

Welsh Springer Spaniel Club Open Show- February 17th 2024

Firstly, I would like to thank the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club for their hospitality and giving me the opportunity to judge at such a prestigious show. The quality of my entries was extremely high and as a result my decisions were made very difficult and some great dogs went unplaced. I would like to thank the exhibitors for their entries and accepting my placings with great sportsmanship.

I was delighted with my final line up, a number of which were from the younger classes. Certainly reassuring for the future of the breed.

Minor Puppy Dog (3,0)

1st- Danks-Kemish's Ferndel Sandro at Alolfrana

Very much a baby with plenty of scope to mature. Lovely head and eye. Balanced in outline. Good spring of rib for age. Deep in brisket. Carries tail well on the move.

2nd Wallington's Ferndel Renzo at Rovinjdal

Another young male with everything in the right place. Good head and eye. Well boned. Short coupled. Moved ok.

Puppy Dog (8,1)

1st Harrison's Glenbrows Casanova

Really lovely young dog. Handsome head with dark eye. Presents a balanced and compact outline. In wonderful coat and condition. Happy chap on the move which completed the picture. Pleased to award him BPD and BD. I'm sure this boy has a bright future.

2nd Chimes's Bronnydene Fly Red Kite

Unlucky to meet 1. Another lovely puppy with many of the same qualities. Slightly smaller cast than winner but this did not detract from his qualities. Nice head and eye. Balanced in outline. Moved well with good tail carriage.

Junior Dog (2,1)

1st Caldwell and Levy's Cerysan Limited Edition

Alone in the class but quality nonetheless. Presented a balanced outline. Good depth of chest and length of upper arm. Short coupled. Just carried his tail a little high on the move today.

Yearling Dog (3,0)

1st Hepworth's Kamunting's Mad Hatter

Mature dog with a lovely head and eye. Deep in brisket and short coupled. Moved well with good tail carriage. Would just like slightly tighter feet.

2nd Short's Toftwood Ziggy Starman

Slightly smaller cast than winner but very well put together. Presented a balanced and compact outline. Moved ok today.

Novice Dog (6,0)

1st Harrison's Glenbrows Amadeus

From the same kennel as my BD. Another lovely example of the breed. Lovely head and expression. Balanced outline. Good bone and plenty of substance. Just not as happy on the move as his kennel mate.

2nd Chimes's Bronnydene Fly Red Kite

Post Graduate Dog (5,0)

1st Allen and Cochrane's Eiriandylis By George

A very merry welsh. Lovely head and dark eye. Very good length of upper arm and layback of shoulder. Presented a balanced outline. Just needs a little more time to finish. Moved well.

2nd Stevenson Mymmsbrook Matador with Blythway JW

Another nice dog. Very close to winner but could not match the upper arm or shoulder of 1st. Good bone and feet. Well muscled hindquarters. Moved well.

Limit Dog (7,0)

1st Gaylor and Robertson's Heniveruce King of Brewers for Aprilflash

This dog caught my eye entering the ring. Going over him he did not disappoint. Good bone, substance and overall balance. In lovely coat and condition. Moved out well around the ring. Well handled. RBD

2nd Ritchie and Scaife's Waverleyline To Tobermory at Slapestones

Unlucky to meet winner today. Presented a balanced picture on the stack. Moved well. Just preferred the length of upper arm on the winner.

Open Dog (3,0)

1st Douglas's Chanagel Yorkshire Gold to Santallina

On first look he presented a lovely balanced outline. Good head and expression. Good forechest, spring of rib and depth of brisket. Short coupled. Was a little proud of his tail on the move today.

2nd Leach Islanza Hey Dude

Another lovely example. Presented a balanced outline on the stack. Lovely head. Just not as enthusiastic as the winner today.

Veteran Dog (6,0)

1st Brown Bowdonia Ozzie

Distinguished gentleman in lovely coat and condition for his age. One I have done well for in the past. Wonderful head and dark eye. Good depth of chest. Balanced angles fore and aft. Moved out well around the ring. BVIS

2nd Barkley's Cherryheath's Mr Mojito

Another lovely veteran. Good depth of chest, length of upper arm and shoulder well let back. Good head and expression. Moved ok.

Special Working Dog (1,0)

1st Smith's Isfryn Peeping Tom JW

A merry and active boy. Certainly enjoying his day out. Well made all through. Good head and eye. Moved ok.

