BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN
OPEN SHOW 25 OCTOBER 2026

Judge Valerie Hawker (Taytinja)

Many thanks to the committee of Border Collie Club of Great Britain for inviting me to judge their 50th anniversary Open Show. I received a fantastic entry of 92 dogs, making an entry of 109 for which I'm truly honoured. I have to apologise for the erratic stop-start to judging which unfortunately was a result of my classes clashing with the Championship show running alongside. Thank you to my hard working stewards Sue Preston and Annette Walters, and to the exhibitors for taking the interruptions in their stride.

Baby Puppy Bitch (4/1)

1 **Tambuzi Guessin I'm Trouble (Dr AJ Oliver)** Blue/white baby puppy 5 mths old. This little girl knew her job, hard to believe it was her first outing in a show ring. Slate nose and matching eye colour, pigmentation strong, correct oval eyes. Sensitive ears, up and tipped. Good unexaggerated stop. Good bone, stifle still to drop and feathering and coat still to mature, especially on tail, which was lovely length. A raw pup showing loads of potential **BBPBIS**

2 **Langamay Eye Of The Tiger (Mr S Young)** Blue merle bitch only 4 mths old. Eyes and nose good match for coat, ears a little heavy at this stage but could well lift. Slightly heavier in bone than 1st. A little unsettled on the move but handler should be so proud of her achievement at this tender age.

3 **Riverspell Dearly Loved (Mrs Julia Roberts)** Tri-colour 5 mth baby who had a fun day out! Don't be discouraged, a little practice and she can learn to hold her own in the class. Very immature baby, but a sweet face, and gorgeous colouring.

Baby Puppy Dog (2/0)

1 **Laceway Make Mine A Double (Miss H Fawcett)** B/W 5 mth old puppy of good size, deep black well fitting jacket. No mistaking male, standing tall, level topline, well off for bone, dark pigmentation, ears a little heavy but tipped giving kind expression. Good length of tail. A little loose on the move, will firm up as he matures. Will be one to watch!

2 **Langamay Silence Is Golden (Mr S Young)** gold/white 5mth lad in good coat, smaller than 1st, moderate bone, lovely solid pigmentation against pale coat with chocolate nose. I did struggle to find what I was looking for under his tail, but he's a young pup, could well be there. He took time to find his stride but I saw some promising reach and drive for one so young.

Minor Puppy Bitch (8/1)

1 **Chastanse Wedding Bells (Mrs D S Richards)** 8mth b/w bitch, larger pup but well proportioned. Oval eyes, lovely head shape, correct dentition, ears a little on the heavy side, but sensitive in use. Moderate neck onto good shoulders. Parallel legs from front, lovely tight neat feet. Excellent jacket, level topline, moved well in all directions.

2 Jupavia Fusion By Design (Miss V Carley) 7mth b/w bitch, another good sized girl, well off for bone, immaculately presented. Skull fairly broad, good stop, well set deep brown eyes, semi erect sensitive ears. Good length of neck, elbows close to body. Good length of tail carried low on the move. Preferred the movement of 1 as stifles are yet to drop so a bit loose on the move.
3 Leclway Quiddity Quest (mrs T Molnar)

Puppy Bitch (7/1)
1 Story Rex Heritage Guess For Axernamoon (Imp Ita) (Mr LC & Mrs CJ Dalby) 10mth b/w feminine girl with super smooth graceful outline, low set well furnished tail. Well handled and presented, she has a dark face with matching deep brown eyes, small well set tipped ears and long neck. Moderate in bone, movement is free flowing true to her athletic appearance showing good reach and drive. Pleased to award her **BPB RBPIS**
2 Vicasio Wish Upon A Star (Miss Castle) 8mth blue merle bitch. Bigger than 1st, good stop and lovely slate nose. Oval eyes, semi erect ears, good length of neck and well off for bone, parallel front with sloping pastern and tight feet. A little high behind but still very young, good length of tail carried low on the move. Good steady side gait around the ring but was out-moved by 1 on the day.
3 Tobermoray Wild At Heart For Flintrix (Mrs S Farris)

