

Border Collie Club of Great Britain Open Show (Bitches)

Judge: Karen Anderson

Bitch critiques

Many thanks to the committee of BCCGB for inviting me to judge the bitches at your open show and to my steward Carolyn Ward for her work keeping the ring running smoothly. Sincerest thanks to the exhibitors for their entry of dogs to go over and sporting behaviour in the ring.

I found the quality on the whole good, however a few comments to mention. Firstly, BCs should have good extension with minimum lift on the move. Short upper arm in some exhibits and lack of rear drive meant too many losing the correct smooth, flowing movement for short, tappy steps and erratic rear movement.

Would prefer to see a bit more bone as some exhibits were rather fine in build. Temperaments were excellent throughout

Minor Puppy Bitch (9, 2a)

1st Edmonds' Tazaeos Solar Flare. What a little star this 8 month youngster is. Dark cast with a lovely feminine head topped off with nicely shaped ears and eyes of correct shade and shape. Lovely body dimensions throughout. Enough bone, chest still developing. Her fortune was her movement, so impressive for one so young. Great reach out front and drive from rear. Just flowed round the ring with ease holding her topline. She has a bright future I'm sure. BPB RBPIS

2nd Preston & Large's Wizaland Breakaway Beth. 7 months B&W. Another nice youngster. Slightly heavier cast than my winner. Head of good proportions, with well used ears giving such a sweet expression. Ample bone. Good angulation to front and back. Just a touch bum high at the moment which gave her a slight dip in her topline on the move. Clean movement coming and going. Very promising. Sensitively handled.

3rd Gregory's Tonkory Putting on the Style.

Puppy Bitch (8, 1a)

1st Akester's Thwaitlake Start the Fire. 9 month B&W. Nicely balanced bitch when viewed from all angles. Pleasing proportioned head complimented with good eye shape. Ears used well, very attentive to her handler. Chest of good width, and of depth expected at this stage. Good length of body, well sprung rib, excellent muscling all round. Tight, oval feet. Coat was of good length and texture. Moved well, just a little close behind on occasion.

2nd Lawrences' Champarla Manoira Star. 10 month dark bitch, presents a lovely outline. Ok for bone throughout. Dark eye complementing balanced head with enough stop. Ears set well and used to her advantage. Longer in back than my winner but balanced throughout. Movement was clean and parallel at front, good reach in side gait holding a good topline. A little loose at the rear moving away but this will come.

3rd Ambler's Caleykiz Faith I Black with Jaztech

Junior Bitch (8, 1a)

- 1st Bloomfield's Vitala Sweet Harmony. 12 mth B&W. This girl shows so well for her handler. Very feminine with brown oval eye. Ears look a little heavy at the moment, but will balance up as she matures on. Balanced front and aft. A little long in body but good spring of rib. Coat of medium length and good texture. Clean mover in all directions and very impressive in side gait with typical minimum lift. Tail kept low.
- 2nd Beaumonts' Hysteps Hazelnut Delight at Borderbeau 15 month B&W. Balanced head with dark oval eye. Alert in her expression. Clean bite. Good length of neck into correct lay of shoulder. Longer in leg than my winner which looked exaggerated due to being very out of coat.. Extends well on the move, tail kept low and minimum lift of feet. Just not as clean as my winner.
- 3rd Ward's Starside Gossip Girl

Yearling Bitch (7, 2a)

- 1st Good and Lewis' Shemella Moonlight Dream. B&W 21 month. Feminine bitch with good head proportions. Ample stop and correct eye colour and shape to complete the picture. Just enough neck. Presents a good shape throughout. Chest of good depth and width. Correct length of back into slope of croup. Tight feet. In fantastic, toned condition throughout. Very neat movement in all directions.
- 2nd Griffith's Janbell Zafrina. 21 mth B&W. Nice bitch. Would prefer a shorter muzzle and a stronger stop. Nicely set ears, used well. Moderate neck length. Good body ratios and spring of rib. Enough bone. A touch upright in shoulder which showed on the front extension but drove well from the rear with low tail carriage.
- 3rd Wiltshire & Rottgr's Caleykiz Boogie on JW

Graduate Bitch (17, 2a)

- 1st Milham's Tazaeos Cruizin for Love. 2 1/2 yr old dark feminine bitch. Very pleasing head, just needs to broaden a touch. Eye and ears complement her look. Body of good proportions with enough bone. Ample neck onto well placed shoulders. Good front construction and enough turn of stifle at rear. Tidy, tight feet. Flowed round the ring with minimum effort and good reach. Well muscled and presented in beautiful condition.
- 2nd Hartfield's Moshanta Moving On JW. 21 month B&W. Similar comments apply here as my winner. Lovely head proportions. Pleasing expression. Good length of neck. Balanced in body, shown in good coat and texture. These two girls could easily swap places another day. Was just intermittently throwing a back leg on the move, hence not my winner today.
- 3rd Beaumonts' Hysteps Hazlenut Delight at Borderbeau

Postgraduate Bitch (10, 3a)

