

Northumberland and Durham Labrador Retriever Club Championship Show
3rd October 2015

Judges Report Dogs

Thank you to the committee for inviting me to judge at this lovely show, thank you to my stewards and last but not least thank you to the exhibitors for their quality entry.

I found some good males and in several classes there was quality in depth although I don't think I have ever seen so many variations in type .

There is still an issue with soft open coats and also single coated dogs too. Leg length in proportion to body needs watching , some dogs are too short on the leg for balance . Several heads were too strong as in too much stop and quite cheeky for my liking. I found some less than perfect scissor bites too. Thankfully there were very few 'obese' dogs but a high percentage still carry too much weight. I was really pleased with my principal winners and thought they made a lovely trio on their lap of honour.

Veteran Dog (4,3)

1. Brabbam's Sh Ch Cambremer Craftsman

Yellow from the top drawer. One of my favourite dogs that I have admired from the ringside many times. Such a classic shape and balanced all through. Lovely kind head, good neck, shoulders, topline, quarters . Standing on good legs and feet. Moved soundly.
Happy birthday young man – 10 years old on the day.

Minor Puppy Dog (5,2)

1. Shelton's Shorks Moor

6 ½ months old. Clean lined yellow baby with everything in the right place, pleasing head and expression, lovely bone and feet , super topline which he held on the move. Moved well and true. Very promising.

2. Ellie & Matulla's Dolwen Guest of Honour

8 ½ months old black. Another promising puppy. Of the type that will take a while to come together and nothing wrong with that at all. Head just right for age and type. Good angles and nicely balanced. Topline needs to tighten. Moved soundly.

3. Park's Kinchyle Bonfire Brilliant

Puppy Dog (8,2)

1. Percival's Wynfaul The Wizard

11 ½ months. This super black puppy oozes breed type. Good head with correct stop and muzzle length , kind eye of good colour. Well angulated front and rear, good rib and short coupled under a level topline which he held on the move. Lovely bone and feet. Good double coat of excellent texture. Otter tail. Such great promise. **BDP** . I was delighted when my co judge agreed he should be awarded **BPIS** .

2. Metcalfe's Baileydale In A Pickle

10 months. Different type to 1. Good quality classic clean lined yellow with a kind head of good proportions. Well balanced and well made all through . Good legs and feet. Coat a little soft today. Moved well and with drive.

3. Moody's Trendlewood Mr Blue Sky

Junior Dog (10,1)

1. Maclean's Afinmore Alain JW

Loved this totally unexaggerated chocolate youngster. Good breed essentials of head, coat and tail. Coming along nice and slowly so should have a long career ahead of him. Super clean lines, excellent neck into lovely shoulder/ upper arm . Good rib short coupled. Lovely quarters, stifle and neat rear pasterns. Level topline held well when he moved freely around the ring.

2. Lewis's Crammondkirk Happy Minion

Another lovely Labrador that I really liked. Typy black with good head with kind expression. Classic stamp about him, he really draws the eye. Good rib, short coupled, level topline to strong quarters. Good otter tail set well on . Front movement needs to tighten and he will trouble the best. Double coat of good texture.

3. Wylie's Loughbrae Argento

Yearling Dog (9,0)

1. Praetzas' A Sense of Pleasure's Travel Devil

Scopy black dog of super breed type. Correct coat and otter tail. Attractive head with good length of muzzle, right amount of stop and kind expression, good neck into well angulated shoulder assembly. Liked his length of leg to body proportions. Good spring of rib, short strong couplings with a excellent topline to good strong quarters. Moved with drive.

2. Jones' Hafnau Zebedee

Good to see a super black of real old fashioned type. Difficult to get him to use his ears but once he did he showed his kind typical expression, he has a good length of muzzle. He has a superb coat and otter tail. Excellent bone into good feet. Well ribbed back to strong quarters. Moved well.

3. Fosciak's Dolbia Casanova

Maiden Dog (3,1 w/d)

1. Percival's Wynfaul The Wizard

2. Moody's Trendlewood Mr Blue Sky

Was 3rd in Puppy Dog. Upstanding attractive yellow boy of a good type. Presents a well balanced picture with good angles fore and aft, good rib and strong loin.. Level topline. Good double coat of correct texture. Otter tail and on good legs and feet. Gave his handler some work to do as he moved with exuberance. He moved true when settled. Promising youngster.

