

Northumberland & Durham Labrador Retriever Club

Breed Championship Show

Saturday 9th October 2021

Firstly, I must thank the officers and committee for inviting me to judge dogs at their well run championship show, also to my excellent steward Barry for keeping everything running smoothly and in order.

Minor Puppy Dog 8 (2 Abs)

1. Metcalfe's Baileydale Puff Daddy – A young black dog of just over 6 months but has all the right qualities to go far. A head of good width, good eye shape and colour, kind expression, level top line to correct tail set, good bone and fore chest, neat feet. Moved well, one to watch. Best Puppy Dog
2. Powell's Seatallan Chilli – Another puppy very close to my first placing, just preferred head of 1. Could easily change places at another time. Pleasing head of correct proportions, neat ear placement which he used whilst standing, nice front and width, good bone to cat like feet. Nice length of neck into well placed shoulders, level top line and double coat, moved well.
3. Lewis' Crammond Kirk Buckley

Puppy Dog 3 (2 Abs)

1. Smith's Flyenpyg Pie Eyed – He stood alone, black puppy of a smaller type, correct sized head for his age not overdone, good eye shape of correct dark hazel colour, medium reach of neck to well placed shoulders, deep body. Coat of texture and depth, needs time to mature. Moved well.

Junior Dog 2

1. Morley's Carpenny Paddy at Rockledge – A black boy of just over 12 months, liked his kind masculine head showing intelligence not overdone in any way, good eye shape and stop and length of muzzle, neat ears which he used to advantage, excellent reach of neck to correct shoulder placement. Well boned for his age, deep body, harsh textured double coat, level top line and tail, moved well.

2. McLellan's Saranden Shadeuxplay – A black dog of presence, pleasing type, nice outline standing and on the move, has very good qualities was unfortunate to meet my first place today. Excelled in head shape and expression, good reach of neck, good front assembly and forefront, good length of leg, short coupled and well muscled rear quarters, in good double coat.

Yearling Dog 3

1. Ellis & Matulla's Dolwen Stargazer - This upstanding yellow boy of medium size held my eye, his classic outline is first class, pleasing head, not overdone in any way, good eye shape of good colour, neat ears which compliments his expression, excellent reach of neck into well placed shoulders, well boned front legs to neat feet. Level in top line to well placed tail of nice length to balance his profile, deep in body giving plenty of heart room, excellent rear angulation, well turned stifle and let down hocks moved with drive.
2. Percival's Wynfaul Windrush – Upstanding black of pleasing outline, nice kind well developed head, not overdone, good stop and foreface, excellent eye shape and correct hazel eyes, neat ears well set back to compliment his head, pleasing reach of neck into good shoulders, good bone to well shaped feet, deep through brisket, well developed ribcage and well developed second thigh, well muscled which he used on the move. This was two equally good dogs and had to resort to splitting hairs today.
3. Gartland's Knoydar Nixon

Maiden Dog 3 (2 abs)

1. Metcalfe's Baileydale Puff Daddy – winner of Minor Puppy Dog

Novice Dog 2 – 1 withdrawn

2. Metcalfe's Baileydale Puff Daddy – Winner of Minor Puppy Dog

Undergraduate Dog 4 – (1 withdrawn)

1. Lawson's Carriegame Carry on Camping avec Isaiki – This young chocolate dog has a lot of substance and I could not take my eye from him, masculine neat head, ears well placed, good stop, almond shaped eyes of dark hazel colour, excellent bone to neat feet and well shaped toes, deep body, short coupled, excelled in second thigh and back quarters to power his long stride on the move, another I considered for top honours today.
2. Gartland's Pollham Picalo at Knoydar – Yellow dog rising 2 year old, masculine well developed head with kind expression, neat ear placement, kind eye of good colour, excellent stop and length of foreface, nice textured coat of good depth, deep body, level topline and tail, good back quarter with well developed second thigh, moved well.
3. Smith's Flyenpyg Pie Eyed

Graduate Dog 5 (1 abs)

1. Wilkinson's Antonine Abercrombie – Black boy of 28 months, nice masculine head not overdone, medium ear size, nice kind expression and almond eyes of good colour, good reach of neck into well laid shoulders, deep body, short coupled to well muscled rear quarters which he used when he moved. Provided a good overall outline, moved with drive.
2. Finney & Carpanini Carpenney Kipling – Black dog of 28 months, a masculine head of good size, well set on ear carriage, reach of neck into well placed shoulders, well boned front legs into neat feet, excellent double waterproof coat, deep chest and rear quarters, nice turn of stifle and set down hocks, moved well. A very close decision between these two boys, could easily change place on another day.
3. McCrory's Meadovillabs Black Onyx

