

Gordon Setter Association Champ Show 2

13th April 2024

judge: Mrs R Frew

Thank you to the committee for giving me the opportunity to bring forward my appointment due to the withdrawal of the designated judge and for their hospitality on the day. I hope Moira continues to make progress and that she will be able to fulfil her appointment in the future.

I would also like to show appreciation to my friendly and efficient stewards, they made the day so much more relaxing, thank you for giving up your time.

I had enjoyable day judging the breed I love, it's been 5 years since I've been active in or judged the breed so I found it really interesting. I was pleased with both challenge lineups and was spoiled for choice in the more numerical classes. I felt there was more depth of quality amongst the older exhibits, there were some close decisions which resulted in good dogs going home without an award. I found a lot of heads which weren't typical and lacked quality, notably the skull being broadest at the back, not between the ears, giving a coarse look. Our standard is very descriptive and the head is such an important feature of the breed, it's one of the main areas which set the Gordon apart from the other Setter breeds. I was concerned at the number of exhibits with well laid back shoulder blades which lacked the corresponding length of upper arm, this not only affects reach in front but also results in lack of balance and incorrect topline. It was disappointing that some otherwise pleasing exhibits were overweight. Temperaments were excellent, any which were initially apprehensive soon settled and it was lovely to see so many happy Gordons enjoying the day.

Special Vintage Bitch (0)

Veteran Bitch (9)

1) Sh Ch Cairacaille Night Of Love With Ordett JW

Lovely type shown in full coat. She has a quality well modelled head, dark eyes and low set ears. Front angulation ok, good bone and feet and rich tan. Deep chest, well sprung ribs, good hind angulation and short tail. Went soundly but can lose her topline stacked and on the move.

2) Tsruhnova Tarkheena JW

Sweet bitch with nothing to dislike and very similar to one in good points, just preferred head of 1. Very sound on the move.

3) Hernwood Summer Eclipse at Kintalis

4) Locksheath True Baloo

5) Paradise Final Fling

Minor Puppy Bitch (2)

Two stunning puppies from the same litter.

1) Flaxheath Cover Girl

BPIS

Very confident and together for her age, She has correct head proportions, kind expression and dark eyes. Great bone, good feet and colour. Very mature body, well ribbed back, super topline and tailset and very strong behind for such a baby. Moved well, very steady and true. Handled to advantage, sympathetically, and at the correct pace to show her attributes. A star in the making, I'm sure she has a very bright future ahead. Best Puppy in Show.

2) Flaxheath Centrefold

Very typey and feminine with such a pretty head. She is compact in body with lovely coat coming through and good tan. Both these girls excelled in front angulation with elbows well let down and decent forechest. Moved well just didn't have the confidence, presence and steadiness of her sister. Another with a bright future ahead.

Puppy Bitch (3)

1) Balnakeil Creag Rainich

Easy winner here. Sweet head, dark eye with mischievous glint, lovely tan. Good bone with straight limbs, well angulated front, long arched neck, short back, deep chest, well ribbed back. Strong hindquarters. Very sound and stylish on the move, really enjoying herself and just a bit proud of her tail today.

2) Gailiech Beverleydottir

Pretty youngster, quite strong in head for a bitch and could have darker eyes but overall presents a balanced picture. Lovely tan. She is compact and well bodied and I liked her hind angulation. Moved soundly.

3) Bonniensch's Akinos Glow of Rosemullion

Junior Bitch (4)

1) Balnakeil Creag Rainich

2) Glenmaurangi Aurora

A lot to like about this bitch. Lovely head with correct stop, skull and muzzle shape. Not quite the angulation of 1. Very mature body, short loin and strong hindquarters, good tailset. Tending to roach her back on the move, however she was sound and went well when she settled.

3) Bonniensch's Akinos Glow of Rosemullion

4) Lannireach Born To be A Star

Yearling Bitch (5)

Nice class of youngsters.

1) Amscot Air Of Success

Lovely type with beautiful head and expression and appealing outline. Good coat although tan could be clearer. Strongly made throughout with lean, arched neck, short back, good depth of chest and ribcage, moved soundly.