Novice Dog (4, 1,1w/d)

1. Percival's Wynfaul The Wizard

2. Crellin's Aalincarrey Summer Majic

Was Reserve in Junior Dog. Pale yellow boy with a lot to like about him. Good head proportions with a very kind expression.. Quality bone and feet. Decent angulation front and rear, well ribbed back, short couplings. Correct coat. Topline needs to strengthen. Very much a handful on the move although when settled he moved soundly.

Undergraduate Dog (8,1,1w/d)

1. Parker's Poniel Reason To Believe

Really liked this black boy. No exaggerations just an honest and true Labrador type. Good head and expression, clean neck into well placed shoulders, good length and angle of upper arm, good rib, short coupled and good topline. His rear angulation is good and balances well with his front. Good leg length completes the balanced picture. Excellent coat and otter tail. Good bone and feet. Moved well. Kept in for the last four for the ticket. Close up.

2. Harcus's Rocheby Top'o The Morning

Attractive unassuming yellow boy . Generally a good head but I would prefer more length of muzzle. He is well put together with good angulation, good rib and decent leg length . Good coat texture. Moved soundly.

3. Mullett's Cuerdanlake Caragh

Graduate Dog (4,1)

1. Dodd's Oakhouse Opes and Dreams at Carriegame JW

Chocolate boy of super classic type. Super neck flowing into well laid shoulders, nice amount of forechest. Well ribbed back, good strength over his loin into well angulated rear. Good bone and feet. Correct coat texture and otter tail. Moved well.

2. Litherland's Haytime Fun at Oakhouse

Yellow boy of substance. Lovely kind head with good muzzle, super quality coat with great texture. Excellent front construction , great rib and powerful hindquarters. Moved with drive when settled.

3. Mallin's Afinmore Adair

Post Graduate Dog (14,2)

1. Bold's Shaymiloney Solsivanus

Black. 3 years old and just coming to his prime. Superb breed type – masculine head without a trace of coarseness, excellent coat and tail. On good legs and feet. Compact and yet well made and balanced all through. Moved well.

2. Mill's Lembas Sweeney Todd JW

Substantial yellow. Completely different kennel type to 1. This boy really catches the eye, he is so beautifully balanced fore and aft, with an excellent topline held on the move. Good bone and feet . Really kind head with a gentle expression. Moved well.

3. Druggan's Balladoole Mister Tom

Limit Dog (17,4)

1. Callaghan's Claychalk Costa Zaire

Super quality black of outstanding breed type. Fabulous coat and tail. Lovely head with a kind eye, excellent construction all through, has substance and is powerful yet no trace of coarseness. Well boned legs down to excellent feet. Moved well and with drive. I was delighted to award him the **Reserve CC** .

2. Brown & Greasley-Adams' Ramsayville Rock Solid JW

Yellow dog that I have admired from the ringside and wasn't disappointed on going over him. He has that great almost indefinable breed type that for me can often pass the yellows by. Good masculine head with a kind expression. Very good coat and otter tail. Presents a beautifully balanced picture as he is well constructed all through. Moved with drive.

3. Williamson's Sharouns Illusionist JW ShCM

Open Dog (10,3)

1. Reynolds' Sh Ch Carromers Blue Lagoon

This beautifully balanced black boy is now in his absolute prime and he totally filled my eye. Shown in excellent condition and presented well.

From the tip of his nose to the tip of his otter tail he just flows in one moulded piece of classic Labrador. Good head with a melting expression , clean strong neck into well laid shoulders, good upper arm angulation and forechest , good spring of rib, well ribbed back, short strong loin to beautifully constructed hindquarters with his otter tail coming off at just the right angle. Level topline . Lovely bone and feet. Double coat with good texture. Moved with drive around the ring. I had no hesitation in awarding him the **CC** and was delighted when my co judge agreed he should be awarded **Best in Show**.

2. Rawlinson's Sh Ch Fullwell Fly High to Halshimoor

Another super black boy that I really like and a deserving Show Champion. Wonderful breed type with a good, attractive head and eye. Excellent double coat and otter tail, nicely constructed and well balanced all through. Excellent bone quality and very good feet. Presented in lovely condition and handled well. Moved soundly.

3. Brown, Todd & Farquharson's Ramsayville Ruby Walsh

Special Open Working Dog (1,1)

Field Trial Dog or Bitch (0)

Lesley Dantines (Judge)

