

(1) ALL IRELAND COLLIE & SHEEPDOG SOCIETY
BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW
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JUDGE Mrs Eleanor Kitchen (SERIEMA)

First of all I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge at this very well run show, and to the exhibitors for their lovely entry, and for the sporting way they accepted my decisions, I would just like to say that it was fifteen years since I last judged over there, and 'my' how much quality dogs you have now, and I was spoilt for choice in open dog and open bitch, no doubt many of them will change places another time. most of them would do very well over here in the U.K. and presentation was first class, my hands were as clean when I started as when I finished. Thank You all.

Baby Puppy

Caronlea James Bond & Caronlea Miss Money Penny two litter siblings, of lovely make & shape, the sable dog having the edge on the tri bitch, with a very sweet expression, both so full of confidence, no doubt, both will go far.

Minor Puppy Dog

Davies' Lustful Lover for Rosschell ...seven and a half month sable dog, Who on the day was carrying just that little bit too much weight, which affected his movement, good body shape, well off for bone, good head pattern with a lovely dark eye, and neat ears, well presented good harsh coat.(graded promising)

Puppy Dog

1..Tiernan'ValeoV.I.P...Lovely sable dog who made the most of himself, in lovely coat and condition, groomed to perfection, good length of back, ample neck, good quarters, ample bone, neat feet, moved well around the big ring, head of good quality, lovely foreface, good under jaw, nicely placed and shaped dark eye, with his neat ears bang on top giving him the sweetest expression, should be a useful dog.(graded very promising)

2..Heaney..Caronlea French Affair at Commedagh.. Eleven month sable in good harsh coat, if a tad on the wavy side at the moment, but this could clear when he drops his puppy coat, smaller cast than first, with a well proportioned head, good eye, neat ears, good under jaw, nicely filled in foreface, would like a bit more of him, all over, moved soundly enough, and showed well for his young handler. (graded promising)

Junior Dog

1....Seale's Caronlea Black Jack at Rowlands... Upstanding young tricolour dog of the most lovely make and shape with a jet black coat, with rich tan markings, and with his whites gleamed in the morning sun. he was impeccably dressed in his best bib and tucker, lovely make and shape, well off for bone and with his neat little hocks he powered around the ring, stood and showed well for his handler, commands attention, possesses a lovely head piece, if I wanted to change anything about him, I would just prefer a sweeter eye, but that probably is my own personal preference. I wish him well, and have no doubt

he will make up, another useful dog (graded excellent)

2...Data..Wicani Buzz Lightyear... beautifully coloured blue , who had left most of his clothes at home, so consequently was lacking in body, his head handled well, with a lovely shaped and placed dark eye, neat ears , which he knew how to use, giving him a sweet expression, and he moved soundly. (graded very good)

3Caronlea French Affair at Commedagh.

INTERMEDIETE DOG

1...Carr & Colclough...Donohill The Maestro...sable dog in good hard condition, nice for size, good neck length of back, good quarters, well off for bone, neat hocks, tight feet which enabled him to move out soundly, with drive, head of good length with a lovely eye, but would like ears a shade tighter on top, showed well .(graded excellent)

2...Walker's Starlenga The Wicker Man..My heart break dog, he is such a lovely dog in all departments, last time I judged him I gave him best puppy at a CH: show and I was so pleased to see him, looking so well, in full coat, and groomed to perfection, and he powered around the ring, I just wish I could have done more for him, but I thank his sporting owners for bringing him. I still think he is a lovely dog.(graded excellent)

3...O'NeillCaronlea Lord Of The Dance... young sable lad , unfortunate to come up against the first two, quality dog from all angles, lovely head, eye and expression, good make and shape, sound on the move, I congratulate this exhibitor for producing some quality dogs. (graded excellent)

OPEN DOG

A lovely class of quality males, most of whom will be an asset to the breed, and who no doubt will change places many times,

1....Kelly... Ballahanna Belfast Boy.. Mature sable, in full coat, which was groomed to perfection, not a hair out of place, right for size, good neck, nice length of back, with a good sweep over the loins, good front and depth of chest, and well bent stifles, neat short hocks, tight feet and ample bone enabled him to power around the ring, and could well do the day's work for which he was intended for ! Balanced head, with well filled foreface, good under jaw, nicely placed and shaped dark eye and the neatest of ears giving him a most captivating expression, most lovely dog, surprised that he is not a champion, and hopefully his sporting owner will now campaign him more seriously, Good Luck with him. (graded excellent) Green Star dog and Best in Show. Well done.

