outline. She pleases in head with good typical expression with good eye and ear placement onto good length of neck and a well held backline, presented in excellent coat and muscle tone and moved with good accuracy away and back and with excellent extension in side gait.

3 Hartfield's MOSHANTA MOVIN ON UP JW

4 Thompson's BYTCHEK ELEGANCE

5 Clements' MANDERIAN SOLSTICE BELLE OF MOUNTLOCHAN AW CDex

Post Graduate Bitch (9, 0)

1 Porter's LOCHEIL REALLY AND TRUELY AT CROXLEA **BB BIS** - 22mth B/W who excelled today for me in balance, type and femininity all of which she used to advantage to gain top spot over very strong competition. She has a most appealing head with very good eye and ear placement allowing her to give a most pleasing expression when alert, good length of neck very well constructed front and rear assembly, correct length of loin and good croup all on sound strong limb's and good neat feet and presented in super coat and body condition. Moved very accurately away and back and gave a smooth flowing side action covering good ground with economy of effort to complete the picture.

2 Tiller's FOXBARTON LADY CHANDON

3 Tunncliffe's LITTLETHORN FINESSE

4 Mann's BORDERPRIDE ACT OF LOVE

5 Harland's MOSHANTA MAGIC AT MIDNIGHT

Limit Bitch (4, 0)

1 Hartfield's TAMARSH MISS YOU NIGHTS AT MOSHANTA JW ShCM - 3yr B/W with a very pleasing outline portraying a look of balanced femininity. Pleases in head and eye with good well used when alert ear placement, overall construction was good but would prefer better shoulder angulations, holds a good backline and well supported on good limbs and feet, presented in good jacket and body condition and moved with purpose in profile with good clean action away but does tend to toe in slightly coming on.

2 Morrison's TOURELLES SAPPHIRE LUNA - 4yr B/M of pleasing type with good front and rear conformation and correct in loin and croup on good limbs. Pleases in expression and holds a good backline but

would benefit from losing a little weight and could be better developed in chest to finish, moved with a steady side action and with fairly good accuracy away and back.

Open Bitch (7, 0)

1 Tunncliffe's SH CH LITTLETHORN KIA - 6yr B/W I have awarded top honours before and still appeals greatly for her balanced correct outline and type, very pleasing in head and expression with correct eye and good ear placement, well off for length of neck with a well constructed front and rear assembly holding a excellent backline throughout on good limbs. Moved with her usual easy flowing ground covering action in profile and was positive and true away but could have been a shade more accurate coming on, pushed hard in the challenge for best bitch but had to give way today to two young bitches in excellent form.

2 Angier's ARNPRIORS SILVER LADY FOR BILYARA - 5yr Blue/W of super type and feminine appearance with a very balanced well constructed outline to complete the picture, she has a most attractive head with a gentle correct expression with good ear placement. Well off for neck with good backline and loin on good limbs and tight feet all of which she put to excellent use in side gait and with good accuracy away and back.

3 Paesler's RESLEAP JINGLE BELLE

4 Ward's SH CH SHELTYSHAM CHIC CHANDON AVEC CARISTAN JW

5 Gowing's WIZALAND STAGE WHISPER WITH PIKARA

Any Other Colour (8, 0)

1 Tiller's FOXBARTON LADY IN WAITING JW - 3yr Tri bitch of very good overall shape and type with very pleasing feminine balanced head and outline, good angulations in front and rear with good developed and muscular condition throughout. Pleases in head and eye with good expression when alert, moved with very good accuracy away and back and gave a smooth ground covering display in profile.

2 Ferber's WESTIRENE CHILLI PEPPER AT ROSSBROOK - Choc. dog of very pleasing outline with a most attractive head and expression, front and rear angles were good with firm backline and good croup and presented in very good jacket and body condition, in profile side action was good with a easy flowing gait but tended to be less accurate away and back.

3 Emery's BLUSHING PEBBLES FOR FLORAUNA

4 Catchpole's PASSIM DREAM CATCHER AT ARNPRIORS

5 Morrison's TOURELLES SAPPHIRE LUNA

Special Working Dog or Bitch - Open

1 Tillers FOXBARTON THAT'S JAZZ CDex - 7yr Tri bitch of pleasing type and balance, appealing head and expression with sound construction front and rear on good straight limbs, moved with good accuracy away and back and with a good purposeful action in profile.

2 Clement's MANDERIAN SOLSTICE BELLE OF MOUNTLOCHAN AW CDex - 4yr Tri bitch of good balance with gentle expression and presented in good jacket and condition, moved with a clean action away and back and with good purpose in side gait but does tend to fly her tail excessively but maintained a good backline.

3 Poguntke's WYNMALLEN INTRIGUE

4 Catchpole's ARNPRIORS BLUE STREAK