2) Kattandale Blac Hawke's Bay at Birniehill (AI)

Different type, she has a sweet, typical head, lovely shiny coat and good tan. Looked good stacked although I would prefer more length of upperarm. Topline and hindquarters excellent, correct short tail which she used on the move. She tends to pull away from her handler, would like to see her move freely on a loose lead.

3) Beechlake The Poet In My Heart

4) Locksheath April In Paris

5) Longrow Love Is The Drug

Maiden Bitch (3)

1) Balnakeil Carn Rainich

2) Locksheath April In Paris

Compact bitch, went well on the move to win this place. Well angulated front and rear, good topline and tailset. Flat coat and good colour. Well proportioned head, lacking stop, eyes could be darker

3) Kilnrae Black Sapphire

Novice Bitch (4)

1) Balnakeil Creag Rainich

2) Longrow Love Is The Drug

Settled better in this class to let me see her shape, she moved really well in profile.

Feminine, typical head, dark eye and desired tan. Well boned, good body and very good hindquarters. Lovely unexaggerated type, hope her owner perseveres with her as she has potential.

3) Langstrumpf Hochsommer

4) Marshmoor White Lightening

Undergraduate Bitch (2)

1) Cafotaliena Hello My Love

Solid girl shown in lovely coat condition. Typical, feminine head, lovely tan and dark eyes. Lacks length of upperarm and front is a bit wide. Super neck, topline and well set short tail. Good hindquarters, moves very well behind.

2) Sooty Ringlet

liked this girl's type and sweet feminine head with dark eyes and good tan. Well put together overall. Lovely topline, good ribcage. Not cooperating with handler on the move.

Graduate Bitch (4)

1) Tsrhnova Tante Lille

Good shape throughout but could have more front angulation. Well proportioned head although I would prefer tighter eyes and more stop. Scored highly in body shape, topline and hindquarters. Moved steadily.

2) Locksheath Fallen Acorn

Plain in head, lacking depth of muzzle but has dark eyes and good tan. Good body shape, not enhanced by extreme trimming. Well angulated hindquarters but a bit narrow in front. Moved ok.

3) Kintalis Winter Jasmine

4) Clohass Diamond by Melview

Post Graduate Bitch(2)

1) Longrow Love Of My Life (AI)

Very pretty feminine bitch who appealed in type. Beautiful head with desired chiseling, soft expression, dark eyes and low set ears. Super topline, tailset, short tail, lovely hindquarters, so sound and correct on the move. Liked her a lot.

2) Tsrhnova Tante Lille

Mid Limit Bitch (8)

Lovely class, could have placed all present.

1) Moonglade Lily Mae Magic

what a sweetie, ultra feminine and of lovely stylish type. Quality correctly modeled head with defined stop and expressive dark eyes. Good angulation front and rear, correct body proportions, went well with slashing tail. Shown in super coat and condition. Considered her for top honours.

2) Painted Lady At Tregarrick

this bitch took my eye in this excellent class. Bigger than 1, she is correct for type and so well put together. Overall she presents a very balanced, unexaggerated, picture. Classic head with low earset, liked her outline stacked and on the move, very sound.

3) Laurelhach Renaissance JW

4) Benbuie True Colours at Malocomi

5) Yennadon Highland Heidi

Limit Bitch (9)

Two top class bitches headed another great class. 1 just scored in head and a bit more compact overall.

1) Ordett Love Me Do at Keaswood JW

Lovely head shape with correct proportions, and dark eyes though I would prefer a softer expression. Liked her neck, shoulders and topline, short coupled with deep, well sprung ribs. Very sound with good drive behind from well constructed hindquarters, good tail action. Good tan. Another considered for top honours.

2) Liric Just Remember Me

Very stylish mature bitch with profuse, well conditioned coat. Classic head with dark eyes just not the chiselling of 1. Mature body with level topline and good over croup. Moved well.

