

Judging Critique – Welsh Springer Spaniel Club Championship Show 31/08/2024

I would like to thank the hard-working committee of the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club for their kind invitation to judge the Bitches at the Club's Championship Show. The day went very smoothly with two rings accommodating both the Championship and Open Shows plus Special Award Classes. I was absolutely delighted with my entry both in quantity and quality. There was a lovely atmosphere around the ring which added to a very enjoyable day. My efficient stewards, Jenna Cocking and Sally-Anne Watts kept the ring running smoothly throughout the day.

Welsh Springer Spaniel **Bitches**

MPB 2

1 Lockie's Gwirgariad Shooting Star. Nicely grown for age and shown in good coat. Well balanced head. Excellent bone & angulation fore and aft. Good length & strength of neck, well developed loin and correct topline. Moved well on neat feet.

2 Smith's Nyliram Hold My Hand at Isfryn. Another nice baby just not as mature as 1 at the moment but I'm sure she will develop very nicely. Nice eye & expression; good length of muzzle & skull. Excellent reach of neck & return of upperarm. Good spring of rib & depth of chest for age. Moved soundly & happily.

PB 3, 1

1 Worth's Sarabande Spirit in The Skye. Lovely outline & well grown for age. Nicely balanced head with sufficient width & depth of muzzle. Excellent reach of neck. Good angulation throughout. Excellent depth of chest & spring of rib. Correct topline & tailset. Covered the ground well on the move but not a lot of tail action. Just needs a little more confidence in the ring and then I am sure she will have a bright future.

2 Jackson & Palmer's Tuttington Ginger Snap at Ardinia. Another lovely puppy. Not quite as mature as 1 but has all the essentials. Lovely head, eye & expression. Excellent lay of shoulder & return of upperarm. Good bone and topline. Moved well on neat feet, once settled.

JB 7

1 Lewis's Eiriandylis Strange Magic von Trannon. Won on maturity & front movement. Lovely outline which stood out in this class & so well grown for age. Nice head, eye & expression with nothing overdone. Excellent length & strength of neck. Good angulation fore & aft. Excellent bone & depth of chest. Nice strength over loin. Moved soundly both coming and going and covering the ground well with each stride.

2 Harrison's Glenbrows Harmony JW. Lovely outline with attractive feminine head. Nice length & strength of neck. Well-muscled throughout. Good depth of chest & spring of rib. Good bend of stifle and correct topline. Moved happily but better behind than in front.

3 McIlwaine & Reynolds's Ferndel Rebecca for Benoveor

YB 4

1 Harrison's Sh Ch Glenbrows Wish JW. Shown in excellent coat & condition. Lovely feminine head with nicely shaped skull. Excellent length of neck & lay of shoulder. Good bone throughout. Excellent depth of chest & spring of rib. Correct topline & tailset. Good bend of stifle. Moved covering the ground well on neat feet.

2 Janes's Jacranella Georgia Belle (AI). Another nice example of the breed. Very nice eye & feminine expression; dark open nose. Excellent neck, lay of shoulder & return of upperarm. Good bone & well-muscled throughout. Moved well fore & aft on good feet. Shown in excellent coat & condition, just not as mature as 1 at the moment.

3 Whitfield's Glenbrows Thought to Amberdella

NB 7

1 Sarabande Spirit In The Skye.

2 Tuttington Ginger Snap at Ardinia.

3 Gibson's Ferndel Rossana at Cadehill

GB 6, 1

1 Sutherland's Jacranella Graceful (AI). Nicely presented in good coat & muscular condition. Good proportion of skull to muzzle; dark eye, nice earset & shape. Excellent length & strength of neck. Good bone & depth of chest; excellent angulation throughout; well let down hocks. Would just prefer a slightly shorter loin. Moved well coming and going.

2 Buckwell's Killena One Moment in Time. Not quite the coat of 1 today but has all the essentials. Lovely overall outline. Nice head & expression but tends to fly her ears as she is a little uncertain in the ring. Nice bone throughout; good depth of chest & spring of rib. Correct topline. Moved well both coming and going.

3 McIlwaine & Reynolds's Ferndel Rebecca for Benoveor.

PGB 6, 2

1 Tyler's Eiriandyllis Life of Riley. Won here on shorter loin & lovely eye & expression. Lovely well-balanced head. Excellent skull to muzzle proportions; good skull shape with sufficient stop. Dark eyes with lovely expression. Excellent length & strength of neck. Excellent angulation throughout. Good depth of chest, nicely developed ribcage going back to short, strong loin. Well let-down hocks. Good topline & tailset. Moved soundly, covering the ground well with each stride, on neat feet.

2 Knowles's Menstonia Magic Mystery. Well presented in good coat and condition. Nice skull shape; would prefer a darker eye to give a softer expression. Excellent length and strength of neck; good lay of shoulder. Excellent depth of chest & spring of rib, would just prefer a little shorter loin. Well let-down hocks. Moved soundly on good neat feet.

