

Border Collie Club of Great Britain open show Saturday 26th October 2024

Thank you to the committee of the Border collie club of Great Britain for the invitation to judge the open show held alongside their championship show. Huge thank you to both of my stewards who kept the ring flowing throughout the day and ensured that the exhibitors didn't miss their classes. Thank you to all of the exhibitors for allowing me the privilege of assessing your dogs and for the sporting way that you accepted my placings. There is nothing that compares to watching a well constructed, fit, healthy border collie moving and today I was looking for just that plus a dog that I thought was most likely capable of doing the job that it was bred to do. All dogs were exhibited in clean coat condition, My top placings were all in good muscle tone and best exhibited the characteristics that make our breed unique.

Class 1 Baby puppy dog 2/0

1st - Fisher - ETHERIAL DIAMOND LAKES (NAF TAF) Well proportioned black and white boy just short of 6 months. Head developing nicely, good stop, dark oval shaped eyes. Well angled throughout, good topline with lovely croup, good length to tail. Moved well around the ring.

2nd - Henwood - KANAMAREN DONT GIVE UP. Another lovely black and white baby of four months. Finer all through than first place dog but everything still in proportion, bum high at the moment but not unusual due to his age. Lovely head with dark oval shaped eyes, teeth still coming through. Unsettled when on the move.

Class 2 Baby puppy bitch 2/0

1st - Murfet and Oliver - TAMBURI GUESS WHO'S BACK, Well balanced black and white girl of 5 months. Moderate all through, lovely head and expression, good front and rear angles. Confident well trained puppy who was very attentive to her handler, moved well around the ring with a steady pace showing off her lovely reach and drive, real star at such a young age. Best baby puppy.

2nd - Greening - KANAMAREN ROAD TO JOY. Litter sister to 2nd placed baby puppy dog, very similar to her brother. Another lovely well proportioned baby again slightly bum high at the moment. Lovely head, dark oval shaped eyes, good length to tail. Lovely to see her moving around the ring with encouragement from her handler.

Class 3 Minor puppy dog - no entries.

Class 4 Minor puppy dog 1/1

Class 5 Junior dog 5/1

1st - Longhurst - SIMMOVON CHARMED WRITER AT SPOTARTON JW. Masculine black and white dog of 15 months. Good head shape with dark oval eyes, nice length of neck into well laid back shoulders, lovely depth to well sprung ribs, tad longer in the body, good angles front and rear with slightly sloping pasterns and well let down hocks. In excellent condition which showed when he moved around the ring with good reach and drive keeping his head low and covering the ground with the minimum of effort.

2nd - Walters - GOYTRE BORN TO BE WILD. Black and white dog of 16 months. Masculine head. Good length of neck into well laid back shoulders. Proportionate dog throughout with a good height to length ratio. Lovely croup with good tail set. Preferred the reach and drive of first place dog.

3rd - Fishers - LOCHEIL WRITTEN IN THE STARS

4th - Tandy - BORDERHEART HAVANA NIGHTS

Class 6 Yearling dog 5/2

1st - Simmons and Inverno - SASHDAN PURE IMAGINATION WITH SIMMOVON (imp Aust) Black and white dog of 15 months. Shown in lovely condition, Masculine head with good stop, dark oval shaped eyes and good width to skull, Good length of neck into well laid shoulders. He has a lovely standing profile, nothing overdone, deep well sprung ribs, good height to length ratios, good angles front and rear. Lovely muscular condition with well let down hocks. Moved at a good steady pace around the ring keeping a good topline with lovely reach and drive.

2nd - Woodrow and Oliver - TAMBURI RIDE THE STORM. Black and white dog of 21 months. Larger boy than 1st placed dog. Masculine head, nice length of neck into good shoulders. Good bone for size, nice front and rear angles. Lovely croup and tail set. Well muscled with good second thigh. Moved with good reach and drive covering the ground well, not as easy in movement as 1st placed dog.

3rd -Tandy - BORDERBROOK STOLEN AFFAIR.

Class 7 Graduate dog 5/1

1st - Poguntke - HYSTEMPS IRISH DANNY BOY. Black and white dog of two years. Nice head of good proportion, dark oval eyes, well set ears. Good front angulation, nice slope of pastern, deep well sprung ribs with a well muscled loin. He has a well muscled rear with a good bend of stifle and well let down hocks. Won this class on his effortless profile movement.

2nd - Buckley - AMKAMEL HALF BLOOD PRINCE. Black and white dog of 2 years. Preferred the head of this boy to first placed dog, Masculine with good stop, dark oval shaped eyes and good ear placement. Nice proportions all round with good front and rear angulation. Good neck and shoulder placement. Moved around the ring at a steady pace but lacked the drive of first placed dog .