Post Graduate Dog 3

1. Dawson's Beskerby Pageant – Well built yellow boy, pleasing head, not overdone, correct eye shape of good colour, with good pigmentation, straight top line with well set tail, well boned legs to nice shaped feet, deep bodied with well sprung ribcage, good waterproof double coat of good texture, short coupled loins and well hard muscled back quarters, held his top line on the move.
2. Ayres & Jackson's Hannabee to Hull and Back with Musubi – Very close decision between these two dogs, nice kind male head, well set ear carriage and well defined stop and nice foreface length, kind eyes giving expression, good neck length into correct shoulders and straight top line to level otter tail, well boned legs, good turned stifles and well let down hocks, held his top line on the move.
3. Mallin's Elisabbeta Red Teddy

Mid Limit Dog 2 (1 Abs)

1. Brown's Ramsayville Revolver – Although alone I admired this boy from the start, of medium size, short in his couplings, the kindest of head not overdone in any way. Correct eye shape of hazel colour and excelled in stop and foreface. He stood foresquare, showing a well developed forechest (which is lacking in many today), excellent reach of neck into well laid shoulder placement, a level topline to well set otter tail, well textured double coat, deep through chest with plenty of heart room, well developed second thigh giving him drive on the move, correct turn of stifle with well let down hocks, neat feet finished the outline. Pleased to award him the R.C.C.

Limit Dog 7 – (2abs)

1. Walton's Gallybob Marmalade – Upstanding yellow dog of 4 years This handsome boy needs a close look to appreciate his good qualities. A strongly built dog of substance but not overdone in any way, a kind masculine head showing intelligence, ear carriage set well back, almond shaped eyes of good colour, excellent defined stop and dark pigmentation, good length of foreface, level topline to well clothed tail, has good forechest, good front angulation with excellent bone structure fore and aft, neat feet and double coat, moved well, I considered him for high honours.
2. Dodd's Carriegame Moonshine – Black boy of 4 years, short coupled with plenty of substance, nice male head, showing a kind expression, nice ear placement, good defined stop, well shaped eye of correct colour and plenty of foreface to well pigmented wide nostrils, excellent length of neck into good shoulder placement,

straight level topline to well clothed otter tail, deep chested with plenty of heartroom, well built shoulder and hindquarters, well turned stifle and let down hocks. A good mover.

3. McCulloch's A sense of Pleasures John Boy to Frewlings (IMP DEU)

Open Dog – 9 (2abs 1 W/D)

1. Hodge's Naiken Elite Envoy (AI) JW.IR.Jun.CH – A chocolate dog of 3 years old, had all the attributes I was looking for, well moulded head of good width, neat ear placement which he used to give a kind expression, almond shaped eyes of hazel colour, excellent stop and length of foreface, excellent pigmentation. His reach of neck ended into well laid back shoulders, a correct forechest (which is rare today) well boned legs with compact neat feet, deep chested with well sprung ribcage, level topline to well placed otter tail, short in his couplings, to well developed second thighs which were well muscled, excellent let down hocks. A good double weatherproof coat and stood foresquare. His movement was the best of the day covering the ground with an easy stride, correct width in front and rear action. I was pleased to award him the CC and on the decision of the referee the Best In Show award.
2. Williamson's Ventriloquist from Tempaskell JW. – A 5 year old yellow dog of substance, excellent outline, kind head, good stop, nice shaped eyes of good colour, his ears he used to his advantage, excellent reach of neck to correct shoulder placement, level topline to well held otter tail, good bone structure, deep through chest and well ribbed, short coupled to well developed hind quarters, well let down hocks and neat feet, liked his overall outline.
3. McLellan's Saranden Pensacola

Champion Dog 1 (1abs)

Special Open Working 1

1. MacLean's Afinmore Alain JW.ShCM – Chocolate boy of 7 years, stood alone but deserved his placing. Nice moulded head, well placed ears and eye shape of good colour, excellent reach of neck, level topline to well set tail, deep chested and well sprung ribs, excellent well muscled backquarters, adequate bone with well let down hocks, pasterns to well rounded feet, moved well.

Field Trial Dog – No Entries

Veteran Dog 1

1. Parker's Sh.Ch. Poniel Reason to Believe at Bruadarach Sh.CM ShCEx – An 8 year old black dog beginning to show his age but such an excellent specimen of a Labrador, excellent moulded head of good width, nice ears well set back, good stop with almond shaped eyes of good colour and length of foreface, good reach of neck into good topline and tailset. Deep bodied, short coupled, good angulation throughout, one of the best double waterproof coats and of good depth, moved well.

R. B. Phillips – Ryedown
Judge