

Northumberland & Durham Labrador Retriever Club Open Show – 20th September 2025

Thank you to the committee for their kind invitation to judge at their open show and the exhibitors for bringing such quality labradors to assess in the horrendous rainstorm, I thoroughly enjoyed the appointment.

Baby Puppy Dog (1, 0 abs). 1. Stewart's Timouron Sign Of The Times (**BBPIS**), 4 month old nicely made chocolate puppy. Lovely head with a good length of muzzle and eye shape. Nice reach of neck, standing on a good length of leg with nice tight feet. Lovely coat and carrying the correct amount of weight for his age.

Baby Puppy Bitch (2, 2 abs).

Veteran Dog (2, 0 abs). 1. Heron's Globetrotter Lab's Valley At Brigburn (**BIS, BVIS**), 7 year old well constructed happy black boy who certainly didn't look a veteran. He caught my eye as soon as he entered the ring, he just flowed from head to tail with a lovely clean balanced outline. Stunning masculine proportioned head with a lovely eye shape, length of muzzle and well set ears giving such a melting kind expression. A nice reach of neck, good front angulation, level top line and well clothed otter like tail. Good length of leg with nice tight feet, in excellent condition and coat; moved soundly. Pleased to award him **BIS and BVIS**. 2. Maclean's Afinmore Alain JW ShCM (**RBD**) 11 year old nicely balanced well constructed chocolate. Another veteran who certainly didn't look his age, in good coat and super condition. Lovely masculine proportioned head with a nice kind eye creating a lovely expression. Good reach of neck and level top line, good front and rear angulation, moved well. Pleased to award him Reserve Best Dog.

Minor Puppy Dog (2, 0 abs). 1. Pattison's Dylsonleigh Titan For Pattilands (**RBPIS, BPD**), 6 month old happy confident yellow puppy of a lovely type; compact and balanced for his age. A lovely proportioned head, with a nice eye shape, lovely pigmentation, using his ears well creating such a sweet, alert, willing to please expression. Nice reach of neck, level topline and good rear quarters. So attentive to his handler, moved well, a really nice puppy. 2. Maclean's Afinmore Aerosmith, 6 month old black puppy. Different type to 1, slightly longer cast in body. Lovely proportioned head with a good length of muzzle and eye shape creating a lovely expression. An excellent reach of neck leading to a nice level top line, built on a nice length of leg and nice tight feet. A nice puppy in excellent condition, needs time to fill out into his body, moved OK when settled.

Puppy Dog (1, 0 abs). 1. Maclean's Afinmore Anteros (**RBPD**), 11 month old lovely happy chocolate puppy. Nice proportioned head with a nice eye shape and colour, and good length of muzzle. Nicely constructed puppy with a good reach of neck, level top line, good front angulation and built on a good length of leg. Not in his best jackets at the moment, moved OK when settled.

Junior Dog (1, 0 abs). 1. Beckley's Swiftpeace Marksman At Godruo, 15 month old nice compact, balanced yellow in good coat and condition. Nice proportioned masculine head with a nice eye shape, good length of muzzle and good pigmentation creating a lovely kind intelligent expression. Good topline and tail set and good rear quarters built on a nice length of leg, moved OK when settled.

Yearling Dog (1, 1 abs)

Special Beginners Dog (3, 0 abs). 1. Gunn's Exelby Finch, almost 2 year old compact, balanced black who really caught my eye. A lovely head proportioned masculine head with a nice length of muzzle, eye shape and nice placed ears creating an intelligent expression. Lovely reach of neck and topline, good length of leg to body ratio. In good coat and super condition, moved well, a really nice boy. 2. Foster's Rochevale Beal JW, almost 2 year old yellow. Lovely proportioned masculine head, with a nice eye shape, well set ears and good pigmentation creating a lovely kind expression. Nice reach of neck, level topline and standing on a good length of leg. In good condition and coat. Preferred the overall balance of 1. 3. Mullett's Seatallan Damson.

Novice Dog (1, 0 abs). 1. Beckley's Swiftpeace Marksman At Godruo – 1st Junior Dog

Yearling Dog (1, 1 abs)

Graduate Dog (2, 2 abs)

Post Graduate Dog (1, 0abs) Heron's Brigburn Perigrine, 3 year old good sized black who is slightly longer cast in body. Nice proportioned masculine head with a lovely kind eye, good length of muzzle and well set ears creating a lovely expression. Nice reach of neck, built on a good length of leg with nice tight feet. In super coat and condition with a lovely otter like tail.

Limit Dog (0,0)

Open Dog (1, 0 abs) Heron's Globetrotter Lab's Valley At Brigburn – 1st Veteran Dog.

Special Open Working Dog (1, 0 abs) 1. Roger's Brigburn Dexter In Woodmist, 17 month old young nicely put together black. Stunning proportioned head, with correct length of muzzle, well set ears and lovely kind eye creating such a melting, soft, willing to please expression. Nice reach of neck, firm topline, and built on a good length of leg. In super fit condition and coat, moved well.

Veteran Bitch (3, 1 abs). 1. Dawson's Beskerby Singsong, 9 year old well constructed happy yellow girl who certainly didn't look a veteran. A lovely balanced girl of good type. Beautiful feminine proportioned head with a lovely eye shape, length of muzzle and well set ears creating such a sweet expression. Nice reach of neck, level topline and tail set, good front and rear angulation, in good coat, moved well. 2. Pattison's Ms Independent, 10 year old nicely constructed happy yellow girl, who certainly didn't look her age. A beautiful feminine proportioned head with a nice eye

shape and length of muzzle, using her ears to advantage creating such a kind melting expression. Nicely balanced with a lovely reach of neck and good length of leg. In super condition and coat, moved well. 2 lovely veterans in the class just preferred the overall balance and movement of 1.

