

The Pointer Club 23 September 2021

Bitches

It was an honour to judge the bitch classes at The Pointer Club Championship Show. My thanks to the Committee and to my very efficient ring stewards.

I feel that we are losing some femininity in the breed to a certain extent. This is a breed where you should instantly be able to tell whether you are looking at a dog or a bitch. There were also some rather broad skulls. Tail carriage has improved overall. The hard surface was very unforgiving and showed up any movement faults which existed, including some dogs with high front action.

On the plus side, I had some lovely bitches entered and the Open bitch class was outstanding. I was looking for overall balance, with type and sound movement.

Veteran Bitch (5,2)

Three lovely girls, all happy, with lashing tails. The winner was the most positive on the move today.

- 1 O'Neill's Tenshilling Viva Las Vegas. O/W. Neat ears and nicely turned lip. She is well balanced with a lovely tail, sloping pasterns and correct oval feet. Looking great for her almost 11 years. BVIS.
- 2 Saunders' Teisgol I Am What I Am at Philynnies ShCM. B/W. A smart girl, with a kind expression, she is slightly longer in body than the winner. Again, she has sloping pasterns and neat feet. Well-muscled, she used her tail well on the move.
- 3 Booth's Crookrise Wren

Minor Puppy Bitch (2,0)

Both very much babies, which is as it should be.

- 1 Harrison's Millpoint Hearts Desire. B/W, well angulated, good viewed from front and rear. She is well ribbed, has correct sloping pasterns, good feet and a neat tail. She looks very immature on the move but will settle with time. Should have a bright future.
- 2 Carver's Lithespirit Hope in My Heart with Oldbashurst. Liver & white, of different kennel type to the winner. She had a pleasing curved lip, good depth of chest, neat tail but needs to settle in front action.

Puppy Bitch (12,2)

This was a lovely class, and some nice puppies went cardless.

- 1 Wilkinson's Stocksfell Showdown. Very balanced and feminine O/W with an elegance to her. She has a sweet head, though would prefer more length to her foreface, she has a kind eye, pronounced occiput, curved lip and high set ears. Clean lines, oval bone, good depth to chest and balanced angulation with low hocks and decent width to her thigh. Holds her topline on the move. On the referee's decision, BPIS.
- 2 Siddle's Wilchrimane Frankly Darlin. O/W. This one really covers the ground. She is slightly longer in body than the winner. Pleasing head with curved lip and neat, well-set, fine ears, elegant neck into well-laid shoulders with good angulation front and rear, sloping pasterns, excellent feet. Would prefer a slightly darker eye.
- 3 O'Neill's Tenshilling The Wanderer

Junior Bitch (7,0)

Mixed movement in this class.

- 1 Radcliffe's Sniperay Edge of Glory, Lem/W with very clean lines, good length of foreface. She has good depth of chest, is short-coupled and well balanced in angulation, muscular, and moved well.
- 2 Tenshilling The Wanderer. O/W, a little broader in skull than the winner but another with clean lines and very balanced, lovely oval bone, good layback of shoulder and sound on the move.

3 Klaiber's Hawkfield Scandalous.

Yearling Bitch (3,0)

1 Robson's Codnorhawk Dinky Staa. B/W who was balanced in angulation. She has a pleasing head, balanced skull, neat ears. Sound in action and used her tail on the move. Very well-muscled, good depth of chest and correct feet. Overall, there is lots to like about her.

2 Knowles' Fleurfield Fire Opal at Dovehayes. This girl was a bit erratic on the move and needs to settle when stacked as she tenses up. She has a good length of foreface and pronounced occiput and is well angulated with low hocks. She also has the desired sloping pasterns. Just wish she would relax.

3 Mason's Dondaig Love Me Tender at Nosam.

Maiden Bitch (11,2)

There was again some rather erratic movement in the class.

1 Booth's Sharnphilly Ginger Fizz at Lundgarth. Lovely clean, flowing lines on this O/W girl and she has the femininity I was looking for. Sweet head, pronounced occiput and ears pointed at the tips. Lovely dark pigment. Good bend of stifle.

2 Wilkinson's Stocksfell Stella. She has lots of substance, a smart looking girl. Well-constructed, sound on the move.

3 Anderson-Rowell's Raigmore Limelight at Daledancer.

Novice Bitch (10,3)

1 Webster & Goodwin's Millpoint Air Wave. B/W, soft, kind expression, good length of foreface, her body is balanced in angulation, low hocks, deep chest. She uses her tail well on the move.

