The Border Collie Club of Great Britain Championship show Sunday 17th March 2024

Thank you to the committee of giving me the great honour to judge bitches at your show. You're welcome and hospitality on the day was amazing, thank you to my fabulous stewards who kept my ring running smoothly and to each and every exhibitor for giving me an amazing entry of 91 bitches. The quality of your bitches had me really splitting hairs in many of the classes today, which is how it should be.

Minor Puppy Bitch (6/1)

1st Fawcett, Laceway Breaking Waves

Black/white baby girl, still raw but has much time to mature as only 7 months old, lovely head with correct eye shape and colour she has that glint of mischief in her eye, which gives her that beautiful collie look. Lovely ear set with good use. Super length to neck leading to a lovely lay of shoulder. Super balanced angles both front and rear, with a level top line standing and on the move. Good length to croup and her tail is set correctly and reaching beyond the hock. She was sound on the move once she settled herself with minimal foot lift. Absolutely loved her, sadly she missed out to best puppy bitch due to the maturity of the older puppy. super condition. She as a very bright future ahead of her.

2nd Welch, Simmovon Reason Too Dream

Black/white 8-month girl, Super head with correct eye set and colour, Lovely set to ears with good use. Good length of neck leading to good shoulders nicely balance girl, sound on the move with minimal foot lift, again super condition and pushed hard for 1st place.

3rd Johnson, Tidespring Take Your Time

Puppy Bitch (5/1)

1st Castle, Jupavia Heavens Dream

Black/white almost 10 months this girl has it all. Super feminine head, lovely set to ears with good use, very attentive to her handler. Nice oval eye with

correct colour. Lovely length to neck leading to super lay of shoulder, good depth to chest, level topline when standing and on the move. Correct set to tail which reached below the hock. Again, super condition. She is a super balance girl front and rear allowing her to move so sound in all directions which gave her not only the class but best puppy bitch. She looked a little tired in the challenge in the large ring but delighted to agree with my co judge to award her Res BPIS. I'm sure this baby will go far.

2nd Wettern-Bloomfield, Alpana Summer Storm

Black/white girl of almost 12 months, Lovely feminine head of correct proportions, lovely oval eye and colour, good use of ears, lovely neck leading to a good lay of shoulder, balanced front and rear, level top line standing and moving. Pushed hard for 1st place.

3rd Bartlett, Cwnhapus Jewel In The Crown

Junior Bitch (8/0)

1st Oliver, Tambuzi The Heat Is On

14-month-old black and white girl, Super head with such a sweet feminine expression, lovely dark oval eye with semi erect well set ears which she used well. Attentive to her handler at all times. Correct scissor bite, good length to neck leading to a good lay of shoulder, nice angles with nice parallel legs front and rear. Good depth to chest, level top line which she held on the move. Sloping croup leading to a good set to tail of good length. Covered the ring with reach and drive and minimal lift of feet. Super hard condition.

2nd Wettern-Bloomfield, Alpana Summer Storm

See 2^{nd} place in puppy bitch.

3rd Angier & Stacey, Bilyara Isn't She Lovely (AI)

Yearling Bitch (9/3)

1st Lewis, Shemella Misty Morning

Black and white young lady caught my eye as she entered the ring. Super feminine head of good proportions, Ears set correctly and used to her advantage, attentive to handler at all times. Dark oval eye, correct scissor bite. Sound angles front and rear allowing her to move with reach and drive round the ring once she settled, good depth to chest. Good tail set with tail of good length to hock. Tight oval feet and in super condition.

2nd Carley, Jupavia Sliver Flame

This beautiful girl had me splitting hairs in this class, so much to like about her and gave 1st place a run for her money. Super feminine head of again good proportions. Lovely oval shape to eye, good use of correctly set ears and attentive to her handler. Lovley balance in shape with good angles front and rear, lovely movement once she settled. Super condition.

3rd Austin & Zolakova, Hysteps My Irish Colleen JW

Novice Bitch (12/5)

1st Oliver, Tambuzi The Heat Is On

See 1st place in junior bitch.

