

PAIGNTON - 2026

SETTER IRISH

I'd like to begin by thanking the committee of Paignton and District Fanciers Association for inviting me to judge the Irish Setters at their show this year. I have often exhibited here and really appreciate that this is one of the few shows which still provides benching, which for me as an exhibitor makes life much easier. I'd also like to thank my stewards Martin and Karen for helping to keep things running smoothly. Good stewards should not be underestimated! And of course my thanks go to everyone who entered their beloved and beautiful Irish Setters under me. It is always an honour and a privilege to be asked to evaluate our lovely breed. The ground made movement challenging as not only was our ring on a bit of a slope, but with it being so hard with loose, dry grass, standing was also difficult at times. The depth of quality in some classes was a sight to behold and made for some very difficult decisions, on the down side I did find some incorrect mouths and also some very long nails which was a little disappointing. I know how much work you all put into getting your dogs ready for a show and how disappointing it can be if you don't get the place you hoped for, but just remember, this is just one show and one judge's opinion on that day. Whatever the outcome at this one, you still take the best dog home and there'll be another show around the corner!

Special Beginners (4,1) 1 Pollnac New Miracle - Really liked the overall balance of this young lady. Pretty girl with dark eye and correct head proportions. Strong, well arched neck leading into well laid shoulders. Gently sloping topline and good tailset. Good depth and spring of rib. Overall a nice honest Irish setter. 2 Sheldonite More Romance - Presented in shining coat and condition. Dark eyes with soft expression. Correct topline and well angulated hindquarters. MPD (1) 1 Forfarian The Uncloaked - Masculine headed boy but nothing overdone. Well off for bone and nicely balanced construction. Well laid shoulders with return of upper arm. Correct topline and tailset, with good width of thigh and strong hindquarters. Deep chest with plenty of spring of rib and correct length of loin. Tight feet and moved soundly. Will watch his progress with interest. PD (2) 1 Dazycutter Blazing Fire - Nice young boy who I have admired from the ringside. Pleasing head and soft expression with dark eyes. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulders, continuing on into correct topline which he keeps well on the move. Nice shoulders and well sprung ribs. Nice amount of fore chest. Presented in lovely coat and moved well, with slashing tail. Best puppy dog. 2 Maranne Live Wire - Heavier headed dog than 1, but still much to admire. Lovely low earset. Gently sloping topline, well angulated hindquarters and lovely tight feet. Well ribbed up and moved soundly. JD (2)1 Gwendariff Ring Aring Aroses (IKC) - Handsome boy with striking outline. Nice head proportions and soft expression. Masculine but not exaggerated, clean over neck and

shoulders with correct topline and tailset. Good depth of chest and well off for bone. 2 Forfarian Take A Chance - This young man decided he was going to give his handler a difficult time today. Nice boy with plenty to admire, finer in head than 1, but still very well made throughout. Good angulation front and rear with lovely feet. YD (2) Two very different boys, but both very nice examples of our breed. 1 Vamos Della Magna Sila - Liked the racy outline of this boy. Pleasing head and eye with low set ears. Good reach of neck and correct topline. Plenty of forechest and depth to his chest. Good width of thigh and rear angulation. Stood parallel front and rear and drove off well from strong hocks. 2 Rionore Bewitching Memory - Another nice boy, very different type to 1. A good, old fashioned setter with lots to admire. Lovely head with good finish to foreface and chiselling. Low set ears and strong, well arched neck into well laid shoulders. Well sprung ribs and good width of thigh. Preferred his head to 1, but sadly just not as positive on the move today. Close decision between the two. GD (7,0) 1 Bardonhill That's All Right At Delsanto - Really liked this young man. Lovely head proportions, masculine without any coarseness. Dark eyes with soft expression and lovely finish to foreface. Low set ears, strong neck, leading into well laid shoulders with good return of upper arm. Plenty of forechest. Gently sloping topline, leading through to correct tailset. Plenty of depth and spring to his ribs. Good width of thigh with enough angulation to give him drive. Loved his free flowing movement and slashing tail. Presents a balanced outline overall. 2 Fairhaven Young Soul For Konakakela (Imp Swe) JW - Striking dog in full coat. Pleasing head and expression, nice reach of neck and correct topline continuing into his tailset. Good forechest. Well off for bone, with lovely tight feet. Good rear angulation and moved soundly. Unlucky to meet winner today. PGD (5,2) 1 Jonola Singapore Sling - Racy in outline with correct topline, leading into correct tailset. Nice head proportions, good reach of neck. Good angulation to hindquarters. Balanced and in proportion. Moved well.