3) Waseley Springtyme

4) Beechlake Hey Jude

5) Amscot Triple Gin at Maymeral

Open Bitch (5)

1) Sh Ch Flaxheath Top Model at Glenmaurangi

CC & BIS

Classy, stylish bitch who really has everything and a bit extra. She has substance and is powerful but still feminine. Super head and expression with correct skull shape, strong muzzle and dark eyes. Arched strong neck, giving good head carriage, great front and rear angulation, well ribbed back, strong arched loin, level topline and correct croup. Moved so well, slashing her tail and covering the ground effortlessly. Shown in super coat and condition and handled to advantage. It was a pleasure to award her the C.C. and Best in Show.

2) Hernwood Athena at Herrera

This mature bitch is top size and bigger than I prefer but she is still feminine and balanced. Her head is classic with a sweet, appealing expression. Really well constructed throughout and she moved very soundly which earned her place in this class. Presented in lovely coat and condition. I would prefer tighter feet.

3) Diersett Irridium JW

4) Dt Ch Locksheath Princess Tiana JW

5) Balnakeil Creag Na Caillich

Field Trial Bitch (1)

1) Ch/Int/Ger VDH Ch Amscot Love Is In The Air JW WW18/21'

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Reserve Bitch CC: Ch/Int/Ger VDH Ch Amscot Love Is In The Air JW WW18/21

Best Puppy Bitch: Flaxheath Cover Girl

Special Vintage Dog (1)

1) Yennadon Reiss SGWC

10 years young and looking as though he could go all day, a credit to his owner. Very well put together with sound, driving movement, I liked his size and substance with great bone and lovely tight feet. He has good head proportions, albeit broad in back skull, with good muzzle shape. Great example of a Gordon who is fit for purpose.

Veteran Dog (7)

This was another good class with some close decisions.

1) Sh Ch Yennadon Benriach JW ShCEx

BVIS

This dog has matured into such a handsome, typical example of the breed and today he didn't put a foot wrong. Good head shape, a touch light in eye, lovely rich tan. Correct size, super bone, compact body, strong level topline and good tail set. Deep chest, short coupled, good hindquarters, short hock to heel. Liked him very much and considered him for top honours. Best Veteran in Show.

2) Sh Ch Liric Fusilier with Shillay JW ShCM ShCEx

Quality dog, pushed 1 all the way. Preferred his head which had more "work". Good bone and substance, correct colour and beautifully presented coat. Mature body, well laid back shoulder blade, good hind angulation. Very stylish on the move but today he was a bit untidy in front action.

3) Kilnrae Hallmark JW

4) Amscot Raisin Black

5) Hernwood Boston High Flyer

Minor Puppy Dog (1)

1) Roydack Black Knight at Tymora

Rangy 6 months old who has a lovely shape and the makings of a good prospect when he matures. Liked his head shape which is just right for his age, and his rich tan. Deep chest, good neck, shoulders and topline and well bent stifles, just needs to develop in substance and hindquarters now. He was very steady on the move.

Puppy Dog (1)

1) Roydack Black Knight at Tymora

Junior Dog (2)

1) Glenmaurangi Apollo at Glenkinchie

Mischievous boy who doesn't make it easy for his handler. Great breed type with typical, masculine head, liked the finish of his muzzle, skull shape and stop. Good tan, great bone and substance. Well angulated front and rear with good body proportions, he drops a bit in croup when he is fooling around but I'm sure this will improve as he settles. Moved well when he got into his stride.

2) Ronaldsbill Trail Blazer at Bridgemere

Another handsome youngster. Different type to 1 and not quite so appealing in head, being narrower in muzzle and longer in foreface. Lovely colour, good substance and overall shape and looked balanced stacked and on the move. Liked his happy disposition.

Yearling Dog (6)

1) Forester's Northern Light of Darkmoor at Muckhart JW (Imp Deu)

This dog really appealed for size, shape and type. Very unexaggerated and sound on the move with desired reach and drive. Liked his head shape and dark expressive eyes, correct skull and low set ears. Super bone, great colour. Really well angulated front and one of the few today with a prominent prosternum. Strong, level topline and good hindquarters. Handled to advantage. A lovely dog to go over, really liked him.

2) Amscot Air Apparent

Pushed 1 all the way. Loved his well shaped head and kind expression. Correct size with good bone. Well angulated front and rear, short from hock to heel. Well ribbed, level topline. Not giving his all on the move today but another who appealed.