- 1st Wllshire's Caleykiz Starfael Wikid Rhythm. This two-year-old bitch certainly lives up to her name! and kept her handler on her toes. Very attractive bitch with alert expression. Enough bone throughout. A touch long in loin but with her balanced angulation front and aft this did not impede her movement. When settled she was easily the best mover in this class. Head held low, clean strides in all directions. I saw enough of this to award her the class.
- 2nd Fawcett's Laceway Echo Falls JW 2 yr B&W. Lots to like about this bitch. Pleasing head, nice length of neck, good body ratio. Slightly longer in leg and hock but enough turn of stifle and angulation. Clean, tight elbow. tidy, oval feet. Moved well, was just throwing back leg now and then, otherwise good drive and held topline. Tail carried low. Well presented.
- 3rd Walford's Wizaland Touch of Class

Limit Bitch (9,1a)

- 1st Bloomfield's Goytre The Next Chapter of Olistazia. 6 year B&W. This girl has a lovely shape to her. Feminine head with enough stop. Correct eye and ears used well. Muzzle/skull of equal ratio. Good front construction and enough angulation at rear. Good length of back, clean slope of croup. Well muscled condition. Tidy movement on the down and back and impressive side gait going round, ground covering well.
- 2nd Edmonds' Tazaeos Movin on Over. 2 yr B&W. Another bitch who has a nice outline. Attractive head shape. Ears of good shape and set, used to her advantage. Dark eye. Well-constructed with enough bone. Firm topline. Good muscle and condition throughout. Moved cleanly in all directions with good drive and extension. Tail kept low.
- 3rd Wiltshire's Caleykiz Make M'ya Aphrodite

Open Bitch (10, 4a)

- 1st Laceway Wiggly Giggly
- Well what a little star this dog is. She doesn't scream flashy, she doesn't need to. She is just honest in every way and doesn't put a foot wrong. Nothing is overdone with her. Head of excellent proportions, enough stop. Ears used attentively giving her such a sweet expression. Good reach of neck, enough depth of chest, correct length of body, finished with balanced front assembly and enough turn of stifle and let down hocks at rear. She is a pleasure to watch on the move. Typical bc movement, head down, driving forward, keeping low to the ground, holding her topline all the way round. I could watch her all day. Couldn't believe she was 8 years old, she is a credit to her handler, kennel and the breed. She was my best bitch and veteran and delighted to see the referee award her BIS and BVIS.
- 2nd McDonald's SHCH Jupavia Seventh Blessing JW ShCM 5 year old B&W. Turned out in gleaming condition, excellent coat length and texture. Pretty head of correct proportions. Oval, brown eye. Ears of good shape and set, used well to enhance her expression. Ample neck. Good depth and width of chest. Parallel when viewed from front with enough slope of pastern. Good length of back, slope of croup. Long tail finishing off a lovely outline. Not as settled on the move as my winner but improved in the challenge to be awarded RBB. In agreement with the dog judge RBIS

3rd Tasker's SHCH Goytre Daddy's Sauce Girl JW

Special Open Bitch (10, 3a)

1st Zolakova's Hats off of Bordertreowe JW. 17-month Blue Merle. Pleasing head shape. Eye shade complementing her rich coat colour. Good neck length onto strong shoulders. Clean front and depth of chest. Nice body shape and construction. Clean movement in all directions but looked a little lethargic.

2nd Hodson's Littlethorn Cortina. 6yr BITri. Head of clean proportions with enough stop and width of skull. Oval eye, shading harmonizing with coat colour. Width and depth to chest. Good length of back and low set tail. Enough angulation. Tight oval feet. Coat in good texture and condition. Moved well, looking impressive in side gait.

3rd Horne & Carter's Kinaway Chocolate Delight.

Special Working Bitch (7, 1a)

1st Hartfield's Moshanta Movin On JW. 2nd in Graduate class. Rear movement was better in this class.

2nd Morley & Rogerson's Chikaramor Born Crazy AW (B) 6yr B&W. Very feminine bitch with a good shape from all angles. Lovely head with correct ear and eye shape. Strong front assembly with enough depth of chest. Good length of back and low set tail. Well toned throughout. Moved well in all directions holding a good topline.

3rd Tiller's Foxbarton Lady in Waiting JW ShCM CDEX

Veteran Bitch (12, 1a)

1st Tasker's SH CH Goytre Valentine Promise JW 7-year B&W. A quality girl. Excellent head of correct proportions with good eye and expression. Pleasing body shape, good depth of chest and well sprung rib. Correct front angulation and well-muscled in rear with enough turn of stifle and low hock. Very tidy mover, reaching out well in front and driving behind with minimum lift, covering the ground well. Keeping a good topline. Well presented. Seriously considered for top honours.

2nd Fawcett's Bordertime Fashion to B. 10 yrs young. B&W. Another quality girl. Very pretty head. Brown oval eye. Ears used sensitively. Correct bite. Good length of body and deep chest. Ribs well sprung. From the side presents a good outline. Parallel assembly when viewed from front and rear. Flowed round the ring with excellent stamina. Very clean paces in all directions.

3rd Beaumonts' Borderbeau with Attitude JW

Good Citizen Bitch (10,1a)

1st Tazaeos Cruzin for Love. My Graduate class winner

2nd Chikaramor Born Crazy AW (B) 2nd in Working Bitch

3rd Littlethorn Cortina