2 Clonageera Winner Takes All JW - Heavier built boy in full coat. Nice outline Good front with plenty of forechest. Nice angulation both front and rear. Moved soundly but just flew his tail a bit. LD(12,0) Oh my goodness, what a class this was! I can't remember seeing so many quality dogs in one class for a long time. A nice problem to have, but disappointing for the gorgeous boys who had to go cardless today. 1 Bardonhill Million To One - I have admired this dog many times from the ringside so was delighted to be given the opportunity to go over him and he definitely didn't disappoint. Classic racy outline with everything in proportion and nothing overdone. Masculine without any coarseness and enough coat to finish the picture without obscuring his fantastic construction. Beautiful head, with plenty of work showing brow and expression with lovely dark eyes. Good finish to foreface and lovely low set ears. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulders with good return of upper arm. Plenty of forechest with good depth to chest and plenty of spring to his ribs. Correct length of loin under a gently sloping topline and correct tailset. Good width of thigh with well developed second

thigh and strong hindquarters. Well off for bone with lovely tight feet. Lovely free flowing movement with reach and drive using his tail to full effect. Really unlucky to meet my CC winner today, but a very well deserved reserve CC. 2 Gwendariff Bachelor Boy - Another lovely boy with similar qualities to admire as 1. Lovely both in outline and on the move. Flows beautifully from his nose to the tip of his tail. Lovely head with soft, cheeky expression and lovely soulful eyes. Well off for bone standing on lovely tight feet. Correct angulation front and rear with good depth and spring to his ribs. Moved well with lovely tail carriage, but 1 was a fraction more positive in footfall today. OD (6,0) 1 Sh Ch Ir Sh Ch Fin Sh Ch Gwendariff Absolutely Marwe'llus (IKC) WW25 WW24 CW24- Absolutely stunning dog beautifully presented. Racy and full of quality, catches one's eye the moment he enters the ring. Balanced in outline with the most handsome head. Masculine but with a soft and gentle expression. Correct proportions with beautiful finish to foreface and lovely raised brows. Low set ears resting against a strong, well arched neck leading into correctly laid shoulder placement and return of upper arm. Plenty of forechest with depth and spring to his ribs. Gently sloping topline into correct tailset. Correct length of loin and good width to thigh. Correct angulation to his stifles with well developed second thigh and strong, short hocks. Moved beautifully, free flowing with fantastic reach and drive in perfect harmony with his owner. Delighted to award him the CC and later Best of Breed. So pleased to hear he later went Group 4. Congratulations. 2 Sh Ch Copper's Get Off My Cloud By Bonhomie (Imp Swe) - Another stunning boy presented and handled beautifully, unlucky to meet the winner of this class today. Lovely in outline with balanced proportions and excellent angulation both front and rear. Correct head proportions with lovely finish to foreface and plenty of work giving a lovely expression with raised brows. Straight front with well laid shoulders and good depth to chest. Plenty of spring to his ribs and correct length of loin. Strong hindquarters with well bent stifles and short, strong hocks. Tight feet with well arched toes. Moved well, but didn't seem quite as comfortable on the surface as my winner. VD (4,0) 1 Anlory Aidan JW - An old favourite of mine, really not showing his age. So well made throughout with the movement to match. Beautifully presented in excellent coat and condition. Masculine head with soft, melting expression and dark eyes. Good reach of neck, excellent shoulders and correct topline into tailset. Well off for bone with neat, tight feet. Well muscled with good width of thigh and well developed second thigh. Moved soundly with reach and drive using his lashing tail to full advantage. Best Veteran. 2 Sh Ch Lynwood Hocus Pocus At Settersoli JW - Another lovely boy with a gorgeous sugar face. Low set ears from a correctly proportioned head. Good neck and shoulders, well off for bone. Tight feet with well arched toes. Gently sloping topline and correct tailset. Good depth to chest. Good hindquarters with strong hocks. Moved well. These two boys showing some of the youngsters how it's done! MPB (2,0) 1 Forfarian The Seduced - At just 6 months old this very pretty young lady really caught my eye. Lovely, balanced outline, sweetest of expressions with lovely dark eyes. Straight front with forechest and depth to her chest. Lovely head with enough width to her skull and raised

brows. Low set ears on a good reach of neck leading into well laid shoulders and good return of upper arm. Gently sloping topline into correct tailset. Good spring of rib and correct length of loin. Good rear angulation with width of thigh and developed second thigh. Moved very well for one so young with positive foot placement. Delighted to make her my best puppy in breed and I hear she was also short listed in the puppy group. I will be watching her development with interest as I'm sure she has a great future ahead. 2 Reclyst Glenury Aoife - Another very pretty young lady. Sadly she was very nervous but she was brave enough to allow me to go over her. Shorter coupled than my winner but still balanced and in proportion. Lovely shoulders and upper arm, Good rear angulation, moved soundly.

