

BORDER COLLIE PUPPY OF THE YEAR 2016

Saturday 11 November, Stoneleigh

Judge's Report

What a privilege to be able to put my hands on so much young talent of the breed at one event. There was a quality entry of 56 who had all won classes at Championship show from autumn 2015 to autumn 2016. Obviously all winning puppies could not attend but the majority that did were very representative of the breed and I can say that all bodes well for the future of the show Border Collie.

Due to the qualification period for this event several of the exhibits were not in best coat due to their junior moult. I attempted to make allowance for this quite normal occurrence.

Minor Puppy Dog

12 entries

I shortlisted four – nos 2, 27, 41 and 44

My winner (27) was Thwaitlake All Fired Up (Eric is his pet name apparently). A really strong well boned youngster in full coat. So sound and his appeal for me was his character and attitude. I just loved him. Owners are Carol Wiltshire, Mark Carter and Adam Akester. He was handled by Laura Wiltshire. DOB 14.01.16. Sire – Sh Ch Caleykiz I'm A Firestarter, dam Tonkory Glitterati at Thwaitlake.

Also shortlisted were (in no particular order)

Caleykiz I Got Rhythm N' Back, Carol and Donna Wiltshire

Tobermoray All About Banksy – Rachel Spencer

Miraje Frozen in Time (AI) – Di Kinsey

Minor Puppy Bitch

11 entries

I shortlisted four – nos 31, 32, 40 and 48

My winner was (48) Tonkory Putting On The Style. A lovely sweet bitch with a very fetching head and good all-round shape and style. Owner Judith Gregory, handled today by Sophie Wildig. DOB 21.02.16. Sire – Tonkory King of the Road, dam Sh Ch Tonkory Ziggy.

Also shortlisted (in no particular order)

Eyes of the World Oh Black Betty, Schevenels and De Cree

Arrodare Game On – Oliver and Ratcliffe

Borderpride Quan Yin – L Mann

Puppy Dog

14 entries

I shortlisted six – nos 23, 33, 42, 50, 52, 54

My winner was Caleykiz Thunderstruck. A beautiful moving blue and white dog of great presence in the ring. Owners Carol and Donna Wiltshire, handled by Donna. DOB 23.12.14. Sire – Sh Ch Caleykiz I Got Rhythm, dam - Caleykiz Smokin Rhythm.

Also shortlisted (in no particular order)

Caleykiz Born to Boogie – Ambler

Caleykiz Time to Boogie – Ambler

Chikaramor Kynda Special – Morley and Rogerson

Janbell One Step Beyond – Heggie

Wizaland Northern Soul – Large

Puppy Bitch

18 entries

I shortlisted seven – nos 6, 7, 13, 18, 36, 38, 46

My winner was (46) Tonkory Onwards and Upwards. So eye catching, in superb condition and she never put a foot wrong. Owner Judith Gregory, handled by Freya Fairbanks. DOB 03.03.15. Sire – Tonkory King of the Road, dam – Lyntrom All That Jazz via Tonkory.

Also shortlisted (in no particular order)

Tonkory Mark Time – Lampier

Shemella Moonlight Dream – Good and Lewis

Allymoon Quirk of Fate for Arroddare (imp Ita) – Ratcliffe

Goytre Maid to Tri in Blue – Walters

Chikaramor Kynda Amazing - Wildman

From the four class winners I chose

Puppy of the Year 2016 - Thwaitlake All Fired Up

Reserve Puppy of the Year – Tonkory Onwards and Upwards

Thank you to all the competitors for their tolerance. It was a long day with a delayed start due to an overrun of time on the Open show. It was real pleasure to judge you.

Doug Collier