Junior Bitch (10/2)
1 Jerseywood Keep On Loving JW (Miss S Lea) 13mth b/w girl who is perhaps heavier than I like, but cannot deny her conformation which translates into sound movement. Deep stop and excellent ear set, well off for bone with good length of neck set on well laid back shoulders. Level topline and long well furnished tail presents a smooth and graceful outline. Handled well on the day to take top spot.
2 Borderbrook Special Dream JW (Ms A Kempton) 17mth b/w girl. Shorter in body length than 1st but with good length of neck and lovely low set tail. Well off for bone, dark eyes, semi erect ears, good depth of chest and well sprung ribs. Attentive to handler but out-moved by 1 on the day.
3 Lucky For You Take My Heart At Noblewolves (Imp Hun)(Miss P Seaborn-Wendland)

Yearling Bitch (9/0)
1 Shemella To The Moon And Back JW (Mr IJ & Mrs MJ Lewis) Just short of 2 years b/w bitch. Moderately boned and athletic in appearance. Balanced in profile with good height to body proportions. Strong neck onto well laid shoulders, straight parallel forelegs. Level topline onto sloping croup with low set well furnished tail. Good muscle which powered her around the ring.
2 **Jerseywood Love In The Dark (Miss S Lea)** 13mth litter sister to 1st in JB, same heavier frame. Light brown eyes, would have preferred darker. Good length of neck, well presented but a little steep in stifle which may well yet drop. Beautiful slope to croup and well set tail of adequate length. Moved well away and back.

3 Tambuzi My Kinda Fizz (Miss AJ Duesbury)

Post Graduate Bitch (10/1)

1 Borderbrook Final Destiny JW (Ms A Kempton) 2 year b/w bitch dark feminine head, good stop, well set semi erect ears, slightly shorter in body but good breadth of chest, moderate bone, well turned stifles. Good away and back and moved with drive around the ring.

2 Bazentills A Star Is Born For Zanyway (Imp Ire)(Miss K Putney) another 2 year b/w bitch, slightly heavier in bone than 1. Full white ruff with striking headpiece, strong arched neck. Good stop and sensitive ears, lovely tight feet, just preferred the drive on the move of 1 but could easily change places another day.

3 Shemella Sky Full Of Stars (Mr IJ & Mrs MJ Lewis)

Limit Bitch (5/0) A quality class where I was spoilt for choice.

1 Jupavia Silver Flame (Miss V Carley) 4½ year b/w bitch who owned the ring the minute she stepped into it. Smooth outline, quality and gracefulness, perfect balance all packaged in this girl. So attentive to handler. Lovely head piece with good stop, well set semi erect ears, oval eyes, good dentition. Nothing heavy about this girl, she looked keen and eager to do the job and she didn't disappoint. Parallel front with good pasterns and tight feet, complimented by well let down hocks. Body to length ratio gives a sleek outline, finished off with sloping croup and well set tail. Sound out and back and good footfall on the go round moving out well. Fought hard in the challenge to take **RBB**

2 Clareto All My Loving JW (Miss S Lea) 5 year 10 mth b/w girl who I've done well for before. She is holding her own in the upper classes having matured since I last saw her. Slightly heavier than 1. Soft expression with long arched neck, on good shoulders, well ribbed. Level topline with sloping croup giving smooth outline. Good tail set, movement was free flowing, at one with her handler.

3 Wish's Emerald Star for Thistleskye (Mr P & Mrs S Mcconnachie)

Open Bitch (6/0)

1 Sh Ch Laceway Breaking Waves (Miss H Fawcett) 3 year b/w bitch. I have done well for this bitch before and once again today she did not disappoint. Love her type, she oozes presence, stands with attitude showing great length of neck and a smooth and graceful outline. Good stop, well set ears, soft brown eyes creating a lovely expression. Excellent shoulders and good depth of chest, good length of leg, with tidy tight feet and good sloping pasterns. Good turn of stifle, this girl is ready to go and on the move she strides out well, moves with reach and drive with breed typical low head. For me she epitomises moderation combined with strength and power. As always, turned out in immaculate condition. Happy to award her **BB and BIS.**

2 Your Still the One at Thistleskye (Mr P & Mrs S Mcconnachie) Another moderate girl, this time a tricolour bitch of 4 years 9mths. Feminine face with gorgeous expression, liquid brown eyes, well set and sensitive ears. Tan-point highlights over the eyes and on the smooth cheeks,

slightly on forelegs and beautifully marked hocks. Long arched neck, good lay of shoulder. The most level topline on the stand, held well on the move. Smooth sloping croup. She is the picture of a well proportioned bc, graceful and athletic build. Considered for reserve best bitch.
3 Sh Ch/IntCh/Nld Ch Hystpes My Irish Colleen JW (Ms Sp & Miss K Austin & Zolakova)