3rd - Rabi - PUKAWIDGEE PREMONITION

Res -Tandy- BORDERBROOK STOLEN AFFAIR

Class 8 Postgraduate dog 3/0

1st - Richards -CHASTANSE DON JUAN. Black and white dog of 4 years. Liked this boy for his overall shape and proportions. Good head with distinct stop, oval dark eyes and well placed ears that he used. Slightly arched neck of good length into well laid shoulders . Good bone for size, straight front with sloping pasterns ,deep ribs that are well sprung, strong loin, nice croup with good tail set. Good muscle in rear with a nice bend of stifle and well let down hocks. Nice side profile when on the move keeping his tail low and bringing his head down.

2nd - Jones - STARSIDE UNSURPASSABLE TO SIANWORTH. Sable and white dog of 4 years. Lovely head on this boy, well proportioned foreface to skull, distinct stop, well placed semi pricked ears. Well proportioned throughout, correct bone for size, nice topline with good tailset. Not as free flowing on the move as 1st placed dog.

3rd - Rabi - PUKAWIDGEE PREMONITION.

Class 9 Limit dog 6/0

1st - Mitchell - BORDABEARS STRIKE IT HOT. Black and white dog of 2 years. Lovely masculine boy of good proportions and substance, moderate throughout. Shown in good

body and coat condition. Masculine head with good stop, dark oval shaped eyes, good width to skull and good ear set. Lovely flowing line from the back of his head to his tail set. Correct bone for size, with good angles to front and rear with sloping pasterns, well let down hocks. He has a lovely side profile covering the ground with the minimum of effort.

2nd - Chance - GOYTRE CHANCE TO REFLECT. Black and white dog of 4 years. Mature masculine boy of 4 years. Lovely head, dark eye with good stop and well placed ears. Powerful looking dog with good reach of neck, well laid back shoulders and correct front angles. Deep chest with well sprung ribs. Well muscled rear with good tailset. Nice side profile when on the move, I just preferred the proportions of 1st placed dog. Best special working in show.

3rd - Coles - JANBELL LOVE IN THE DARK

Res - Knight - WIZALAND PUT A SOCK IN IT

Vhc-Lewis- SHEMELLA MOON RIVER

Class 10 Open dog 1/0

1st -Smith - ARRODARE WON'T BACK DOWN. Black and white dog of 4 years. Beautifully masculine boy, good head proportions, correct stop, dark oval shaped eye, good width to skull and well placed semi erect ears. Good height to length ratio with good angles front and rear. Well muscled with good second thigh. He motored around the ring showing his good reach and drive.

Class 11 Special any other colour dog 2/0

1st - Rettie and Morley - Sh Ch CHIKARAMOR CAST A SPELL OF GLENFOUND. Tri dog of 6 years. Masculine dog of good size in lovely coat and condition. Correct bite, oval shaped eyes, and relatively broad skull, soft erect ears. He has a lovely alert but kind expression, lovely rich tan symmetrical markings which accentuate his handsome face. Good reach of neck into well laid back shoulders, strong well boned front legs with good slope to pasterns. He is a lovely proportionate boy with a good height to length ratio, deep chest and muscular loin. Well developed rear with good muscle and lovely bend of stifle. He moves well coming and going, has a fantastic side profile covering the ground with the minimum of effort with great reach and drive. A dog that I could definitely see working in the fields. Best any other colour in show, Best dog and Best in show.

2nd - Jones - STARSIDE UNSURPASSABLE TO SIANWORTH.

Class 12 Special working dog 1/0

1st - Chance-GOYTRE CHANCE TO REFLECT. Best special working in show.

Class 13 Veteran dog 3/0

1st - Smith and Ratcliffe - Sh Ch ARRODARE ITS NOW OR NEVER JW. Black and white dog of 11 years. In super fit condition, lovely masculine head, correct eye shape, good ear set. Lovely length of neck into well laid shoulders, deep well sprung ribs, great angulation throughout. Good tail set and length of tail. He moved around the ring effortlessly. Pleased to award him Reserve best dog and Best veteran in show

2nd - Brierley - GOYTRE FIRST EDITION P-BEG EX VW. Black and white dog of 10 years. Smaller build than first placed dog but again in lovely condition. Good head with kind expression. Lovely arched neck of good length into good placement of shoulders, lovely profile shape with a good tail set and length. Good angles throughout. Another lovely mover but just not the reach and drive of first placed dog.

3rd - Barton - BRYTESS ACHILLES

Class 14 Good citizen dog 3/0

1st - Buckley - AMKAMEL HALF BLOOD PRINCE

2nd-Coles-Janbell love in the dark. Black and white dog of 5 years. Masculine head, with good eye, nice width to skull and good earset. Moderate length of neck into laid back shoulders, correct bone for size, he has a good front with a nice slope to his pasterns. Didn't have the drive as the first placed dog.