3 Blackford's Ambleight Adhara JW

MLB 4

1 Morgan's Benoveor Endless Love at Rubydown. Res CC & Best Special Beginner in Show. Lovely typical outline full of curves. Pleasing feminine head and expression & shown in good coat & condition. Well balanced head, nice eye shape and colour with lots of work around the eye. Good skull shape. Excellent length and strength of neck. Pleasing angulation fore & aft. Good depth of chest & spring of rib leading to strong, well-muscled loin. Correct topline & tailset. Moved soundly both coming and going on good feet with lovely tail action throughout.

2 Short's Ferndel Fire Gem at Toftwood. Feminine head with dark eye. Well-made throughout. Excellent spring of rib and well let-down hocks. Just not the front movement of 1. Nice firm and well-shaped feet.

3 Tew's Pamicks Dream With Me.

LB 6, 1

1 Ferguson's Julita Raindance at Teaselwood. Most typical outline in class with nothing exaggerated. Lacking a little in coat today but has all the essentials. Nicely balanced head with pleasing eye & expression & correct, sufficiently-rounded skull shape. Good length & strength of neck. Excellent lay of shoulder & return of upperarm. Nice depth of chest; well-rounded ribcage going back to short, strong loin. Nice topline & tailset. Moved well fore & aft.

2 Millard's Ferndel Water Lily at Rubylea (AI). Very well presented in excellent coat & condition. Feminine head with sufficient stop and nice depth of muzzle. Good length and strength of neck & lay of shoulder. Excellent depth of chest; well let-down hocks. Covered the ground well on the move just moved a little straighter behind than in front.

3 Shawyer's Menstonia Wish Come True.

OB 4

1 Ritchie's Sarabande Dancing Queen at Slapestones JW (AI). Pleasing, typical outline, a little shorter than 2. Well balanced head with good pigmentation. Nice skull & muzzle shape. Good earset. Excellent length and strength of neck and pleasing forechest. Good angulation fore & aft and nice bone throughout. Well-rounded ribs leading to strong loin. Nice topline & tailset. Just lacking a little in coat on the day. Moved soundly fore & aft.

2 McIlwaine & Reynolds's Benoveor Can't Buy Me Love. Lovely head, eye & expression. Nice pigmentation. Good angulation fore & aft. Nice depth of chest. Well let-down hocks. Just a little longer overall than my winner. Moved well once settled.

3 Jackson & Palmer's Tuttington Scarlett Empress at Ardinia

ChB 3

1st Graham's Sh Ch Nyliram Telling Tales JW ShCEx OSW. CC and Best in Show. Lovely girl which I have admired many times from the ringside, so Welsh in outline; full of curves throughout. Put down to perfection in fabulous coat and condition. Feminine head & expression. Nice eye with lots of work around it. Good pigmentation. Excellent angulation fore & aft. Good bone. Shown in excellent coat & condition. Well let-down hocks. Correct, typical topline with nice tailset. Excellent spring of rib leading to short, strong loin. Moved soundly both coming and going with lots of drive from the rear.

2 Thomas's Sh Ch Bowdonia Truly Scrumptious. Not quite the coat of 1 today but has all the essentials. Lovely head with nicely-formed skull & muzzle with nothing overdone. Shown in excellent muscular condition. Good bone, depth of chest & spring of rib. Good width of upper & lower thigh. Moved soundly on good feet.

3 Harrison's Sh Ch Glenbrows Hope.

VB 8, 2

1 Whitfield's Glenbrows Heart to Heart. Lovely outline & shown in good coat & condition. Pleasing well-shaped head, nice eye with lots of work around it. Good angulation fore & aft. Excellent forechest & depth of chest. Nice topline. Good width of upper & lower thigh. Moved soundly fore & aft.

2 Waller's Isfryn Lady Godiva at Fireglow JW. Another nice example of the breed. Lovely outline, just not the coat of 1 today. Nice eye & expression; good pigmentation. Good angulation fore & aft. Nice depth of chest & spring of rib. Well let-down hocks. Moved well on good feet.

3 Gibson's Dearham Dilys of Cadehill

SpBB 4

1 Benoveor Endless Love at Rubydown

2 Ferndel Fire Gem at Toftwood

3 Primmer's Amanshe Mermaid's Tears

GCDSB 4

1 Benoveor Endless Love at Rubydown

2 Caldwell's Hillpark Queen Bee for Cerysan Awb. Very nice example of the breed with a typical outline. Well balanced head; nice eye colour & expression; good pigmentation. Excellent lay of shoulder & return of upperarm. Good depth of chest & spring of rib. Nice topline & tailset. Moved covering the ground well on neat feet.

3 Yacoub's Laithmoor's Felka

Kathy Moores

Judge