Special Any Other Colour Bitch (9 /1)
1 Your Still The One At Thistleskye (Mrs P & Mrs S Macconnachie)
(see 2nd in Open Bitch) **BAOCIS**
2 Chikaramor So Magical For Sianworth (Mrs Sian Jones) 8½ year tricolour bitch who is in her prime. Tri-points not quite as dark as 1. Although slightly larger than 1, she is still moderate in build, presenting a smooth balanced outline on the stand. Adequate stop, neck could be a touch longer, but excellent topline and lovely croup onto well furnished low set tail. Well turned stifles with good muscle. Moved out well behind 1st.
3 Tambuzi Mykinda Fizz (Miss AJ Duesbury)

Special Working Bitch (2/0)
1 Molumiki Down in Upend AWB (Miss K Dodd) 4½ year blue tri girl. AWB title tells me this girl knows how to work. Smaller in frame but in good proportion, smooth sleek outline, looked balanced. Nose and eye colour compliment her deep blue jacket flecked with tan. Fair length of neck, good straight forelegs with neat tight feet. She looked a little out of coat today which showed in her hindquarters but allowed perfect vision of her turn of stifle and strong hocks. Moved with minimum lift of feet. **BWB and BWIS**
2 Sianworth Rustic Flame For Keltiklan P Beg Ex (Miss S Jones) 5 year sable bitch with attractive head piece. Lovely expression, all eyes on handler. Well set sensitive ears, standing taller than 1st. Nose and eye colour matching coat. A little on the lean side but with good bone. Neck a good length onto well placed shoulders. Tail used for balance on the move, at times slightly higher than preferred. **RBWIS**

Veteran Bitch (7/0)
1 Langtry Money Well Spent (Mrs T Molnar) 8½ year b/w won this class on movement. Well off for bone and in dense coat. Good nose to skull ratio, eyes dark and oval, ears a little heavy, strong arched neck onto good depth of chest. Level topline onto low set tail. Very attentive to handler. **BVIS**
2 Borderbrook Fame Or Fortune ShCEx (Ms A Kempton) 7½ year b/w soft expression, ears well placed and sensitive in use. Good oval eye, lovely deep brown. Would have preferred a touch more neck but good body to height ratio, and moved out soundly there and back, just preferred the reach and drive of 1st. Well handled. **RBVIS**
3 Shemella Moonlight Skye (Mr IlJ & Mrs M J Lewis)

Minor Puppy Dog (5/1)

1 Clan-Abby Nz Spirit Of Murphy (Mrs J.v-B Vos-Butler) 7mth b/w puppy dog who still has to mature but he ticked all my boxes. Spirited young lad, he gave his handler work to do. Good dark pigmentation, dark brown oval eyes. Ears well set, good neck onto good lay of shoulders. Straight front legs, with sloping pasterns and tight arched toes. At this age still minimum feathering but super dense dark black jacket. Long tail set on low from a sloping croup. **BPD BPIS**
2 Borderbears Marma Lodged (Mrs K Mitchell) 6mth b/w another lovely puppy, just splitting hairs with 1 and could well have changed places. Although a month younger, he too has lovely dark pigmentation, good eyes and ears. Good length of neck, tight feet, ample bone. I will be watching him as he matures as he should do really well in future.
3 Vicasio Worth Melting For (Miss Castle)

Puppy Dog (2/0)
1 Hysteps Ninja Warrior (Mr S Novotny) 6mth b/w puppy dog, very dark all over. This young lad had attitude, he looked keen to do the job. Strong head, all masculine, good length of neck, well laid back shoulders onto strong forelegs. A tad high in bum but good muscle and already showing turn of stifle and strong hocks. He moved away soundly there and back and was free flowing around the ring.
2 Tobermoray In To The Wild (Mrs R Spencer) 10mth b/w boy who is well off for bone and coat. Another dark boy with just a splash of white for ruff. Shorter coupling than 1. Neat feet, sloping croup to low set-on of a well furnished tail. Side gait movement excellent however 1st had better footfall on the away and back.

