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NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB

Critiques for Northumberland & Durham LRC Open Show 10th February 2019

Judge:- Diana Stevens (Wylanbriar)

BITCHES

Veteran Bitch - 2

1st: Keating's - Lakemeadow Lady Jane Whistletyne

12 year old young lady. Absolutely in amazing condition for her age, or almost any age! Kindest of heads, correct reach of neck into good angulation and onwards into a still, very firm topline. Constantly wagging otter tail. In full coat and striding out with drive around the ring on still lovely tight feet. No excess weight at all. Showed beautifully.

2nd: Jenkins - Brigburn Violet Sekada

Slightly more compact type to 1. 7 years old very pretty bitch. Structurally pleasing with good angulation fore and aft. Head with a kind expression and good eye colour, just lacking a tiny bit of length of muzzle to have it perfectly balanced. Strong, muscled hindquarters drove her round the ring well. Slightly out of coat but showed so well.

Minor Puppy Bitch - 10 (1)

1st: Powell's - Seatallan Zea

Winner of an outstanding class of baby bitches. 8 month old black bitch. Outline on the stand is truly beautiful and exactly as should be for age. She has places to go yet, but her balance is already there. She is well boned and strong, nice and compact but still with scope and reach. In tip top coat and tail which she used constantly, carrying no excess weight and still looking as she should, like a baby. Melting head and expression, helped by gorgeous eye colour. She was hard pushed by 2 but I just preferred movement behind of this young lady. BPB and RBPIS

2nd: Mcfaull's - Bogarie Cir Mhor

1 and 2 are both beautiful girls. 8 months old and another who I really liked the overall stamp and outline of for age. Real baby shown beautifully, equally nice structure, and balance, liked her reach of neck and calm sensible attitude for one so young. Well clothed at the moment, and superb tail. Would like just a little more drive behind, and her top line just wasn't quite as firm as 1 on the move, but that will come I'm sure! At one with handler.

Puppy Bitch - 5

1st: Maclean's - Afinmore Amiable

11 month old chocolate bitch. Compact girl but not lacking in body length. Took my eye from the start of the class on the stand, and then her movement matched her correct structure. Great reach of neck, well ribbed and short coupling, made her look strong but athletic and fit. No excess weight, but plenty of excess of happy personality from a girl in full bloom. One to watch for the future. RBPB

2nd: Schopen - Meadovillabs Super Star of Barnagrow

Another excellent bitch at 11 months. Prettiest of heads, using well set ears to advantage throughout to look kind and intelligent. Lovely angulation, a pleasure to go over her, calm and steady, I found good length of leg to body. In good coat. Slightly heavier girl in type to 1 but not overdone.

Junior: - 2

1st: Cook's - Exelby Milk Thistle

Smaller size black bitch, compact but still with good body to leg length. She's a natural showgirl who walks into a correct stand instinctively which is very eye catching and pleasing. She shows off her beautiful reach of neck, well set shoulders and strong, straight top line so well on the stand. Really pretty head with plenty of length of muzzle and great eye colour. Drove nicely round the ring.

2nd: Percival's - Wynfaul Wind Chimes

Very different type of bitch to 1. Stronger, larger framed girl. Lots to like about her including super bone, beautiful head and really good angulation, with the front just a little straighter than rear. She moved well and again is in great coat and tail and carrying no excess weight across well sprung ribs. Just preferred the movement of 1 but very nice young bitch.

Yearling - 2 (1)

1st: Maclean's - Afinmore Acacia

Black bitch in excellent general condition. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulders, nice layback of forearm and good bone to tight smart feet. Very kind expression and lovely shaped head with well-set ears, which she could use to better advantage. Paced out well on the move. Stood alone but worthy winner.

Special Beginner Bitch - 5 (2)

1st: Threader's - Gulsary Grand Design

Longer cast yellow bitch of an appealing athletic stamp. Good balanced outline with correct angulation into a fantastic coat and tail. Happy showgirl standing, but could use a little more animation on the move to show off her good reach and drive. Beautiful head and pigmentation.

