

Open Show 1 I would like to begin by thanking the Committee for the huge honour of judging at this prestigious show. Thanks go to my stewards, Chris and Lillie, for keeping the ring running efficiently and keeping me in order! A big thank you to the exhibitors who entered their beautiful dogs. We had gorgeous weather, maybe a tad too hot for the dogs! I really enjoyed my day and had some lovely quality exhibits. IRISH SETTERS BPD (1) 1. Berry & Morris's Forfarian The Uncloaked. This nearly five month old young lad was taking everything in his stride today. He had a lovely head with low set ears and dark eye with kind expression. Well off for bone, good straight front, nice shoulder placement flowing into correct topline and tail set, good rear angulation, presented a balanced outline, rich dark coat, moved happily. Very promising puppy. I will watch his future with interest. BBPIS. MPD (1) 1. Turner's Dazycutter Blazing Fire. Seven month old puppy, pleasing head with correct head planes, low set ears and dark eye. Good reach of neck alongside depth of chest and balanced front and rear for age. Sympathetically handled. Moved out well, lashing his tail. PD (1) 1. Pullen & Atkin's Covarney Can't Hear You at Jacingail. Nine month old puppy, lovely typey boy with rich coat, handsome head, dark almond shaped eye, good bone, balanced fore and aft. Moved OK, just needs to tighten and tidy up his footfall as he matures. BPD. YD (2) 1. Foster's Ixia Boys Don't Cry at Shanoah. Just into yearling, possesses a gorgeous head, lovely raised brow with a melting expression. Nicely balanced elegant outline with correct topline, super coat and condition, tightly arched feet. Just needs time to mature. Moved well with enthusiasm. 2. Harris's Fairhaven Young Soul for Konakakela JW (Imp SWE). Different type to 1, top end of yearling. This young boy has a lovely head, low set ears, raised brow with kind expression and dark eye. Correct shoulder placement flowing into gently sloping topline. Well coated and presented in fabulous coat and condition. Moved OK, just preferred the movement of 1 today. GD (2,1) 1. Sheldon's Bardonhill That's All Right at Delsanto. Have judged this young man before on his debut into the ring. He is maturing nicely. Handsome head, dark eyes, low set ears, nice finish to muzzle. Good forechest and front, gently sloping topline going into correct tail set. Presented in lovely coat condition. Moved steadily. LD (4) Lovely quality boys in this class making for tough decisions. 1. Richardson's Bardonhill McIntosh Red at Montgreenan JW. Judged this lovely boy when he was a youngster, he has improved as he has matured. Masculine head with soft expression. Good front and rear assembly, deep chest with well sprung ribs, firm, gently sloping topline. In stack he shows a balanced outline. Presented in wonderful coat and condition. Moved soundly with drive. BD, RBIS. 2. Robinson Slater's Kerryfair Lucky Seven. I have done this boy well before. He has a glorious head with melting expression, low set ears, typey boy with dark coat. Good front and rear assembly with gently sloping topline which he held on the move. Close up to 1, but preferred the condition and movement of 1 today. 3. Sheldon's Bardonhill A Million