2.....McIntyre... Timeless Twilight's Lone Ranger for Meryctin...Another quality sable, who today, ran the first all the way, one who I have judged before and my notes say still a lovely dog, different to one, but has most of his attributes, and is also such a sound mover, and certainly all male, (see that he is putting his stamp on his puppies,) he was immaculately turned out, as were all dogs from this kennel, splitting hairs between them, thank you for bringing him.(graded excellent) Res Green Star dog.

3....Cummings....Ballahanna Bit Of Blarney at Altnareagh... Young sable dog who unfortunately had left all his clothes at home, As his breeding suggests he is a quality lad, but , today, he thought he would have much preferred to have been left at home, ! He simply just didn't want to know. (graded excellent) would like to see him in full coat.

CHAMPION DOG

Three lovely champions, each with their own individual virtues,

1....Geddes.. U.K.CH: Ingledene Late Night Legend J.W...Shaded sable, who absolutely just floated around the ring, in full coat groomed to perfection, nicely constructed, head handled well, nicely balanced, with a well filled in muzzle, neat ears, which he constantly used, would have just preferred a darker eye. (graded excellent)

2.....O'Neill...CH:Rus:CH: Lynmead Lust After Me at Caronlea., bred in the purple, this dog I believe, only arrived back in the country, two days before the show, and all credit to his owner, he looked fabulous, in full coat, which just gleamed in the sun, has everything going for him, and I see that he is proving to be quite an asset to the breed over there, again, nicely constructed, and looked good from all angles, good head properties, with a most sweet expression, coming from two lovely dark eyes, and neat ears, splitting hairs between them but just felt that first was that little bit more positive on the move (graded excellent)

3.....Farrell... CH:Amalie Back in Black... what a heart break this dog must be! He is the most fantastic mover, and certainly knows how to cover the ground, so light and effortless on his feet, presented in good hard condition, with his jet black coat gleaming, again he is nicely constructed, and , has a lovely head to handle, but, today, he thought he would rather have stayed at home, and he was determined he was not going to show me his virtues! Thank you for bringing him, he is a lovely boy (graded excellent)

CHILDREN 'S HANDLING (12--14)

1..Eileen Kelleher (12)..this young lady will go far, she certainly knows how to get the best out of her dog, and knows exactly what she's doing, also , she could show some of the adults on how to do a triangle,

2.....Roberta Heaney (13)...get the feeling that this young lady is a little shy, and it shows in her handling of her dog, she does quite well, but she must remember that she is the boss in the ring and not the dog, she needs to be a little firmer with him and let him know who is in charge.

JUNIOR HANDLING(15--18)

1...Kevin Kelleher (15) Now this young man can come and handle for me any day,,, certainly knows what's what , and most importantly, very sympathetic with his charge, and gets the best out of them, showing and moving, and moves his dog at the right pace for the dog , he will most certainly do well for himself .and will have a bright future.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH

... Two lovely babies, each different but both showing so much promise at this tender age Both of lovely make and shape, and for me, ideal for size, at this age, both with lovely head pieces and a lovely dark eye, with neat ears, which, for me gives you that appealing expression,, they both had good necks, and length of body, and nicely let down at the rear with lovely short hocks ,neat feet, not one of them had the puppy roll that you sometimes see on the move, I was actually splitting hairs here, both were graded very promising, and I would have quite happily taken either one of them home !

- 1 Kelly...Ballahanna Bizzie Lizzie.
- 2..McIntyre..Meryctin's You're All I Have.

PUPPY BITCH

- 1..McIntyre&Walker...Amalie Let Me Dream... My notes say what a gorgeous puppy, so very typical of her breeding, this young lady will, I'm sure, go far, just right for size, with a lovely body shape, ample bone, neat tight feet, good front, neck, nicely balanced all over, well let down at the rear, short hocks, head handled well, of good length, with a really sweet eye, neat ears, combining to give her the sweetest of expressions. presented in full coat, groomed to perfection, and to boot, she moved really well. I was more than pleased to award her very promising and Best Puppy in Show, shall watch her progress with interest.
- 2..Tiernan... Valeo Vice Versa....Another very promising puppy, not that indifferent to one, she too possesses a lovely head piece, with a very sweet expression, and is nicely balanced all over, in good harsh coat which was well presented. Another nice one on the move. (graded very promising)
- 3..Kilby... Lyndi Rising Shadows.....yet another promising puppy, who looked well on the move,(graded very promising)