2 Codnorhawk Dinky Staa

3 Millet's Chamelia Jessica

Debutant Bitch (3,0)

1 Brooksmith's Nightgold Pipkin. Liver & white, balanced skull, lengthy neck which flows into her well-laid shoulder. She is built on clean lines and moved well.

2 O'Neill's Tenshilling Queen of Fools. B/w, has plenty of substance. She is also balanced. Good width of thigh, low hocks. Slightly stronger in skull than the winner.

3 Robson's Bradgate Until Dusk

Graduate Bitch (9,2)

This class was again very mixed so far as movement was concerned.

1 Blowers' Fowington Lar Ti Dar at Deadaway. Shown in hard, muscular condition, she has an athletic look to her. Clean lines with oval bone, balanced in angulation. Neat tail, carried and used well. She also has good feet and pasterns. Sound on the move.

2 Millpoint Air Wave

3 Matthews' Sonham Chasing Rainbows

Post Graduate Bitch (7,1)

1 Perkins' Brent Cheap Thrills. O/W. Took my eye when she entered the ring. Strongly constructed, sound mover, pronounced occiput, well-set ears, strongly muscled.

2 Hinton's Fleurfield Truly A Secret JW. Liv/W, balanced construction with well laid shoulder and good bend of stifle. She has a pleasing head and moved soundly.

3 Gordon's Hawkfield Happy

Mid Limit Bitch (7,1)

- 1 Westaway's Ridanflight Raisen. Well-made B/W who looks like she could do a day's work. She has lovely carriage on the move and lashes her tail, which is so good to see. She has a balanced skull and wide nostrils. Deep chest and sloping pasterns.
- 2 Harrison's Millpoint Sound Wave JW. O/W, good angulation, balanced with flowing lines, neat feet and good pasterns.
- 3 Collins' Saregresi Ventulus Lemon Drop at Collholme (Imp Hun)

Limit Bitch (7,2)

- 1 Wilkinson's Stocksfell Seldom Seen. O/W. So feminine and sound, she has a lovely head and expression with a curved lip. Balanced angulation, clean bone, sloping pasterns, good feet and moved soundly.
- 2 Siddle's Wilchrimane Pirouette. O/W. Well made, good spring of rib, short-coupled and muscular. Another lovely, sound, bitch.
- 3 Hinton's Fleurfield Morning Glory

Open Bitch (6,1)

I could very happily have taken these girls home with me! A high-quality class.

- 1 Perkins' Brent Hothouse Flower. This girl just oozes breed type which hits you in the face. She has the flowing lines required for the breed plus an ultra-feminine head, neat tail, which she lashes on the move, and super carriage with head up and holding her topline. When I judged her as a youngster three years ago, I considered her for high honours. She is now the finished article. On the referee's decision she won BIS. I hope her third CC is not far away as she is a credit to the breed.
- 2 Gerrard & Bell's Sh Ch Chesterhope C'Mon Over to Carmandine (Imp NZ) JW. I can see why this girl has won so much despite being relatively young. She has so much to like about her when going over her, from her curved lip and wide nostrils, elegant neck, great construction and excellent bone to her superb, ground-covering movement, using her tail. RCC and, on the referee's decision, RBIS.
- 3 Hazeltine, Razzell, Spey, Oldfield & Lopes' Am Ch Bookstor Fabello Kinky Boots (Imp USA).

Special working gundog bitch (2,0)

- 1 Booth's Crookrise Wren. A feminine O/W, built on clean lines. Pleasing head and elegant neck.
- 2 Anderson-Rowell's Daledancer Rita Owla. B/W, a neat bitch with a nicely dished face, just a little broader in skull than the winner. She has a good coat and toned body.

FT Bitch (1)

- 1 Anderson-Rowell's Little Owl Scandiaca for Daledancer (Imp Slov). Sweet girl with feminine head, neat, fine ears, balanced angulation and correct tail and feet.

Special Beginners Bitch (7)

- 1 Klaiber's Hawkfield Scandalous. Orange & white, feminine, clean lines, sloping pasterns and excellent feet, neat tail, lots to like about her.
- 2 Codnorhawk Dinky Stta
- 3 Maude's Hawkfield Devil Wears Prada

Ria Nelis (Judge)