

Scottish Kennel Club

Breed: Irish Setter

Scottish Kennel Club All Breed Championship Show

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Thank you to all of the exhibitors for entering and bringing along your well presented dogs for me to judge. I really enjoyed my day and had some top quality dogs to select from.

Junior Dog

1.Sametsuz Speaks Volumes (Ms M Henderson)

What a lovely young man, well balanced all through. He has a deep chest and correct length of loin.. Good width of thigh and bend of stifle. Showing lots of promise.

2.Forfarian Take a Chance (Ms I Gilray)

He has a very masculine head with dark almond shaped eyes and a kind expression. This dog has a level top-line and correct croup and tail-set.

Yearling Dog

1.Ixia Boys Don't Cry at Shanoah JW (Mr N & Mrs S Foster)

Another young man who is maturing nicely. He has a handsome, masculine head without exaggerations and an intelligent expression. He is racy and elegant and moves with drive covering plenty of ground. I appreciated his level top line and level tail-set. So much to like about him, sure that his future will be bright.

2.Harelferg Macfarlane for Unfrido JW (Mrs A R Macfarlane)

I preferred the raciness of number 1. This dog has a good front angulation and bend of stifle. Well sprung ribs. Presented in top condition.

3.Denroch Major Oak (Mrs D & Mr T Cayton-Lee)

Graduate

1.Quensha I know him so well (Mrs D A Murray)

Again this is a balanced male. He has a good arch of neck and lovely front angulation and bend of stifle. His chest is deep. I like his level top-line and gently slope from the withers. Deep chestnut coat. Moved with energy and enthusiasm.

2.Gwendariff Hanky Panky JW ((IKC) (Mrs L A & Mr D Walker)

This is a slightly heavier dog than 1. He has a pleasing head with an appealing expression. Lovely true front and his chest is deep and well sprung. His coat and presentation was immaculate.

3.Forfarian Fancy Some Fun (Mrs J G Dow)

Post Graduate

1.Tiroen Touch of Magic by Settesoli (Imp Kcj) JW (Mrs J P Russell)

I really like this type of this dog, he really appealed to me. Balanced, long lean head with low set ears and expressive walnut shaped eyes.He has well laid back shoulders, a good strong top-line and slightly sloping croup. His deep chestnut coat with some

movement in it added to his more rugged appeal. Moved with drive lashing his level tail set.

2.Jonola Singapore Sling (Ms I Gilray)

Another quality dog who in profile I liked a lot, very flashy and striking with a gleaming coat. Balanced head with raised brows and a square lip. He has a lovely reached of neck set into well laid back shoulders, a level top-line.

Limit Dog

1.Bardonhill McIntosh Red at Montgreenan JW (Mr J, Mrs L & Miss L H Richardson)

This is a very striking dog. His masculine head is without exaggerations being long and lean with a pleasing expression. He has a strong level top-line, deep chest with plenty of lung room. His stifles are wide and powerful with a correct bend. He moved showing true action.

2.Kerryfair Lucky Seven (C Robinson Slater)

This is my type of dog. I like his refined head, rugged body, good front and back angulation. Just today number 1 caught my eye more.

3.Bluebyeyou Love Affair at Derrydore (Mrs D Murray

Open Dog (Dog CC) (BOB)

1.Sh Ch Copper's Get Off My Cloud by Bonhomie (Imp Swe) (Mrs S E Edwards)

This is a dog that I have enjoyed watching mature and become an outstanding Irish Setter. He is oozing quality starting with a balanced head and quizzical expression. His slightly arched neck flows into well laid back shoulders, his front is straight. He has a good depth of chest with plenty of lung room which is carried well back into a muscular loin. He has a good width and bend of stifle. Lovely level top-line. On the move he is true, showing a wonderful driving movement and holds his tail level. This boy is presented in fantastic condition with a gleaming chestnut coat and he is handled to perfection. I was proud to award him BOB so that he could represent the Irish Setter in the Gundog group where he won a very respectable 3rd.

2. Shenanagin Stand N'deliver for Ronjunes (Mr Jrr Hill)

He was a good masculine looking male with a good length of neck, correct front and back angulation, ribbed well back into an arched loin, correct croup and tail set. I preferred 1 on the move.