Minor Puppy Bitch (3, 0 abs). 1. Jenkins Sekada Mitzi (**RBPB**), 8 month old happy nicely balanced yellow puppy with a pretty head and a lovely kind eye and good pigmentation giving her an overall beautiful expression. Good reach of neck with a lovely topline standing on a nice length of leg with nice tight feet, a lovely coat and condition, moved well. 2. Dawson's Rocheby Sundays Girl At Beskerby, Another lovely balanced 8 month old happy yellow puppy. A lovely proportioned head, with excellent pigmentation and good length of muzzle. Good reach of neck and good front angulation and nice tight feet. In good coat and condition, moved well. 3. Maclean's Afinmore Apocalyptica.

Puppy Bitch (3, 1 abs). 1. Clayton's Rochvale Aurora (**BPIS**), 11 month old happy yellow who really caught my eye. Such a lovely balanced and well constructed puppy with a lovely clean outline. A lovely proportioned head, with excellent pigmentation and good length of muzzle; these attributes gave him a sweet expression of just how a puppy should look.. Nice reach of neck, level top line, good front and rear angulations and excellent tail set standing on nice tight feet and carrying a good coat. Moved well. 2. Morrow's Ruembers's Rose To Fame 10 month old black, another nice puppy built on a slightly bigger frame than 1. A lovely feminine head with a nice expression who used her ears well. Good reach of reach and good rear quarters, moved well.

Junior Bitch (4, 1 abs). 1. Charlton's Hope So (**RBIS**), 12 month old quality happy yellow. This girl caught my eye as soon as she entered the ring. She is built on nice clean lines and flows from head to tail. Such a beautiful proportioned head with a kind eye and a melting wanting to please intelligent expression with an excellent length of muzzle and pigmentation. Excellent reach of neck leading into a level topline. Good front and rear angulation, barrelled ribs and well-muscled quarters. In good coat and condition, moved well. 2. Brambles' Shaymiloney Saucy Olive (**RBB**), 16 month old black, another lovely balanced well presented girl, slightly longer cast in body than 1. Eye catching with the most beautiful of heads, well proportioned, lovely length of muzzle, nice kind eye with such a melting alert expression. She flows from head to tail. Nice reach of neck leading into topline and otter like tail straight off her back. Well angulated front and rear, nice length of leg to body ratio and tight feet. In super condition and coat. Moved well. Just preferred the movement of 1. 3. Morrow's Ruembers's Remember Me.

Yearling Bitch (2, 1 abs) Charlton's Foxrush Hermione JW, 23 month old yellow. Another lovely balanced well presented girl from this kennel. A lovely feminine head with a kind eye, good pigmentation creating a melting expression. Good front and rear angulation, level top line and tail set. Moved and showed well.

Special Beginners Bitch (5, 2 abs). 1. Tinlin-Thompson's Cilurnum Tintho Flavia, 2 year old nicely balanced chocolate. Lovely proportioned head with a nice eye shape and colour creating a soft expression. Good front and rear angulation with a nice length of leg to body ratio and nice tight feet, lover otter like tail. In good condition and coat, moved really well 2. Gunn's Exelby Elizabeth, 2 year old quality yellow with such a lovely clean balanced outline and so well presented. A lovely feminine head with a kind eye, good pigmentation and melting expression. Good reach of neck, level topline and tail set. Good rear quarter, in good coat and condition, moved and showed well. A close decision between 1 and 2. 3. Morrow's Ruembers's Rose To Fame

Novice Bitch (3, 1 abs). 1. Clayton's Rochvale Moana, 11 month old pale yellow balanced puppy, litter sister to BPIS. Lovely head, nice eye shape, good pigmentation creating a kind sweet expression. Good reach of neck, level topline and tail set. Nice length of leg and good rear quarters, with short hocks, moved and showed well. 2. X Tinlin-Thompson's Claychalk Natillie 4 year old nicely balanced mature chocolate. Nice feminine head with a good length of muzzle creating a lovely expression. Nice topline and good rear angulation and nice short hocks. In good coat of correct texture and in super condition. Preferred movement of 1.

Graduate Bitch (4, 1 abs) 1. Brambles' Shaymiloney Saucy Olive – 2nd Junior Bitch, 2. Tinlin-Thompson's Cilurnum Tintho Flavia – 1st Special Beginners Bitch. 3. Morrow's Serengoch's Nine To Five At Ruembers's.

Post Graduate Bitch (3,2) 1. Maclean's Afinmore Alamosa, 3 year old happy chocolate. A lovely balanced bitch with a nice proportioned feminine head with nice eye shape, good length of muzzle, well placed ears creating a soft expression. Nice reach of neck, good front angulation, level topline, lovely otter like tail, and good length of leg to body ratio, Lovely coat of correct texture, in super condition, moved well.

Limit Bitch (2,1) 1. Maclean's Afinmore April Mist, 4 year old black with the most appealing feminine head, creating such a melting kind expression. Nice reach of neck, good front angulation and good length of leg. In excellent coat and condition.

Open Bitch (3, 2 abs) 1. Macleans' Craigneuk Cassia Afinmore, 3 year old nicely balanced chocolate. A lovely proportioned feminine head with a nice length of muzzle. Nice reach of neck, good front angulation and level topline. Nice length of leg to body ratio with nice tight feet. Lovely coat of correct texture, super otter like tail, in really good condition.

Special Open Working Bitch (0)

Brace (2,0 abs) 1. Clayton's, a lovely pair from this kennel, very well co-ordinated on the move. 2. Tinlin-Thompson's, a lovely pair of well co-ordinated chocolates.

Judge: Caroline Edwards