3rd - Fisher - LOCHEIL WRITTEN IN THE STARS.

Class 15 Minor puppy bitch 2/1

1st - Gregory -TONKORY SPRING TIME. Black and white girl of 7 months. Feminine girl of lovely shape, good proportions for size with correct bone. Head coming along nicely, moderate throughout with correct angles. Good length to tail. Good coming and going ,lovely side profile.

Class 16 Puppy bitch 3/2

1st - Green, Ratcliffe, Green - BORDERPRIDE LACED IN TRUTH BY ARRODARE . Black and white girl of 10 months. Confident feminine girl who presents a lovely outline. Good head proportions, dark oval shaped eyes, head developing nicely. Lovely length of neck into good shoulder, deep chest with well sprung ribs. Good height to length ratios. Well angled throughout. Moved around the ring with good reach and drive. Awarded best female puppy and Best puppy in show.

Class 17 Junior bitch 5//1

1st - Bartlett - CWNHAPUS JEWEL IN THE CROWN. Black and white girl of 17 months. Shown out of coat so nothing to hide. Lovely head, with well used semi erect ears. Nice length to neck into well laid back shoulders. Good front, tight elbows, good depth of rib, well muscled loin. A taller girl but well proportioned throughout, shown in good muscular condition. She moved around the ring at a steady pace showing her good reach and drive with minimal lift.

2nd - Surrige - ROYDENBARK CASABLANCA. Black and white girl of 16 months. Another lovely girl shown in good condition. Good head proportions, dark oval shaped eyes and well placed ears. Well laid shoulder with good straight front. Correct bone for size. Preferred the movement and hind angulation of 1st placed dog.

3rd - Newman- BORDERBROOK STOLEN MOMENT.

4th - Preston - CLARETO NORWEGIAN WOOD.

Class 18 Yearling bitch 4/1

1st - Bartlett - CWNHAPUS JEWEL IN THE CROWN

2nd - Allison - WENMAP TOPKAPI GEM. Black and white girl of 20 months. Head of good proportions, lovely dark oval shaped eyes, nice width to skull. lovely slightly arched neck into

well laid shoulders. Good front and rear angles, a shapely girl with a good croup and tail set. Nice profile movement with good reach and drive .
3rd - Wetheren-Bloomfield - ALPANA SUMMER STORM.

Class 19 Graduate bitch 7/1

1st - Bartlett - CWNHAPUS JEWEL IN THE CROWN
2nd - Newman - BORDERBROOK STOLEN MOMENT. Black and white girl of 17 months. Nicely proportioned girl of good size and substance. Good head with dark oval eyes and nice width to skull. Moderate throughout with good angles front and rear angles. Not as confident as first placed dog which i feel affected her movement.
3rd - Britton - BORDABEARS STRIKING LOVE
Res - Turns - FYGLIA MEI TITANIA
Vhc - Preston - CLARETTO NORWEGIAN WOOD

Class 20 Post grad bitch 8/1

1st - McConnachie - YOUR STILL THE ONE AT THISTLESKYE. Tri girl of 2 years. Really liked this girl for her overall shape and proportions. Strong but feminine head, good length of neck into well placed shoulders, correct angles front and rear. Good depth of chest with well sprung ribs, strong well muscled loin, well muscled rear with good bend of stifle and well let down hocks. She is good coming and going and covers the ground with true border collie movement. Shown in lovely condition.
2nd - Smith & Ratcliffe - ARRODARE NEVER SAY NEVER. Black and white girl of 2 years. Another lovely girl of good proportions. Feminine head, good length of neck into well angled shoulder, nice front , good slope to pasterns. Correct bone for size, good depth of chest, well muscled throughout. She moved around the ring with lovely reach and drive.
3rd - Sloan - LOCHEIL GIVE ME LOVE FROM INVERSTAG
Res - Bartlett - CWNHAPUS CELESTIAL BEAUTY JW
Vhc - Johnson - SHEMELLA MOONLIGHT GEM

Class 21 Limit bitch 13/4

1st - Morley and Rogerson - CHIKARAMOR HALL OF FAME. Black and white girl of 3 years. Liked this girl for her breed type and workman like qualities. A girl of good shape and size. Nice head with well placed prick ears, moderate throughout with very good front and rear angles in lovely muscular condition throughout. Good length of tail. True coming and going, lovely side profile effortlessly covering the ground with her great reach and drive.
Reserve best bitch
2nd - Lewis - SHEMELLA MISTY MORNING. Another lovely black and white girl of 2 years old. Nice head with good ear placement. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulders. Proportionate bone for size, good front and rear angles. Lovely side profile when moving around the ring.
3rd - Walters - GOYTRE RED ROSE
Res - Mitchell - BORDABEARS STRIKIN LIAISON
Vhc - Crompton and Ratcliffe - PIECE OF HAPPINESS HEAVENS MIRACLE BY ARRODARE (imp Hun)