3. Sh Ch /Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Sky Diver (IKC) (CJW25) (CW25) (Miss C & Miss R Neill Ellrich)

Veteran Dog (Res Dog CC)

1. Sh Ch Lynwood Hocus Pocus at Settersoli JW (Mrs P Russell)

This Veteran is remarkable, he is in such great condition and has a brilliant Irish Setter attitude where he just keeps on giving. Such a quality male who doesn't have exaggerations. He has a masculine head with plenty of work and his expression makes me smile. Lovely level top line, deep chest which is ribbed well back. His hind legs are a good width and have a lovely bed of stifle. He moved with gusto and drive lashing his tail level with his back. Again this dog and owner worked in unison and got a well deserved RCC.

2.Gwendariff Beam me up Scotty (Miss J& Mrs SE Boyd-Mcneil and Edwards)

This was a special boy too. In immaculate condition. I liked his straight front and well sprung ribs. He has a strong, level top-line with a correct tail-set. Good strong hindquarters, he is short from hock to heel with small tight feet.

3.Kerryfair Please Please Me Corphin ShCEx (Mrs L A Murchinson)

Special Beginners Dog

1.Dendroch Major Oak (Mrs D& Mr T Cayton-Lee & Lee)

I like the profile of this young man with his well laid back shoulders, level top line and deep chest. He has a good deep chestnut coat and dark eyes.

Good Citizen Dog Scheme

1.Henaleas Maximillian with Derrydore JW (Mrs D A Murray)

I like this type of dog, he is balanced without exaggerations. He has a good reach of the neck set into the correct shoulder placement, a nice level top-line. Correct front and back angulation and short from hock to heel.

Minor Puppy Bitch (Best Puppy)

1.Glitterati Lofty with Quensha (Imp Pol)(Mrs C, Mr G T & Mrs A Bott, Allen & Morgan)

I really liked this little puppy, one that I would quite like to campaign myself! Nice compact little body with well laid back shoulders, and good front angulation. She has a well sprung rib which is carried well back to a correct loin. I love her strong level top-line and correct tail-set. At the moment her body is still rolling due to her age but she is sound and drives from her strong hindquarters. Showing such potential, I hope that you have fun with her in the future.

Puppy Bitch

1.Zimbra Della Magna Sila at Lochfrae (Imp Ita) (Mrs M B Davie)

This is a pretty little girl with a very feminine head and sweet expression. She has a slightly arched neck sitting into laid back shoulders. Her deep chest has plenty of lung room. She is short from hock to heel with tight feet. On the move she is showing good driving action.

2.Tottie Tango (Mr L &Miss R Ferrara & Ruzsinszki)

She has a strong level top line and good depth of chest. Her stifles are well bent. Her coat is a lovely rich mahogany colour. I preferred the head on number 1

Junior Bitch (Bitch Res CC)

1.Gwendariff Grace Kelly (Miss J M Childs)

This young lady blew me away, the more that I looked at her the more I liked her. She is only at the beginning of her show career and I think that the future will be a bright one.

She really has a quality about her and is racy too. Lovely head with a pretty expression and chiselling. She has a well laid back shoulder and a level top-line. Good deep chest which is carried back to a muscular loin. On the move she drove from her strong, powerful hindquarters. Her level tail wagged constantly on the move. I really thought she was a little cracker hence awarding her the RCC Bitch.

2.Gwendariff Greta Garbo (Mrs C & Mrs R & Dr J Neill & Ellrich & Walsh

Another quality bitch who had a lot to like she has a strong level top-line, lovely front angulation and a straight front. Very feminine and racy. I felt that No 1 was better on the move today. I am sure that these two will swap places frequently during their showing careers.

3.Sametsuz Speak in Code (Ms M J Henderson)

Yearling Bitch

1.Glennlokhen Chasing Dreams (Miss J & Mrs S E Boyd-Mcneill & Edwards)

Lovely the raciness of this girl. Lovely feminine head which is long and lean with raised eye brows showing her stop. Her shoulders are well laid back and she has correct front angulation. Her top-line is strong and level, sloping slightly from the withers. She has a good width of thigh and bend of stifle. Lovely cat-like feet and up on her pasterns.

2.Fernstart Heart's Desire (Miss R Box)

Lots to like about this one. She has a well laid back shoulder, good depth of chest with well spring ribs. Lovely bend and width of stifle. This young lady is more mature than number one but I preferred the raciness of one.