2nd Fawcett, Laceway Bottom's Up

Black/white baby girl, 7 months old, litter sister to the winner of minor puppy bitch. At this stage for me I prefer her sister but still so much to like about this baby girl, lovely head with correct oval eye and ear set. Good length to neck leading into a well laid shoulder placement, A nicely balanced baby of good proportions, moved well once she settled, Super condition. Look forward to seeing how she and her sister do mature in the future.

3rd Bartlett, Cwnhapus Jewel In The Crown

Post Graduate Bitch (16/3)

1st Mcconnachie, Your Still The One At ThistleSkye

Stunning feminine tri girl, who for me stood out as soon as she entered the ring and putting my hands on and watch her effortless movement with minimal lift to feet, she did not disappoint me. I did strongly consider her for the Res CC, but she was a little unsettled in the ring and does need to mature

a bit more. Super feminine head and expression, beautiful, shaped eye and set to ear carriage, correct scissor bite, good length to an arched neck leading to a good shoulder placement, good balance overall and good angulation, good depth of chest, sloping croup and correct set to tail and length, lovely tight oval feet. Super condition.

2nd Smith, Arrodare Never say Never

This black and white girl certainly pushed hard for 1st place, and I have no doubt they could easily change places, feminine head piece with lovely oval eye with much expression in them. Correct scissor bite, lovely set to ear with good use. Lovely arch to neck leading to well laid shoulders, super balanced girl with good reach and drive, Super condition.

3rd Fawcett, Laceway Dream of Albion

Mid Limit Bitch (8/2)

1st Mcconnachie, Wish's Emerald Star For ThistleSkye

I see from the catalogue this girl is a half sister to my winner in PGB. Super feminine girl, lovely set to eye of oval shape, correct scissor bite, good set to ears, good length to neck leading to good shoulder lay, level topline on the move and stand. Good depth to chest and angles front and rear, parallel legs placed on tight oval feet. Good reach and drive once settled. Super condition.

2nd Hawker, Moshanta Magic Penny For Taytinja JW

Sweet feminine young lady, lovely head with good expression, lovely oval shaped eyes, correct scissor bite and good ear set. Attentive to her handler at all times. Lovely balanced girl allowing her to move with reach and drive super condition, unlucky to be in the class with first place.

3rd Allison, Kinaway A Million Dreams (AI)

Limit Bitch (12/1)

1st Walters Goytre Red Rose

What a lovely dark girl who again I considered for the Res CC, perhaps needing a little more time to mature and I have no doubt a champion in the making. There is nothing over done in this girl and giving 100% to her handler at all times. Lovley feminine head with correct oval eye and scissor bite, lovely set to ear carriage. Super arch to neck leading into well laid shoulder placement, level top line and a good depth to chest. Lovely angulation to front and rear, parallel legs set on tight oval feet, sloping croup. Lovely set to tail which has a really a good length of below the hock, so sound on the move with reach and drive, super condition and muscle tone.

2nd Lewis, Shemella Moonlight Skye

This lovely young lady I have judged before and today unlucky again to be in the same class as first place. Lovely feminine bitch with a super expression, correct oval eye and ear set which she used well to set her typical border collie expression, good reach to neck leading to well placed shoulders and level topline, very nicely balanced and moved with reach and drive, super condition. Your day will come, I'm sure.

3rd Lee & Ratcliffe, Arrodare Rebel With A Cause

Open Bitch (12/0)

1st Oliver, SH CH Tambuzi Girlz On Fire JW

What a super example of a border collie this bitch is, she was turned out in pristine condition. Correct feminine head piece in all departments and finished with a keen alert expression, which should be typical for this breed, very balanced with beautiful angles front and rear, parallel legs sitting on tight oval feet. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Sloping croup and good tail set and length. Vey Intune with her handler at all times, she flowed round the ring with reach and drive and minimal lift of feet and pushed hard for the CC. But awarded the Res CC today.