Class 22 Open bitch 5/2

1st - Lee and Ratcliffe - ARRODARE REBEL WITH A CAUSE JW. Black and white girl of 4 years. What a beautifully feminine girl, well proportioned with excellent bone for size. Good length of neck into well placed shoulders. Lovely angles front and rear, a beautiful flowing outline, good length of tail, she is truly beautiful on the stack and thankfully she did not disappoint when on the move. Good coming and going, lovely reach and drive covering the ground with ease with minimum lift of feet, excellent topline. Another I could see working in the field all day and still have something in the tank. Best bitch, Reserve best in show, Best opposite sex in show.

2nd - Angier and Stacey - BILYARA DONATELLA DEI ROVI FIORITI (imp Ita) Black and white girl of 6 years. Different type to 1st placed girl but still lots to like. Feminine head with semi erect ears, nice length of neck into well placed shoulders. Proportionate throughout, good front and rear angles with nice bend of stifle and well let down hocks. Moved well around the ring with a steady relaxed effortless side profile.

3rd - Lewis - SHEMELLA SHEPHERDS DELIGHT

Class 23 Special any other colour bitch 5/0

1st- Mitchell - BORDABEARS CRAZY SURPRISE. Blue and white girl of 6 years. Another well proportioned girl, lovely head with good width to skull. Good length to neck into laid back shoulders. Deep chest with good spring of rib. Good angles front and rear with proportionate bone. Good length of tail. Shown in lovely coat condition. Moved well around the ring

2nd - Spurr - DREAMWORK COLLAT,RAL BEAUTY. Red merle girl of 6 years. How lovely to see a red merle in the ring, workman like girl of good proportions, feminine head, semi erect ears. Good length of neck into well laid back shoulders, good height to length ratios. In good muscular condition. Just preferred the movement of 1st place.

3rd - Turns - FYGLIA MEI TITANIA

Res - Allison - ZEABO YANKIE GIRL (imp Ita)

Vhc - Turns - FYGLIA CHERISH MUSTARDSEED

Class 24 Special working bitch 3/0

1st - Lewis - SHEMELLA DRIFTING SNOW. Blue and white girl of 9 years. Well proportioned girl with good bone for size. Nice head with good stop, skull proportionate to foreface, semi erect ears. Good length of neck into good shoulders, good front with correct slope to pasterns. Deep chest with plenty heart room. Nice shapely girl shown in good condition. Best mover in the class. Reserve best special working in show.

2nd - Wettern-Bloomfield - ALPANA STRIKE A POSE. Tri girl of 8 years. Lovely girl of good shape and proportions. Semi erect ears, good length of neck, nice angles fore and rear, nice bend of stifle with well let down hocks, Lovely length of tail. Movement not a good as 1st placed girl.

3rd - Allison - ZEABO YANKIEGIRL (imp Ita)

Class 25 Veteran bitch 9/2

Lovely class of veterans

1st - Walters - Sh Ch GOYTRE DADDY'S SAUCIE GIRL. Black and white girl of 10 years. Lovely head of good proportions, dark oval shaped eyes, good stop with lovely width to skull. Neck of good length into laid back shoulders. Deep chest with plenty heart room, correct height to length ratios. She has a lovely overall shape not overdone in any way. Moved well around the ring covering the ground with ease. Reserve best veteran in show.

2nd - Hoskins -Sh Ch BIRKROSS GRACIE AT LEFEVRE. Black and white girl of 9 years. Another lovely girl in great condition. Head of good proportions with semi erect ears, lovely reach of neck into good lay of shoulder, good front and rear angles. Although she moved with good reach and drive she didn't appear to have the flowing movement of 1st placed dog.

3rd - Mitchell - BORDABEARS SPECIAL LEGACY

Res - Greening - KANAMAREN HOLD ON MY HEART

Vhc - Lampier - TONKORY MARK TIME

Class 26 Good citizens 9/0

1st - McConnachie - WISH'S EMERALD STAR FOR THISTLESKYE. Black and white girl of 4 years. Workman like girl of good proportions. She has a lovely side profile of good shape and proportion. Nice head with lovely dark oval shaped eyes, nice length of neck into good shoulders. Correct bone for size, with good angles to her front with correct slope to pasterns, deep well sprung ribs, strong muscular loin. Well muscled rear with good second thigh. Moved with good reach and drive covering the ground effortlessly.

2nd - Bartlett - CWNHAPUS JEWEL IN THE CROWN

3rd - Allison - WENMAP TOPKAPI GEM

Res - Mitchell- BORDABEARS SPECIAL LEGACY

Vhc - Surridge - ROYDENBARK CASABLANCA

Pauline Leslie (Windwalker)