

A great pleasure to judge dogs at this prestigious show. Shape, balance and movement are paramount for me. When judging this breed and I do like to watch them go with the carriage that is breed typical. Size is mixed and this caused some compromises in some classes .I wonder if the Australian standard of 19-21 inches has had a bearing on our dogs? – Rear movement, croups and tail carriage were the draw backs in some dogs.

Open Dog was full of quality and I was happy with the unbeaten line up.

Many thanks to my stewards Carolyn Ward and Colin Dowson. A pleasure to judge with breed specialist Toni Jackson, we needed Josie Large as referee on a couple of decisions.

Best in Show Sh Ch Fayken I am Legend JW

Reserve Best in Show Sh Ch Caleykiz Smoke on the Water

Best Puppy in Show Fayken Striptease

Best Veteran in Show Aculsia Galaxy Choc Box JW

Minor Puppy 5 (1)

1 Beaumont - Kanamaren Trick of the Tail at Borderbeau – 8 months’ well grown and correctly put together with good angulation and uses himself well on the move. Can strengthen a little in foreface. Very well angulated at both ends. Looks his age and was later beaten by two bitches who were more finished. Best Puppy Dog.

2 Kinton & Davis - Kinaway All is Said Done for Jacamalis – 6 months’ lovely youngster with excellent shoulders and upper arm and a very good head, bone and feet. Needs a little more schooling to show off his movements – he was tending to pace today but I liked him a lot. Full of quality.

3 Kerr - Shelytysham Son of Swag for Borderclan

Puppy 4 (0)

1 Kinsey & Baxter – Roseley House of Stark – 11 months of good size and proportion and he looked excellent in profile. I’d prefer a darker eye. Profile stride good but he is loose in front. In lovely condition.

2 Harper Green & Ratcliffe – Fayken into Darkness with Arrodare – 11 months carrying a very heavy coat which detracts from his balance as he looks heavy. Better front action than the winner but just looked too heavy on the day.

3 Kerr - Shelytysham Son of Swag for Borderclan

Junior 12 (0)

1 Walters – Goytre Hiding My Heart – excellent breed type throughout and went well. Typical gait and head carriage. Just a touch long for perfect balance but I liked his build and carriage. Scored slightly in front action and croup here.

2 Chance – Goyte Chance in a Million – 17 months’ lovely proportions and very well boned and shown in great condition. Head markings detracted but he has good skull, lovely eye and is very well made. I would like just a little more fall away to croup.

3 Spencer – Tobermoray All About Banksy JW

Yearling 8 (1)

1 Tunnicliff – Littlethorn Manta – 21 months’ wonderful movement and carriage won him this class. Holds his shape well. I would prefer a little more neck and he can strength in head but full of breed type but standing and moving.

2 Schofield – Rogansrock Beautiful Dream – 14 months’ beautiful dog and good mover too. He needs just a touch more confidence. Lovely head and eye and constructed to move well. Should do really well when more settled.

3 Wilkinson – Altricia What About That

Novice 6 (0)

1 Beaumont - Kanamaren Trick of the Tail at Borderbeau -

2 Wiltshire – Caleykiz I Got Rhythm n Black – 13 months, VHC in Junior – he has lovely breed type throughout but needs more confidence on the move. Excellent angulation, good head. He won this place on quality and type.

3 Harper Green & Ratcliffe– Fayken into Darkness with Arrodare

Post Graduate 9 (0)

1 Hayward – Laceway Especially for You – 2 years, I'd prefer just a little more of him for a male but he has sufficient bone, is very well built and goes beautifully with correct carriage. Correct for balance and carriage

2 Wiltshire – Thwaitlake All Fired Up – 14 months, very good young dog who is good for bone and is very well angulated at both ends. I liked his head and eye and he has good stride. Not quite the accuracy, yet of the winner on the move and his feet can firm up but he is full of quality and promise.

3 Neve & Kinton – Tazaeos The Magician with Kinaway

Mid Limit 8 (1)

Difficult class

1 Smith & Ratcliffe – Arrodare Sex on Fire - 17 months, tall dog in comparison to most but of excellent type and very good movement. He needs to drop to fill his frame but he pleased me in head and eye, construction and movement. Looked raw but scored on movement.

2 Ambler – Caleykiz Born to Boogie JW ShCM – 2 years, lovely quality dog of better size than the winner. Good proportion. He is good in chest and shoulder. Feet a little flat. Excellent stride in front but his rear action couldn't match the winner.

3 Simmons & Strachan – Lucky of You New York at Simmovon JW

Limit 15 (3)

1 Wiltshire – Caleykiz Thunderstruck – 2 years, full of type in build and carriage. I'd prefer a little more of him but scored in movement and carriage here. Very good head and eye. Strong bone and good feet. Quality throughout.

2 Geering & Quinto – Quinora Secret Agent – 2 years, slightly heavier dog of very good type. He has good ribs and very good head and eye. Good movement at both ends but not the topline of the winner.

3 Entwistle – Janbell Here Comes Trouble

Open 13 (1)

Great class – I would have been happy with any of the placed dogs at the top of the line.

1 Green – Sh Ch Fayken I am Legend JW – beautiful quality and superb on the move in stride and carriage. Lovely skull and eye. Strong foreface. Whilst I might like him just a touch bigger he is beautifully balanced full of type and quality and is wonderful on the move CC & BIS

2 Wiltshire – Sh Ch Caleykiz I'm a Firestarter – 5 years, beautifully proportioned dog who is an excellent mover and just scored in his rear angulation over the third dog. Not quite as good in the ears as the winner but I loved his shape, carriage and movement. Challenged hard for Res CC when he was not just as settled.

3 Smith & Ratcliffe – Sh Ch Arrodare It's Now or Never JW

Special Open (Colour) Dog 6 (3)

1 Wiltshire – Sh Ch Caleykiz Smoke on the Water – 5 years, blue, quality dog of correct size and good proportion. Good head and eye. Excellent quarters. Correct coat texture. Never loses his shape – won Res CC & Res Best in Show.

2 Pollard – Arnpriors Harvest Gold – 5 years, red, clean outlined and with good head type. His feet and pasterns could be firmer. Held his shape on the move.

3 Mockford – Quories Sweep from Snowmere

Good Citizen Dog Scheme 8 (2)

1 Garland – Tonkory Doyle JW ShCM – 5 years, VHC in limit. He is a good size and well proportioned and very sound on the move. Lovely head and eye. Could have a little more flow over croup.

2 Tansley – Bilyara River Ranch ShCM – 7 years, in lovely condition and he has very good body shape. Not quite as firm in the rear but I preferred him over the croup. Masculine head with lovely eye.

3 Davis – Kinaway I Am Sir Matt for Jacamalis ShCM

Veteran 11 (2)

1 Lucas – Aculsia Galaxy Choc Box JW – 11 years old, remarkable dog who is excellent on the move. Excellent type throughout and scored in his shoulder and neckline on the move. Made the last 3 in the challenge. Unlucky not to have his title.

2 Stacey – Bilyara Orapa ShCM – 7 years, in wonderful condition. Has a beautiful head and eye which I preferred to the winner but not the shoulder angulation which showed on the move. Excellent presentation. Full of quality and type.

3 Wiltshire – Caleykix Dance to The Rhythm
Frank Kane