Ways to Delsanto. O (1) 1. Parsons's Quensha Thinking Out Loud at Bransett JW. I love this boy and have done him well before. Super head and expression with a lovely dark soft eye, ears set well. Correct sternum. Excellent front and rear assembly, all in moderation, gently flowing topline which he held on the move. Moved well with drive and personality with lashing tail. He was carrying slightly too much weight for me today, which cost him in the challenge as it was a close call. RBD. VD (3,1) 1. Russell's Melmara Montalbano. Seven year old male, pleasing head, good bodily properties, neat feet, presented in good coat and condition, moved OK. BVD. 2. Gilk's Suteressett Mr Mistoffelees at Gochmawr. Another seven year old male, nice head and expression, different type to 1, slightly shorter coupled, nice shoulder placement and good depth of chest, presented in beautiful coat and condition. MPB (2,1) 1. Turner's Dazycutter Crownedbyfire. Litter sister to MPD, eight months young, sweet head, straight front, quite fine in bone, presented a fairly balanced outline, nice dark coat, moved steadily. PB (4) 1. Stevenson's Gwendariff Cracklin Rosie for Lochlorien (IKC). Eleven months old, loved her feminine head and melting expression, low set ears, good occiput, slightly arched neck flowing into gently sloping topline, good front and rear, well off for bone, racy outline. Moved soundly. BPB, BPIS. 2. Prangle's Heathclare Faberge. Eleven month old young lady, different type to 1 but so much to like, splitting hairs. I am sure these youngsters will swap places often. Sweet head with correct shaped dark eye and low set ears, ample forechest, balanced and well made fore and aft, lush dark chestnut coat, moved well. 3. Davie's Zimbra Della Magna Sila at Lochfrae (Imp ITA). YB (1) 1. Bouttell & Burbridge's Ixia The Lovecats. Litter sister to my Yearling Dog winner. Have judged this girl before and she is now starting to blossom and mature. Beautiful head with lots of work, good shaped dark eye, racy balanced outline, well muscled. Moved well in the challenge, but did not quite give her all, possibly due to the heat. MB (2,1) 1. Sweeney's Orange Starburst. Happy young lady was in my notes! Pretty head, low set ears, fairly balanced outline which would improve with a little weight off, rich dark coat, really enjoyed herself, showing true Irish personality. NB (3,1) 1. Stevenson's Gwendariff Cracklin Rosie for Lochlorien (IKC). 2. Davie's Zimbra Della Magna Sila at Lochfrae (Imp ITA). Ten month old young lady, feminine pretty head with dark eye, good ear set, balanced fore and aft, moved happily, just needs time to mature. GB (6,1) Super strong class of up and coming young ladies. I was splitting hairs. I am sure they will all change places in the future. How lovely for the breed looking forward. 1. Nicholls's Riverbrue Storm at Krakoonastorm JW. Loved the head on this girl, lean with plenty of chiselling, kind eye with sweet expression. Good front, lovely flow from neck into shoulders, giving an elegant and racy outline. Finished well over croup into good tail set. Presented well, handled well and moved at one with her owner. RBB. 2. Berry & Morris's Riverbrue Mystique Avec Brinara JW. Wish I had two red cards! Litter sister to 1. She has a delightful head with kind expression, low set ears, super neck into shoulders, slightly heavier than 1 today, good width to quarters, neat feet. I judged this young lady at seven months and she is fulfilling her early promise. Just preferred the movement of 1 today. 3.

Parsons's Quensha Woman in Love at Bransett. PGB (2,1) 1. Borthwick's Danwish Aria on Lotushill. Lovely head with lots of work, super eye shape and colour. Good front and rear, elegant flowing topline. Rich dark coat, moved well. LB (4,2) 1. Sloane's Ferasheen Pop the Champers JW. Balanced head with a lovely expression, with good fore and rear angulation, gently sloping topline and strong hindquarters. Rich dark coat. Moved out with real purpose, which won her the class. 2. Parsons's Forfarian Flutt'r Yer Lashes at Bransett. Love this girl for type and she has a scrumptious head with such a kind expression, nicely balanced outline. Very close decision, just preferred the movement of 1 today. She lacked a little lustre, possibly due to the heat. OB (1) 1. Heather's Sh Ch Sixoaks My Fair Lady JW. Classic old fashioned typey girl. Lovely head, good stop and dark eye with melting expression. Well angulated front and rear, totally free from exaggeration. Strong quarters, tidy feet. She oozes quality and is a very worthy Sh Ch. Presented in full dark gleaming coat. Moved out soundly and with purpose, holding her topline. Thank you for bringing her. BB, BIS. VB (2,1) 1. Heather's Sixoaks Leading Lady. At eight and a half years, just starting to grey. Lovely feminine head of correct proportions, good feet, balanced outline, nothing exaggerated. Moved accurately. BVB, BVIS.

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