

Welsh Springer Spaniel Club Open Show Specials Classes 31.08.24

Thank you to the committee of the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club for inviting me to judge these special classes at their Open Show. It was a lovely, relaxed, friendly and well organised day which I thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to my stewards for the efficient running of the ring especially when having to deal with some confusion over ring numbers. Some of the dogs struggled a little to demonstrate movement to their full potential on the slippery surface and on another day, I am sure placings could have changed a little.

Lastly a big thank you to all the exhibitors who allowed me to judge their dogs. It was a great experience to be able to judge so many wonderful dogs of varying age and sex and your entries were very much appreciated.

Special Junior Award Dog or Bitch. (6/0)

1st Johnstone: Glenbrows Erasmus for Gilpeta. Well balanced 15-month-old male who is maturing nicely. Skull of proportionate length with a slight dome and enough stop. Ears set level to the eye and close to the cheeks. Lovely dark eyes with a soft expression. Correct body proportions, well bodied and building muscle in all the right places. Lovely outline with good flow down the neck into well set shoulders, Level topline held on the move. Front angulation matching the hind giving parallel movement both away and towards with drive from the rear.

2nd Gibson: Ferndel Rossanna at Cadehill. 14-month-old female, well balanced but lacking the development and maturity of 1 at present. Pleasing head and expression. Long neck flowing into well placed shoulders and along a level topline and onto a well-set tail giving a lovely silhouette. Straight forelegs, tight feet, well angled front and rear could have a touch more bone. Ribs well sprung and reaching well back. Short muscular loin. Coordinated out and back and held her topline on the go round with drive from the rear.

3rd Smith: Nyliram Hold My Hand at Isfryn.

Special Post Graduate Award Dog or Bitch. (7/2)

1st Levy: Cerysan Limited Edition. Compact 2-year-old dog with good height to length proportions. Strong, muscular body. Straight, well boned front legs set on tight, catlike feet. Hind legs well boned with hocks well let down and the angulation matching the front. Would prefer a better tail set. Lovely silky coat well presented. Moved well enough out and back on a slippery floor and held his topline on the go round.

2nd Short: Toftwood Jean Genie. 2-year-old female. Compact and well balanced with enough bone. Good head proportions with correctly set, small vine shaped ears, square muzzle, beautiful dark eyes with gentle expression. Lovely tight padded feet. Not stood as straight in front or moved as cleanly as 1 today.

3rd Madeley: Don's D Jubilee at Maytag (imp Swe).

Special Open Award Dog or Bitch. (12/4)

1st Gaylor & Robertson: ShCh Heniveruce King Of Brewers for Aprilflash. 4-year-old male who was so lovely to go over. Good depth of forechest, return of upper arm and layback of shoulder which allowed his long muscular neck to sit in neatly. Head has equal proportions; I would prefer a darker eye. Good length of rib and a strong, level topline which he holds on the move. Would prefer him a tad shorter in the loin to make him more compact but is superbly presented and moves soundly.

2nd Smith: Isfryn Peeping Tom JW. 7 ½ year old male whose tail never stopped wagging and has a soft, kindly expression meaning he has the temperament box well and truly ticked. Balanced and compact with a well-muscled body. Well off for bone with straight forelimbs and good angulation of the hindlimbs with deep second thighs and well let down hocks. Sound on the out and back and level topline held on the move, quick and active on the go round.

3rd Williams, Williams, Harrison & Harrison: Glenbrows Marquis.

Judge: Sarah Ceriati