JUNIOR BITCH

- 1....McIntyre &Walker..Danfrebek Dolly Daydream....lovely young lady of nice make and shape, balanced all over and with a lovely head piece, good eye, neat ears, stop, all combined to give her the desired expression, good quarters, with nicely let down hocks, neat feet, moved with drive, excellent presentation.(graded excellent)
- 2...Mullen... Valley haven Chantilly Lace...My notes say what a lovely bitch, and a born showgirl, everything in the right place, as it should be, and what a mover, she just powered around the ring, just one thing missing....coat...but having said that, she had nothing to hide, one I am sure, that is destined for the upper house. Would like to see her in full coat. (graded excellent)
- 3...O'Neill.... Denfris Out From Russia With Love To Caronlea (Rus imp)...sable bitch who has the most lovely make and shape, and was presented in full bloom, sound on the move, just preferred the expression of the first two. (graded excellent)

INTERMEDIATE BITCH

- 1..Flaherty... Wassail Black Debutant... Tricolour bitch, just coming back into a nice jet black coat, with rich tan markings, and her whites were white, good body shape, ample neck, length of back, good quarters, balanced head with a sweet dark eye, and ears set on top, sound. on the move (graded excellent)
- 2....Seale.... Wassail Ellie Blue at Rowlands.... Litter sister to the tri, but not quite as outgoing, her blue was of good colour, she too possesses most of the attributes of her sister and was sound on the move.(graded excellent)

OPEN BITCH

What a lovely class, here I really was spoilt for choice, I could quite easily have given each one a first, so it was really splitting hairs, thank you for presenting

each one of them in pristine condition.

1... Wall....Sole Survivor at Ddallyhaa... This bitch , for me really commandeered the ring from the minute she entered it, she had that “look at me , I’m here” about her, she looked good from every angle, with her well constructed body, nicely balanced all over, good front , has a lovely neck, a beautiful head, with two lovely placed and shaped dark eyes, neat ears which she constantly used to give her that dreamy expression, nice length of back, and well bent stifles, short hocks, neat feet enabled her to move with such purpose and drive, covered the ground with such ease, the only thing that I would change about her is her colour, I would have preferred a clearer blue, but having said that she was beautifully turned out, not a hair out of place, and I was pleased to grade her excellent and award her the Green Star Bitch and Reserve Best in Show. Well done.

2...Kelly.....Samhaven Nightlite over Ballahanna ..Have long admired this beautiful tricolour bitch and was pleased to have been given the opportunity to go over her, I was not disappointed, she is lovely, and her jet black coat with her rich tan markings and whiter than whites absolutely gleamed in the mid-day sun, has a most lovely expression, which is so hard to achieve on a tri, and is of a lovely make and shape , and so feminine, she too could move all day if she wanted, was an object lesson in presentation. not a hair out of place, thank you for bringing her, splitting hairs between her and first, (graded excellent) and Reserve Green Star.

3....Francis... I lleyda Gold Lace of Peblu...sable bitch that I have done well for in the past, and was pleased to see her again, my opinion of her has not changed, but today, I just felt that she was carrying too much weight and that showed in her front movement. (graded excellent).

CHAMPION BITCH

Lovely class of champion bitches, each with their own virtues to offer.

1...Geddes...U.K. CH:Black Gary la Dame Chere at Ingledene,(fin imp) well known CH: in the U.K. who has done a lot of winning, and you can see why, a gorgeous colour blue, nicely constructed, and certainly knows how to move, covered the ground with such ease, I just wished she could have been a little sweeter in expression.(graded excellent)

2...Farrell...CH: GB & INT CH: Belrah Casual Surprise.. Another excellent bitch, of different type to one, but full of quality, has a lovely head, with the sweetest of expressions, lovely make and shape, and looks good in all departments, she too moved soundly, was expertly presented. (graded excellent)

3....Conway....CH:Alwaycan Fire Cracker... completed a trio of quality bitches, sable of different type again, with a lovely body shape and good head pattern, with a sweet expression. she too moved soundly fore and aft, well presented (graded excellent)

VETERAN BITCH

1.....THOMPSON.....Steelhurst Secret Passion For Lomondvale.....my notes say.....” I don’t believe it “ this sable bitch bellies her ten years, and could show the youngsters how to move , she was so sound, a born showgirl, in good body, and coat, which was well presented, not even down on her pasterns, she was on her toes the whole time, her head is still refined , no sign of coarseness, and her teeth were lovely, long may she

continue.(graded excellent)

BEST TRICOLOUR

1....Davis.... Stokedale Secret Night.

2....Wassail Black Debutant.

BEST BLUE MERLE

1..Data....Wicani Buzz Lightyear.

BEST SABLE & WHITE

1...KEEGAN...Golden Sun of Texas

2...Davis...Lustful Lover for Rosschell

3...Heaney...Caronlea French Affair at Commedagh.