

Northumberland & Durham Labrador Club, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Thank you to the committee for inviting me as a replacement judge for this friendly well run show, and for their hospitality & generosity. I wish Morag Jarvis, the original judge, a speedy recovery. Thank you to my steward Denise for keeping things running smoothly. The heavy showers just helped to emphasise the abundance of good waterproof double coats on show today, although it did make my notes somewhat soggy & hard to interpret!

#### Minor Puppy Dog (2)

1. Brambles' Shaymiloney Sideshow Bob, 6 month old baby with lovely clean lines, decent length of neck into sloping shoulder, good length of leg, nicely balanced head with plenty of scope to mature. Moved soundly for his age. BPIS
2. Lintern's Mattand Canadian Club of Northernjoy (AI, ) 8 month old more mature chocolate boy with a broad head & good double coat, enjoying his day out rather too much!

#### Puppy Dog (1)

1. Brambles' Shaymiloney Seraphim, chocolate litter brother to MP winner & similar all through, just a bit more erratic on the move today.

#### Junior Dog (3, 1abs)

1. Bell's Westerulston John, lovely upstanding yellow with good length of muzzle, well set ears, nice neck & topline, good length of leg & moved soundly. Will look forward to seeing his progress as he matures.
2. Atkinson's Foxrush too Truthful at Rodarbal, heavier type with a strong head & rather short in muzzle, good double coat & tail

#### Graduate Dog (1)

1. Lawson's Carriegame Carry on Camping avec Isaiki, substantial chocolate, nice head & expression, well made throughout, could carry less weight to advantage.

#### Post Graduate Dog (4, 2 abs)

1. Mullett's Shaymiloney Schinus Afinmore, this black has matured nicely, he has a kind but masculine head, not overdone, good level topline & tailset, moved soundly but lacking a little in animation today.
2. Wilkinson's Antonine Abercrombie, good head, coat & tail on this boy, not as strong in hind end & rear movement as 1.

#### Limit Dog (6, 2abs) 3 good dogs in this class.

1. Gair's Brigburn Sherwood, what a lovely workmanlike black this is, super fit in rock hard condition & could see him doing a good day in the field. He has a balanced head with good length of muzzle & beautiful kind brown eyes. Well constructed throughout, broad without any excess fat, and topped off with a good hard top coat, enough undercoat & grand otter tail. Moved so soundly, straight & true up & down & with great drive. Delighted to award him BD & Best in Show
2. Dawson's Beskerby Pageant, another good dog, well constructed, balanced throughout, moved well, would prefer a darker eye.
3. Mallin's Elisabetta Red Teddy

#### Open Dog (2, 1abs)

1. Heron's Globetrotter Lab's Valley at Brigburn, a similar dog to the Limit winner, just a tad smaller, but also beautifully constructed, well muscled and moving so soundly. The Limit winner had the slightly better coat on the day. RBD

#### Veteran Bitch (5, 3abs)

1. Mitchell's Afinmore Ardmere, 8 yr old chocolate bitch of quality. Feminine head with good eye colour, well constructed, good topline, excellent double coat & otter tail, moved true on sound legs & feet. BVIS
2. Bratton's Foulby Elina for Millbraden, another good bitch with a kind head & eye, correct coat, moved well, just preferred tail set of 1.

#### Minor Puppy Bitch (1, abs)

#### Puppy Bitch (5, 3abs)

1. Morrow's Rhythm Lacey, a well constructed chocolate with a good neck, topline & tailset, Correct coat & nice thick tail. Accurate footfall on the move.
2. Lawson's Isaiki Take my heart away, sadly not able to assess this puppy as she was just not happy to be here today at her first show.

#### Junior Bitch (5, 1abs)

1. Brambles' Shaymiloney Silla Black, a lovely clean-lined yellow with good reach of neck into well placed shoulders & super topline & tailset. Feminine head with dark pigment & lovely brown eyes.
2. Heron's Brigburn Tina NAF TAF, another well made bitch who moved soundly, preferred the winners head here.
3. Rhythm Lacey

#### Yearling Bitch (4, 1abs)

1. Morton & Howard's Matriella Maybe This Time for Dakross, a lovely clean outline on this black showing good construction with correct angles fore & aft. Pretty head with good stop & balanced muzzle to skull. Good double coat & tail, and moved soundly with drive. ResBB.
2. Dobson's A Sense of Pleasure's Odine at Lakemeadow (Imp Deu), a heavier type of chocolate with a super coat & tail. Broad head, would prefer a darker eye.
3. Isaiki Limonide Midas Touch

#### Special Beginners Bitch (3, 1abs)

1. Bratton's Millbraden Doroteja, a very happy black with a really pretty head, well angulated, good coat & moved soundly
2. Rhythm Lacey

#### Novice Bitch (5, 3abs)

1. Bishop's Northernjoy Rambling Rose, Chocolate with a good head, level topline, correct set on of tail, good double coat, moved true
2. Millbraden Doroteja

#### Graduate Bitch (7, 2abs)

1. McDonald's Oakhouse on Fire for Marronoir, black with a clean outline, no extra weight, lovely dark eyes & with good length of muzzle. Moved soundly.
2. Northernjoy Rambling Rose
3. Northernjoy Serendipity

#### Post Graduate Bitch (5, 2abs)

1. Hopkinson's Rocheby Hazelberry, this is a really nice young bitch with a good reach of neck, well placed shoulder, level topline & tailset. Feminine head with good pigment &

lovely dark brown eyes. Moved very well.

2. Dawson's Beskerby Singsong, more mature 6 yr old & heavier in build than 1 with a stronger head. Well constructed, correct coat & tail but not quite as good in movement as 1.

3. Burnthorn Barleytwist

Limit Bitch (5, 2abs)

1. Bell's Westerulston Nola, this black has matured into a very nice bitch, a balanced head with good length of muzzle & kind expression, good flow of neck into well placed shoulders. Moved very soundly on good legs & feet

2. Parkinson's Burnthorn Box Office, smaller yellow, shorter in muzzle, good topline & tailset, in great coat, movement not quite as accurate as 1.

3. Isaiki Ficelle Fidney Fifel

Open Bitch (3, 1abs)

1. Parkinson's Burnthorn Misty, a compact black with a lovely mature head, well made throughout with enough neck, well placed shoulders into level topline, double coat & thick tail coming straight off her back. Moved true & with drive on sound legs & feet. Best Bitch & Res BIS

2. McDonald's Zanys Black Bottom at Marronoir, a finer black but well made with good leg length. Would prefer more width of muzzle & not as accurate coming & going as 1.

Special Open Working Bitch (2abs)

Brace (2, 1 abs)

1. Bratton's well matched pair, moved out happily together.

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