

Newton Abbot & South Devon Canine Association

Critique for Golden Retrievers 25th January 2020

I would like to thank the society for such a wonderful judging appointment. A lovely well-run show and I was so pleased with my overall entry.

P (6/2a)

1. M & J Clarkes SUNNYOAK THE GIRL IS MINE (B)
What a lovely class of puppies, 4 wonderful examples of the breed all at different stages of development. My winner couldn't be denied with such a balanced picture, at just 7 months old she behaved so well for her handler. With a gorgeous feminine head and expression, straight front with tight cat like feet, good length of neck in to well laid back shoulders running in to a level top line. Her rear assembly was correct and nothing too over done with her angles. Moved steadily and correctly with her handler. **BP** and pleased to see her placed **Gundog Puppy Group 4**.
2. Melainie Healeys MARSABIT VANITY FAIR (B)
Another quality puppy, 10 months old maturing nicely. Excellent overall balance once stood square, well constructed and of good type, soft expression with a feminine head with excellent pigment, good reach of neck in to well laid back shoulders, straight front with nice tight feet, straight rear that allowed her to move out correctly.

SY (8/2a)

1. Josie & Paul Lees DENMARELLA HIGHLAND LACE (B)
Although placed third in my Puppy class this had no reflection on how much I liked this youngster, in rich gold coat, balanced and showed quality throughout. Feminine in every way with a wonderful soft expression, excellent length of neck in to well laid back shoulders, level top line with an excellent tail set, tight feet with good front end assembly, straight hocks and good turn of stifle. Moved out correctly.
2. Mrs J Clarke & Mrs J Stanleys SUNNY OAK TWIN SAILS (B)
Another lovely example of the breed, a nicely put together young lady with correct angulation both in front and rear, feminine head with good length of neck. Her level top line stood out both on the stand and on the move. Handled very well and moved soundly around the ring.

G (4/0a)

1. Cheryl Bawdens GOLDSAND ROCK AND ROLL AT DARTHILL (D)
This young man was a very eye-catching boy with his rich gold coat. Wonderful to go over and in excellent hard condition. Nothing too overdone with the most appealing of heads, expression and dark eye. Overall balance a symmetry was outstanding with a super topline and tail set. Good bone with straight front and rear and solid well-muscled hind quarters. Compact and solid on the move. **RBOB**
2. Sheenagh Gebhards CALACAREY RAGAMUFFIN ROSE (B)
A lovely girl that was pleasing to the eye and balanced throughout, feminine head with a dark eye and soft expression. With a good lay back of shoulder and good length of upper arm. She had an excellent spring of rib with close fitting elbows. Super rear angles with just about the right amount of turn in stifle. Level top line with a correctly placed tail set. Moved out well.

PG (6/2a)

1. Penny Gaylors CAROLAKE REMEMBER ME JW (B)
A very appealing girl who is well balanced throughout, with her soft expression she oozed femininity. Her overall balance showed off her proportions well with a nice straight front, good tight cat like feet. Good spring of rib with close fitting elbows, super top line both stood and on the move. Excellent rear angulation and overall construction was superb.
2. Kim Clunies WARRENTOR CAPIRINHA (B)
A lovely girl just lacking in a bit of coat today but that didn't detract too much from her qualities. Excellent overall construction, straight front with tight feet, nice deep chest and a strong level topline. Rear angulation was correct with well let down straight hocks. Well muscled throughout that showed with her positive correct movement around the ring.

OD (3/1a)

1. MR & Mrs T Williams THORNYWAIT FULL MONTY AT TREBETTYN (D)
A beautifully put together boy with superb overall construction, masculine throughout with a typical expression of a Golden Retriever. Strong muscular neck flowing in to well laid back shoulders, superb top line into an excellent tail set. Very good front assembly well boned with neat tight feet. Deep well ribbed body with plenty of heart room with excellent rear end construction with nice straight hocks, covered the ground well.
2. Michelle Chappels CREEKSIDE ROYAL NUPTIALS (D)
With a masculine head and expression and good length of neck leading into well laid shoulders, straight front, level top line, stifles well angulated, well let down straight hocks, steady and correct on the move.

OB (8/1a)

1. Mrs S L & Miss A Mains GWYNGALA GOING FOR GOLD (B)

I loved everything about this bitch who was just the complete picture for me on the day, feminine, balanced and enjoyed her day! In excellent coat and condition, feminine head with excellent reach of neck in to well laid back shoulders, super top line whilst stood and on the move, straight front with tight feet, superb bend of stifle with straight hocks. Nothing overdone with this girl and a pleasure to award **BOB** and so pleased to see her placed **Gundog Group 2**

2. Ann Smyths KADAKA KISSAGRAM (B)

I liked this girl a lot, feminine head with good pigment and nice dark eye, good length of neck into excellent shoulder placement with a superb top line, nicely boned with tight feet and straight front, tight fitting elbows and good spring of rib. Excellent turn of stifle and she was well muscled all over. Moved around the ring with good solid reach and drive.

Marc Wheeldon (Catnnels)