Border Collie Club of Great Britain 50th Anniversary Show

Firstly, what an honour for me to judge this prestigious show.

I would love that many of the old original enthusiasts could have seen and known how successful both the breed and the clubs have become. It's a huge tribute to those who kept the faith and really never let go of the dream – now 50 years later we are all still living that dream!

When my co-judge Ron Juckes and I came together to view our main winners we could not have had two more worthy representatives; my winning well-built male, Sh Ch Thwaitlake Buzzman, portraying this strong, solid working dog with the complete flexible athleticism and energy required and the female winner who was also in fantastic order, her easy power and minimum lift on the move was a joy to see. After quite some deliberation, we eventually chose the lovely champion bitch Sh Ch Fayken I Am Love JW. What a day for both these top winners, we two judges absolutely loved them. Congratulations.

I love that these dogs are all so beautifully presented, the entry was full of quality from very young to Open dog. Thank you all.

Baby Puppy Dog

1st Fawcett's -Laceway Make Mine A Double

5 months and well grown for his age, very balanced outline, head developing well and showing good moulding from nice length muzzle to clean cheek, good eye shape and colour, nice sweep of neck to shoulder, firm topline kept on the move, plenty of coat to finish, moved off soundly with good drive. Best Baby in Show

2nd Crompton's Feruzi True Grit,

Full month younger so giving a lot away but not in either style or quality, shorter coupled but still very nice flow in profile, nice moulding to cheek and lovely eye shape, strong neck to shoulder and well ribbed, firm on the hocks and good easy mover

3rd Young's Langamay Silence is Golden

Minor Puppy Dog 9

1st Castle's Vicasio Worth Melting For

Lovely well-coated merle, good to go over, head and length to muzzle giving good proportion for age, clean through neck to shoulder and well ribbed, forelegs nicely under him good rear angulation, well off for coat and moved soundly with good reach and drive, promising youngster.

2nd Knight's Hysteps Samurai Forever at Kaitarro

Not quite the balanced flow of 1 above but very nice 6 month youngster, kindest of heads and expression, well placed shoulder and nice depth, well boned thro to good feet, sound and strode out well on the go round .

3rd Akester and Wiltshire's Tonkory Time To Go to Thwaitlake

Puppy Dog 3

1st Spencer's Tobermory in to The Wild

Classical outline with very nicely moulded head shape, correct brown eye and ears well placed, strongly built with good bone and substance throughout, feet neat and compact, well coated and topline firm, has excellent reach on the move, best dog puppy and best puppy in show.

2nd Novotny's Hysteps Ninja Warrior

Very nice youngster with presence, pleasing head and expression, balanced in profile, well off for bone and coat – good through body to nicely angled rear, sound mover both ways .

3rd Vos Butler's Clan-Abby Nz Spirit of Murphy

Junior Dog 4

1st Wiltshire and Aran's Caleykiz Ignite the Passion

Took my eye on entering and not disappointed, lovely overall balance and excellent head shape with kind eye, lovely front assembly to shoulder, well off for bone and feet tight, well ribbed to nicely angulated hindquarters, hock firm and in super coat and condition to finish the picture, sound free mover .

2nd Holtappel's Bryning The Pretender

Very nice youngster in super coat, head and eye lovely – he has power and substance in his nicely constructed body, like the balance and depth in profile rear angulation good to nice low hock, moves very well with lovely reach on side view just a bit close behind.

3rd Shaw and Morris's Noblewolves Bramleyapple

Yearling Dog 4

1st Wilcox's Blackgold Age of Aquarius JW

This boy certainly had the attention he deserved, in super coat and pleasing to go over. Kindest of expression from a warm brown eye, good width to skull and ears well placed making the young masculine boy he is, good length to muzzle, clean neck to good shoulder, nicely angulated upper arm that gives the flow to shoulder. Well ribbed, topline firm and good tail set, moved soundly with reach and drive, keeping an easy pace with his handler.

2nd Woodrow, Oliver and Molnar's Leclway On The Right Track JW {imp hun}

Lovely head on this boy- well moulded through muzzle to clean cheek, good eye shape and colour, well set ears, shorter coupled than one, not quite the balanced outline of one, but well bodied, good substance throughout, nicely angulated and hocks firm, moves very soundly with good drive,.

3rd Adam and Vandaele's Ger.Ch. Proud to be Xaro Xhoan Daxos

Post Graduate Dog

1st Wells and Mitchell's Bordabears Move to the Music

and he certainly can, best mover in the class, kind expression from his nicely moulded head – ears a bit erratic on the day but well placed. Good depth and topline firm, good bone and substance, tight feet, plenty coat and moved sound and true both ways and nice drive behind.

2nd-Walker's Borderbrook Final Straw at Ravenskirk

Lovely in outline and very nice to go over—typical kind head and eye, in excellent coat, good through neck to shoulder nice depth and well boned, topline held well on the move, close up but preferred movement of 1

3rd Ksiezopolska's Gucci One Way Together with Greymagic (imp Pol)

Limit Dog 8

1st Kempton's Art Of Blossom Drowned in Emotion into Borderbrook

Classical boy with presence, lovely profile, super coat that 'just fits' close and dense. Nice size, lovely chiselled head and correct shaped eye. Good through front assembly and good depth, quarters well angulated and low hocks used well to drive on the move.

2nd Oliver's Smart As A Whip Danger Zone at Tambuzi JW {imp Esp} another high-quality boy in very good order, loved his overall balance, kind expressive head and eye, clean through neck, nice front and good bone, well ribbed quarters well filled and hocks firm – another moving with great drive.

Open Dog, 13 lovely class. Thank you all.

1st Sh Ch Thwaitlake Buzzman

This boy came, I saw, he conquered.

Beautifully presented in hard condition, balanced, with a lovely, typical masculine head and kind, correct shaped eye. He uses his very alert, well-set ears to advantage. Clean neck flowing into good shoulders, good through the front assembly, with excellent bone but no cloddiness. Well ribbed, with a firm, strong topline and good tail set. Moves off with the enthusiasm of his breed, minimum lift with strong drive and at one with the handler.

CC with pleasure and Reserve Best of Breed.

2nd Portman's Sh Ch Laceway Black Sabbath

Another very high-quality dog, presented in fabulous coat and hard condition, with a lovely head and expression. His excellent coat covers a well-constructed, balanced frame, with good length of neck flowing into the shoulders and excellent depth of body, hind quarters strong and well angulated, he moves with great purpose and good drive. Reserve cc with pleasure.

3rd Lee and Green's Fayken I Am Soul JW

Another from the top drawer.

Special Open Any Other Colour Dog

1st Wilcox's Blackgold Age of Aquarius JW

Winner of yearling dog, this red boy is just a delight to go over as described above.

2nd Hughes' Piece Of Happiness Olaf von Langamay

Very attractive merle, nicely proportioned, lovely head with a very kind expression, well coated and nice bone and substance, very easy on the move both ways.

3rd Castle's Vicasio Worth Melting For

Marion Hopkinson, judge