2nd: Mowatt's - Claychalk Costa Grand

More compact framed bitch to 1. Lots to like including a lovely head, well developed skull without in any way being overdone, and kind expression.

Well sprung ribs and nice muscling but could use just a tiny bit less weight for me personally for her smallish frame, and just a little more rear angulation to balance out her very good front.

Novice Bitch - 3

1st: Smith's - Hannahs Homey Pie

Nice type of unexaggerated girl. So pretty in head and great use of ears. Densely coated and constantly wagging well clothed tail. Smooth performance and moved well, but would just prefer a little less weight on personally. Always at one with handler.

2nd: Bramble's - Shaymiloney Solsantolina

Lovely black girl, longer framed than 1. Shows beautifully for handler, always stood right. Nicely boned and coated, and very happy on the stand but just couldn't quite get on with the floor and move out today.

Graduate Bitch - 6 (2)

1st: McFaul's - Lulukellas Hometown Glory JW

Fairly large framed black bitch in very good condition and wearing great coat. Excels in topline and shoulder placement, down to excellent proportionate bone and nice tight feet. Lovely turn of stifle to match nice front. Moved with purpose but could just improve expression by using her ears a little more on the stand.

2nd: Bratton's - Foulby Elina for Millbraden

Different type of bitch to 1 with more length of leg and a little less bone. Lovely reach of neck and correct construction. Very pretty head and expression. Could just use a little more tailand jacket today but covered the ground well.

Post Graduate Bitch - 3

1st: Threaders - Gulsary Grand Design

2nd: Bell's - Westerulston Nola

Longer framed bitch to winner. I very much liked her outline and type. I like her condition and attitude and she was very happy on the stand and move. Good reach of neck, smart angulation, matching shoulder and stifle angles, firm muscling, great coat and tail. Just slightly preferred front assembly of 1.

Limit Bitch - 5

1st: Schopen's - Barnagrow Altisidora

A beautiful black bitch who caught my eye immediately. Compact type, deep through body and chest, well sprung ribs, short coupled without lacking length, and absolutely proportionate length of leg to body. She shouted quality to me even in an excellent class of mature bitches. A beautifully chiselled head with melting expression, great reach on the move and truly excellent feet. In full bloom. Handled to perfection to promote her qualities. BB and RBIS

2nd: Jenkins - Sekada Miss Bianca JW

A lovely yellow girl unlucky to meet 1. Again a compact type, pleasing in all breed features, angulation, length of leg, lovely balanced head. Lovely expression and pigment. Loved her shoulder/forearm placement and equally balanced through rear making her drive on through on the move very nicely. Strongly considered for 1st but just preferred the body condition of 1.

Open Bitch - 2

1st: Bell's - Brigburn Sonoran at Westerulston

Two beautiful bitches here. This a gorgeous black bitch in full bloom. Full of breed type, enjoying her time in the ring. Loved her length of neck through to strong top line. Showed and moved so well, driving round the ring. Lovely angulation, nothing exaggerated and well matched front and behind. Deep in body, mature and strong. Lovely feminine head, great eye colour and used her ears to great effect on the stand. Good sound mover with drive.

2nd: Maclean's - Afinmore Ardmore

Lovely chocolate who pushed 1 hard. Everything to like about her, great balanced front, strong hindquarters, well-muscled. Fit tight outline, beautiful reach of neck. Happy showgirl, strides out on the move. Happy showgirl, just slightly preferred feet of 1, but it was close.

Special Open Working Bitch - 4 (3)

1st: Thomson's - Afinmore Alynna at Tarasstweed

Stood alone but an outstanding bitch. In excellent condition, very fit and athletic with correct weight for frame. Balanced fore and aft, strong top line to excellent tail. Good bone, lovely head with dark eye and truly lovely expression. Neat feet, proportionate length of leg, nothing exaggerated. Best muscling of the day and always totally at one with handler standing and on the move. RBB

Brace - 5 (3)

1st: Jenkin's Brace

2nd: Schopen's Brace

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