3.Harelferg Penny Lane via Corphon (Mrs L A Murchinson)

Graduate Bitch

1.Gwendariff Rhianna JW (Mrs R & Dr H Jones)

She stood out in this class. Pretty head, well balanced and a feminine expression. Lovely reach of neck and straight front. Well sprung rib which was set well back into a correct loin. She has a good croup and her tail is level with her back. Moved smoothly around the ring driving from her strong hindquarters.

2.Gwendariff Flirt in a skirt (IKC) JW (Miss C & Miss R & Mrs L Neill & Ellrich & Walsh

Another nice female with a lot of endearing qualities. She had a really delightful head with a melting expression. Well laid back shoulders with correct front angulation. Lovely level top-line. Good bend of stifle and developed second thigh. I really liked her but I feel that she wasn't performing her best today.

Post Graduate Bitch

1.Forfarian Fancy Me JW (Mrs S & Misses N & J Sturrock)

This was another female who was a delight to go over. Such a pretty expression, low set ears and chiselling around the muzzle. She has a racy appeal and has a quality about her. Lovely level top line and correct tail-set. Short from hock to heel, tight feet. Good back angulation. Moved with drive covering plenty of ground. Shown in great condition.

2.Emma Coppers Mahogany Dream Catcher (Mrs S & Miss C Edwards & Ostman

Well balanced and no exaggerations. Good reach of neck set into well laid back shoulder, a level top-line, front and back angulation are correct.

3. Corranroo Viennese Waltz to Shiralilah (Miss L M Peters)

Limit Bitch (Bitch CC) (Best Opposite Sex)

1. Quensha Joker and the Queen (MrsC, Mr G T & Mrs A Bott, Allen& Morgan)

This young lady has an absolute ring presence and knows that she is lovely. She is a top quality bitch with a feminine head which is balanced. Her arched neck leads into well laid back shoulders. Her front angulation leads to a lovely straight front and good depth of chest with plenty of lung room. She has a wonderful strong, level top-line and holds her tail is level with her back. Those strong, well angulated hind-quarters powered her around the ring. She was awarded a well deserved Bitch CC and Best Opposite Sex.

2. Ixia Snow Vixen (H K & J A Boutell & Burbridge)

Another absolute beauty oozing femininity. She has a beautiful head with raised brows, chiselling around the muzzle and square lips, this was the type of head that I was hoping to see from this kennel. Again I love her type, she is racy with quality. She has a level top line gently sloping from the withers. Good depth of chest which was carried well back to muscular loin. She has wide thighs with a good bend. She was a strong contender for the RCC.

3. Kerryfair Enchanted Rose for Queentales (Mr M Wilson)

Open Bitch

1.Sh Ch Gwendariff Pink Champagne (IKC) (Miss C & Mr A Neill Stewart)

Great quality bitch. Strong level top line, great bend of stifle. Correct croup and tail set. Lovely spring of rib and length of loin. Beautiful conker coloured coat and she was presented in great condition. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go over her.

2.Sh Ch Shenanagin Half a Sixpence (Mr J A Watt)

This is a lovely balanced bitch who has a level top line, good depth of chest, lovely bend of stifle. I preferred the raciness of one.

Veteran Bitch (Best Veteran)

1.Sh Ch Forfarian Soo Lush JW (Mrs S & Misses N & J Sturrock)

What a little stunner. She enjoyed the whole showing experience and had such a ring presence. I have seen her from the side of the ring many times before so it was a lovely opportunity to have hands on and she didn't disappoint. Firm level top line, good reach of neck set into well laid back shoulders. I love her front angulation and straight front. When she moves she really uses her strong hindquarters. Such a beautiful girl. She was Best Veteran in breed and went on to win the Veteran Gundog Group.

2.Sh Ch/int She Ch Fairhaven Electra (Imp Swe) (Ms M Hunter)

Another pretty bitch with so many positive attributes and a beautiful coat, shown in top condition. She has a good shoulder, deep chest, lovely bend of stifle, level top line and good croup. Today I just preferred the 1st.

Special Beginners

1.Gwendariff Grace Kelly (Miss J M Childs)

I thoroughly enjoyed my day and have really enjoyed looking through the notes, photos and writing these critiques. I did want to mention though that there were some issues with movement, I am aware that the floor was not forgiving and some dogs were struggling with it being slippery. Although some were lacking the driving action which I wanted to see. Another issue was teeth not always having the scissor bite. As I have expressed in my write up there were many top quality dogs entered who definitely could have been considered for top honours and I am very grateful to everyone who entered and made it such a difficult final decision.