

Bitch Critique – Border Collie Club of Great Britain Open Show

Saturday, 9th November 2013.

The West Hall, Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh, Warks.

I apologise to exhibitors for the lateness of this report. I had computer problems I did not have time to resolve until recently.

Many thanks to the committee of the BCCGB for the invitation to judge this show. A big thank you to all those who entered, it was a wonderful entry and I am honoured that so many people took the time to enter and attend the show. I was however very disappointed there was only one entry in the Special Open Working class (which was absent on the day). Earlier this year the class was dropped at the Championship Show and there was an outcry. However it seems that no-one is willing to support the class so who can blame the club if it is once again cancelled? Overall the quality of exhibits was good – there were a few overweight dogs, most worryingly some puppies. I was very pleased with my lineup in the challenge – all of them showed how Border Collies can move at their best and were of good type and substance. Many thanks to my capable stewards for running my ring smoothly and the caterers for providing a delicious lunch.

Minor Puppy 5 (1)

1 Chazak Moonlight Mystery. 6 months old petite sable and white bitch. Sweet head and expression, well put together with sufficient bone, good length of neck and balanced construction which she held in shape when shown on a loose lead. Her good angulation allowed her to move nicely when she settled. A nice type of bitch I look forward to seeing her mature.

2 Karingal Milady. Blue merle of a heavier, longer bodied type than 1. Carrying more weight than I would like, but moved well.

3 Tonkory I'll Be There For Nashdom

4 Penduffe Spirit Catcher

Puppy 8 (2)

1 Simmovon Heaven Scent. Black and white with more substance than 2. Lovely head and expression, good angulation and length to height ratio. Needs to develop a little to balance out fore and aft when standing. Very nice relaxed and balanced movement. BPB, BPIS.

2 Chazak Moonlight Mystery

3 Bordaquest Diamond Dust

4 Altricia Lady Mae

5 Rogansrock Born To Be Free

Junior 15 (3)

1 Florauna Make a Wish. Black and white bitch with exceptional movement and lovely type overall. Appears slightly coarse in the head but this will change as she develops and her body matures. Superbly balanced with good angulation, nice topline, good length to height. Not a glamorous bitch but she is real quality and I seriously considered her in the challenge – although she lacked a little showmanship, the more I looked at her, the more I liked her.

2 Anadune Dark Desire. Lovely bitch standing. Good angulation, reach of neck and overall proportions. Just lacked some reach in front on the move in this class, though as she came back in later classes this improved.

3 Goytre Saucie Minx in Arroddare

4 Bordaquest Blizzard

5 Altricia Especially For Me

Yearling 11 (4) 1 WD

1 Anadune Dark Desire.

2 Altricia Lady Angela JW. Blue merle bitch different type to 1. Well made sweet head and expression. Nice angulation.

3 Romiodor She's All That

4 Goytre Saucie Lady With Bayfenland

5 Kirkwind Buttons and Bows

Graduate 8 (2) 1 WD

1 Anadune Dark Desire

2 Caleykiz Smokin' Rhythm. Well proportioned bitch with good angulation and movement. Just preferred the expression and balance on the move of 1.

3 Nashdom Forever Chic

4 Simmovon Heaven Scent

5 Chazak Magical Mayhem

Post Graduate 10

1 Jephaniil Chequered Flag. Nice type of bitch, well balanced. Good topline and angulation, very nice balanced movement.

2 Wizaland Chase a Wish. Sweet head and expression, heavier type than 1. Moved nicely but just not the balance of 1.

3 Moshanta Midnight Star Over Collherd

4 Wizinby Limelight at Elahrairah

5 Chazak Magical Mayhem

Limit 9 (3)

1 Caleykiz Tangled Rhythm. Lovely shaped bitch of the heavier type. I found her coat to be slightly excessive, however she had a super head and expression and excelled in movement.

2 Lolissy Devil Wears Prada. Different type to 1 – taller but well balanced and moved well. True Border Collie expression.

3 Moshanta Must be Love at Janquillow

4 Goytre My Sweet Valentine to Olistazia

5 Locheil Just Cruisin

Open 8 (4)

1 Sh Ch Caleykiz Rhythm in Black JW. Outstanding bitch in type, shape and her effortless, balanced, ground covering movement. Beautiful reach of neck, correct proportions and in lovely coat. Good topline, croup and angulation throughout. BB, BIS on the decision of the referee.

2 Moshanta Move It Move It JW ShCM. Another class bitch with lovely type and proportions. Good head and expression, very nice coat. Just preferred the reach in front on the move of 1.

3 Simmovon Hot Totti JW

4 Locheil All That's Magical Avec Coussiere

Special Open (AOC) 7 1WD

1 Caleykiz Twist the Nite Away. Blue and white prick eared bitch. Good proportions and nice type. Came into her own on the move.

2 Sheltysham Scarlet Woman at Cartezz. Red and white of shorter body than 1. Heavier type but moved nicely when she settled.

3 Chazak Magical Mayhem

4 Bridgebank Winter Blues at Collherd

5 Littlethorn Cortina

Special Open (Working) 1 (1)

Veteran 6 (2)

1 Sh Ch Moshanta Movin' On Up JW ShCM. Super bitch in top class condition, moves around the ring effortlessly. Lovely type and conformation. Correct bone and balance both standing and on the move. Lovely angulation. RBB, RBIS.

2 Beesting Lilo Lil. Really liked this bitch. Lovely head and expression. Moved very well just not quite the reach and drive of 1.

3 Caleykix Rhythm is a Dancer

4 Sh Ch Tonkory Yoruba of Borderbeau JW ShCM

Good Citizens 7 (1)

1 Sh Ch Moshanta Movin' On Up JW ShCM

2 Moshanta Midnight Star Over Collherd. Nice little bitch of good proportions, good coat texture. Sweet head and expression.

3 Littlethorn Infinity at Tobermoray

4 Wizinby Limelight at Elahrairah

5 Littlethorn Cortina