2nd Smith & Ratcliffe, Fayken Final Destination JW

Another stunning bitch in this class that pulled out all the stops. Again, super hard condition, Lovely feminine head with correct eye shape and ear set with good use of ears giving that typical border collie expression. Such a balanced bitch in all departments, allowing her to move freely with reach and drive.

3rd Fawcett, SH CH Laceway Raise The Roof

Special Open (Colour) Bitch (8/0)

1st Fawcett, Janbell Out Of The Blue At Laceway

Well, what can I say about this stunning Blue Merle, Back in 2018 I saw this girl win BPIB at Boston Champ show, she then went into the pastoral puppy group and won that, I was stewarding on BIS day so got to watch her again in the Best in Show ring, were she went best in show puppy watching her move round that big ring was memorising and is with me to this day, So the excitement when she entered the ring for me made my day, I had final got the chance with put hands on a bitch I have liked from afar for so long and I was not disappointed at all, in fact she has matured to the most stunning girl. Typical feminine head, lovely oval eye shape, balanced skull, equal to muzzle in length, correct scissor bite, lovely set to ears with good use giving an honest typical border collie expression. Super neck leading into a good lay of shoulder, parallel legs siting on nice tight oval feet. Level topline (standing and held on the move), sloping to her moulded croup. Good depth to chest and spring of ribs. Correct set to tail and length. This girl is balanced with super angles front and rear all this allowed her to flow round the ring with reach and drive with absolute ease and minimal lift to feet, she moves as if she could move all day and I certainly could watch her move all day. This girl is in super hard condition and was handled to perfection. And absolute honour to judge this stunning girl and award her the CC and see her go RES Best in Show.

2nd Mcconnachie, Your Still The One At ThistleSkye

See 1st Place in postgraduate bitch

3rd Allison, Zeabo Yankie Girl (IMP ITA)

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bitch (7/1)

1st Mcconnachie, Wish's Emerald Star For ThistleSkye

See 1st place in mid limit bitch

2nd Allison, Wenmap Topkapi Gem

Almost 14 months old young lady, feminine head with correct eye shape and ear placement, she has a mischievous look to her expression, Good length of neck leading into shoulder and level topline which was held standing and on the move. Nice angles and a good sloping croup and tail set which had a good length, she moved so much better in this class than the previous class.

3rd Tansley, Bilyara Ice Maiden VW

Veteran Bitch (11/2)

1st Walters SH Ch Goytre Daddy's Saucie Girl JW

I have judged this girl before and awarded her the CC and BOB and watched her go Group 1, And 2,5 years later she can still show the younger ones how it's done, Super feminine girl with the correct oval eye shape and colour, good set to ears with good use giving that typical border collie expression, super in balance still at 11 years young. Good reach of neck leading into a good lay of shoulder, lovely front and rear angles, good depth to chest and spring of rib. Super condition and eats up the ring on the move still with easy and minimal foot lift. Best Veran Bitch and with my co judge we awarded her Best Veteran in Show.

2nd Hoskins, SH Ch Birkcross Gracie At Lefevre

Another bitch I have judged before but this time she did not leave her clothes at home! Lovely feminine head with such a sweet expression, correct eye shape and set to ears which she used well. Lovely arched neck leading to a good lay of shoulder, level topline and good mould croup, good depth to chest and spring of ribs. Lovely balanced girl and a sound mover. Super condition.

3rd Tansley, Bilyara Ice Maiden VW

Special Open Working) Bitch (4/0)

1st Hawker, Moshanta Magic Penny For Taytinja JW

See 2nd in Mid Limit Bitch

2nd Allison, Zeabo Yankie Girl (IMP ITA)

Lovely Blue Merle bitch, feminine head piece with oval eye shape, she used her well set ears to give a lovely expression. Nice length to neck and good lay to shoulder. Good depth of chest and spring of ribs. Needed time to settle as she moved much better in this class than the pervious class.

3rd Carr, Kirkbridgend Rhea

Judge: Christina Dalby