Junior Dog (3/2)
1 Noblewolves Bramleyapple (Miss K & Mr R Shaw & Morris)** 1½ year sable male gorgeous pigmentation on this dog matching his head and jacket colouring. Moderately built, good dentition, slightly steep in front restricting his reach on the move. Good long tail with lovely swirl but whilst raised slightly for balance is acceptable, at times he carried his a little too high over his back.

Yearling Dog (3/1)
1 Leclway On The Right Track JW (Imp Hun) (Ms A & Dr M & Ms T Woodrow & Oliver & Molnar) 1½ year b/w rather flashy boy in a big coat that has started to show red tinges over shoulders and croup. Good head piece with distinct stop, compact build with good bone, level topline onto sloping croup. Well angulated front and rear providing good movement around the ring. Long low set tail. Expertly handled.
2 Blackgold Age Of Aquarious JW (Mrs R Wilcox) 1½ year boy of deepest red with complimenting nose and eye colour. I have watched this boy with interest from the day he started his show career and his handler has brought him on so well, getting the best from him. He stands longer in cast than 1st, all male dog, good lay of shoulders, lovely straight foreleg with sloping pasterns onto neat feet. Well sprung ribs, level topline to sloping croup giving smooth outline.

Well turned stifles and parallel hocks from rear. Moved well, unlucky to meet 1st as a close decision.

Post Graduate Dog (3/0)

1 Bordabears Move To The Music (Mrs S & Mrs K Wells & Mitchell) 2 year b/w boy, dark face with deep dark oval eyes, well set ears. Good bone, well proportioned height to body length, level topline, would like a little more turn of stifle but well muscled showing free flowing and easy movement around the ring. Very attentive to handler.

2 Blackgold Age Of Aquarius JW (Mrs R Wilcox)

(see 2nd Yearling Dog) pushed hard for 1st.

3 Borderbrook Final Straw At Ravenskirk (Mrs E Walker)

Limit Dog (4/1)

1 Smart As A Whip Danger Zone at Tambuzi JW (Imp Esp) (Dr AJ Oliver) 2 year boy who i've done well for before as a pup. He has matured into an impressive dog. All male head piece with prick ears that thought about tipping! Does not detract from an intelligent face, with distinct stop, equal length to muzzle and skull, strong arched neck onto well laid back shoulders, well sprung ribs and deep chest. Strong bones front and rear level topline to sloping croup, well turned stifles. Presented a balanced smooth outline. Movement was strong and powerful showing an athletic dog which won him **BD and RBIS**

2 Jupavia A Kind Of Magic (Ms F & Mr S Wright & Agnew) 2½ year b/w male in tip-top condition and so well presented. Tipped ears, lighter in eye than 1st, good length of neck. Excellent angulation fore and aft, more moderate in bone than 1. Smooth level topline held on the move, smooth effortless gait. Close decision.

3 Art Of Blossom Drowned In Emotion Into Borderbrook JW (Imp Esp) (Ms A Kempton)

Open Dog (6/2) Very strong class

1 Laceway Bite The Bullet With Jupavia JW (Miss V & Miss H Carley & Fawcett) 3 year b/w good sized dog, in full coat and immaculately presented. I have judged him before and he has matured well being more moderate in bone with deep brown eyes, soft expression. Well sprung ribs and deep chest. Presents a smooth and graceful outline on the stand. Well constructed rear allows him to cover the ground in free flowing breed typical movement. Long well-furnished tail. Lost out on best dog as the disruption between champ and open shows seemed to take its toll **RBD**

2 Sh Ch/Ir Ch Hysteps Come By JW (Ms SP & Miss K Austin & Zolakova) 2 year b/w dog. Altogether different type from my winner being much heavier in bone, with heavier headpiece. But could not deny this boy his place. Medium sized dog, with long strong neck arched onto well laid back shoulders, excellent front angulation onto strong and straight front legs. Good tight feet with arched toes. Hind angulation a little too overdone on the stand, but non the less maintained a level topline throughout.

3 Sh Ch laceway Black Sabbath (Mr CS & Mrs SL Portman)

Special Any Other Colour Dog (3/1)

1 Blackgold Age Of Aquarius JW (Mrs R Wilcox)

(See 2nd Yearling Dog) **RBAOCIS**

2 Noblewolves Bramleyapple (Miss K & Mr R Shaw & Morris)**

(See 1st Junior Dog)

Special Working Dog (0)

Veteran Dog (1/0)