Special Beginners Dog (4,0)

1st Brook's Eiriandylis Georgia Moon

Good dog of nice type. Lovely temperament. Good head. Slightly longer in loin than I would like but overall well made. Good depth of chest and angles fore and aft. Moved ok.

2nd Bennett's Cerysan Crusader

Stronger in head than 1 and carrying his tail a little proud today. Good forechest and depth of brisket. Well boned .Moved ok.

Minor Puppy Bitch (4,1)

1st Lewin's Ferndel Serenella for Vynesbrook

Very raw young bitch with lots to like. Everything in the right place. Just needs to grow in confidence. I am sure this will come with experience.

2nd Gibson's Ferndel Rossana at Cadehill

Similar to one. Just lost out as not as positive on the move today. However, presented a balanced outline and has lots to like.

Puppy Bitch (7,2)

1st Harrison's Glenbrows Harmony

Immediately caught my eye as I walked down the line. Presents a typical compact and balanced outline. Pretty head with a lovely dark eye and expression. Good depth of chest and spring of rib for age. Good bone and overall substance. Merry mover who looked to be having a lovely time as she moved out around the ring. BPB, RBB, BPIS, RBIS.

2nd Ward's Glenbrows Flame for Tantaraviz

Slightly longer cast than the winner but plenty to like. Pretty head with a lovely dark eye. Good depth of chest for her age already. Good angles fore and aft. Moved well. Well handled.

Junior Bitch (4,2)

1st Tain's Nyrilam The Witness for Taimere

Good head and eye. Nice forechest and depth of brisket. Deep in second thigh. Well boned. Not enjoying the surface today but moved well.

2nd Whitfield's Glenbrows Though to Amerdella

Preferred overall balance of winner. Lots to like still. Pretty head with dark eye. Well coupled. Good angles in front and behind. Moved ok.

Yearling Bitch (5,2)

1st Millard's Ferndel Waterlily at Rubylea (AI)

A really lovely example of the breed and still some maturing to do. So feminine. Beautifully balanced outline. Excellent head with dark eye. Excellent length of upper arm and layback of shoulder. Short coupled. Good bone and feet. Moved out so well around the ring. A real pleasure to award her BB and BIS. Good luck in the future!

2nd Short's Toftwood Jean Genie

Another lovely young bitch. Pretty head. Very feminine. Balanced in outline and moved well. Just not the length of upper arm of winner.

Novice Bitch (3,0)

Repeat of puppy bitch.

1st Harrison's Glenbrows Harmony

2nd Ward's Glenbrows Flame for Tantaraviz

Post Graduate Bitch (5,2)

1st Howarth's Ferndel Starry Eyes

Another good example of the breed from this kennel. Good head and dark eye. Plenty of bone on good feet. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Well muscled hindquarters. Moved ok.

2nd Tew's Pamick Dream With Me

Slightly longer cast than my winner. Pretty head and a nice dark eye. Presented a balanced picture when stood. Good bone. Moved well.

Limit Bitch (7,2)

1st Thomas' Bowdonia Truly Scrumptious

Nice feminine bitch. Good head and dark eye. Good length of upper arm and layback of shoulder. Balanced in angles both fore and aft. Moved well. Close up for top honours.

2nd Ritchie and Granham's Renascent Bleaberry at Slapstones JW (IMP USA)

Compact bitch with well sprung ribs and depth of chest. Good angles and presented a balanced picture. Just preferred head of winner.

Open Bitch (2,1)

1st Gibson's Dearham Dilys of Cadehill

Pretty headed bitch with a dark eye. Compact in outline. Decent length of upper arm. Would like a little more bend in stifle. Moved well.

Veteran Bitch (6,0)

1st Woodward's Hinxwood Fire And Ice

Two lovely veterans. Just preferred 1 on the move today. Lovely shape with good spring of rib and depth of brisket. Well muscled hindquarters. Moved well.

2nd Jones Sh Ch Julita Rumours At Trosley

One I have done well in the past. Just not a positive on the move today. Very pretty feminine head. Good angles fore and aft. Presents a lovely picture stacked.

Special Working Bitch (1,1)

Special Beginners Bitch (4,3)

1st Morgan's Beneover Endless Love

Slightly longer in loin than ideal. However a lovely bitch of good type. Pretty head and dark eye. Good angles in front and behind. Good bone and feet. Moved ok.

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