PB (4,1) 1 Glitterati Loft With Quensha (Imp Pol) - Well bodied young lady, balanced in outline. A little narrow in head for me, but still very pretty. Plenty of forechest. Well sprung ribs, good width of thigh and rear angulation. Lovely tight feet, movement not as positive as the minor puppy today. 2 Marzanne Lightnin Strikes Over Whistlebush - Dark coated girl, nice in outline, good forechest and well sprung ribs. Moved soundly. JB (6,1) 1 Sametsuz So To Speak - Mature bitch presented in lovely coat and condition. Nice head with proper width of skull and raised brows. Dark eyes giving gentle expression. Low set ears, good reach of neck into well laid shoulders. Plenty of forechest, good return of upper arm. Straight front. Balanced throughout with gently sloping topline into correctly set tail. Well off for bone standing on tight feet. Good spring of rib. Moved soundly with drive. 2 Gwendariff Greta Garbo - Pretty girl with lovely body proportions. Nice shoulder and hind quarters angulation. Good depth to her chest and plenty of spring of rib. Excellent feet. Not quite the movement of 1 today. YB (5,2) 1 Riverwood X Written In The Stars JW (IMP BEL) - Very feminine bitch with pretty head of balanced proportions, dark eyes and low set ears. Good reach of neck in to well laid shoulders. Gently sloping topline. Deep chested with spring of rib and correct length of loin. Lovely tight feet. Moved with drive using her tail to full effect. 2 Polmenor Spice Of Life JW - Very different to 1, taller and longer cast, but still everything in proportion. Correct topline and tailset, good hindquarters with plenty of width of thigh. Moved soundly. GB (5,0) 1 Penclippin Celtic Asthore JW - Really liked this young lady she caught my eye on entering the ring and did not disappoint on going over her. Lovely, balanced outline, presented in lovely coat and condition. Feminine head with dark eye and soft expression. Low set ears, good reach of neck flowing into well laid shoulders. Straight front with depth to chest and spring of rib. Good width of thigh with good angulation. Moved with reach and drive. 2 Pollnac New Miracle PGB (11,1) 1 Emma Copper's Mahogany Dream Catcher - Very elegant bitch with striking outline. Feminine head with correct proportions. Lovely raised brows with dark eyes giving soft, quizzical expression. Low set ears. Strong, slightly arched neck. Lovely shoulder angulation, good forechest and well sprung ribs. Good width of thigh with good rear angulation. Correct topline and tail set. Free flowing movement with lovely reach and drive. Pleased to award her the

reserve CC. 2 Riverbrue Ophelia Love Glennara JW - Another lovely, balanced girl who was unlucky to meet my winner today. Similar comments apply as 1, correct angulation front and rear. Well built throughout with everything balanced and in proportion. Presented in lovely coat and moved soundly. Just didn't quite have the sparkle of my winner. LB (6,0) 1 Gwendariff Rhianna JW - Loved the overall balance of this girl. Feminine head with soft expression. Gently sloping topline into correct tailset. Good lay of shoulder, well sprung ribs, correct length of loin. Good angulation both front and rear. Moved very well. 2 Forfarian Fluttr Yer Lashes At Bransett - Racy girl, taller than 1, but still balanced with everything in proportion. Feminine but with enough substance. Lovely head with kind eye. Good shoulders, deep chest with spring to her ribs. Moved well. OB (10,1) 1 Multi Int Sh Ch Riverwood The Devil Wears Prada Jun Ch - Fully mature bitch in stunning coat and condition. Very feminine with sweetest head and melting expression. Lovely low set ears against good reach of neck. Well laid shoulders, gently sloping topline over well sprung ribs and correct length of loin. Everything balanced and in proportion. Good bone and lovely tight, neat feet. Beautiful free flowing movement with lashing tail. Pleased to award her the CC. 2 Sh Ch Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Pink Champagne (IKC) - Another beautiful, feminine bitch with balanced outline. Scored in head with lovely doming and chiselling giving soft expression with balanced proportions. Lovely low set ears, good reach to strong neck. Good shoulder angulation and hind quarters with good width to thigh and short, strong hocks. Moved soundly. VB (3,0) 3 very different girls all with their own merits. 1 Sh Ch Forfarian Soo Lush JW - Have always admired this girl so was delighted to have the opportunity to go over her. Feminine, but with substance. Lovely, clean neck and shoulders, correct topline and tailset. Well sprung ribs. Good angulation of shoulders and hindquarters. Well off for bone with lovely tight feet. Such a pretty girl. Moved well in her class.

2 Lanstara Red Dress At Cherrorvale - Another feminine girl with a beautifully balanced outline. Lovely head proportions, clean neck and shoulders, correct topline and tailset. Good width to thigh and correct angulation. Moved well.

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