3) Glenmaurangi Apollo at Glenkinchie

4) Longrow Jean Genie

5) Krisada Not In Kansas

Maiden Dog (2)

1) Glenmaurangi Apollo at Glenkinchie

2) Roydack Black Knight at Tymora

Novice Dog (4)

1) Glenmaurangi Apollo at Glenkinchie

2) Longrow Jean Genie

4th in Yearling, nice young dog who just needs to settle and gain confidence. He has a lovely shape with good bone and feet. Strong, but typical, masculine head with dark eyes.

3) Burroughtof Corby Loch

4) Roydack Black Knight at Tymora

Undergraduate Dog (2)

1) Burroughs of Corby Loch

More settled in this class. Super coat and condition, masculine head, good colour. Deep chest, short loin, well bent stifles. Moved OK.

2) Caradilis Jumping Jack

Liked his type but he could have a bit more hind angulation and he had a tendency to pace. He has a well balanced, masculine head with dark eyes and good tan and a compact body. Moved soundly when his handler got the correct speed for him.

Graduate Dog (5)

1) Forester's Northern Light of Darkmoor at Muckhart JW (Imp Deu)

2) Lignum Caribou

Liked this boy when he settled. Good head shape, dark eyes and good tan. Feet a bit flat and slack on his pasterns when standing. Lovely balanced body shape when stacked with good topline and tailset. Really drove from his hindquarters on the move but flying his tail today.

3) Graylacier Blue Marlin

4) Hernwood Wizard Of Oz JW

5) Caradilis Jumping Jack

Post Graduate Dog (3)

1) Gailiech Ngalyod

Typey, compact dog, looks good from any angle. Quality head of correct shape and proportions. Good bone and feet and good colour. Very balanced outline, good angulation front and rear, good flow through neck, topline to tail. Deep in chest, just needs body up to complete the picture. Moved with drive and very sound in his class. Well presented in great coat and condition and well handled.

2) Burroughs of Loch Leven at Glenarden

Handsome dog of good type, masculine with super bone and good colour. Appealing head, correctly sloping shoulder and decent upper arm, deep chest, well ribbed back with strong loin and enough hind angulation. Moved OK.

3) Graylacier Classic Design

Mid Limit Dog (2)

1) Paradise Picking Parsley at Bridgemere

Lovely old fashioned type with many attributes. Good skull shape, deep rather than broad but could be slightly shorter in foreface. Really good front, deep body, short loin and strong hindquarters, really drove from his hindquarters, outline very eye catching on the move.

2) Hernwood Boston High Flyer

VHC in strong Veteran class. Appealing head and expression. Strongly made throughout with similar attributes to winner, just didn't match 1 in colour, condition or movement.

Limit Dog (8)

1) Colquhally Major Tom

The more I looked at this dog the more I liked him. His head is slighter broader in skull than I prefer but is otherwise balanced with correct proportions, dark eyes and kind expression. So well constructed throughout, with good angles, deep mature body and super topline and tailset. Could have tighter feet. Presented in lovely coat and condition and very sound on the move but his handler needs to work on getting him to go freely at the correct pace without straining to fully show his attributes.

2) Red Admiral by Rubymoon JW

Another really good dog, very similar in shape to my winner and well made throughout. I preferred this boy's head, being a bit more refined in skull. Tan a bit muddy on his legs. Moved OK, true there and back but lacking drive, his handler could move him on a longer stride to better advantage.

3) When I was Your Man Black Lofty ShCEx (Imp Pol)

4) Balnakeil Beinn Corradail of Blairbelles

5) Yennadon Calvay JW

Open Dog (5)

1) Am Ch Locksheath Back In Black JH Sh Mh

CC

This mature, handsome dog took my eye for his overall size, shape and balanced outline, he fits the general description of the breed standard beautifully. Quality, masculine head, deep rather than broad with clearly defined stop and lean cheeks. Correct flat bone and good colour. Clean neck and shoulders, short back with strong level topline, correct croup and tailset. His angulation matches both ends and he is short from hock to heel. Economical and stylish on move and correct out and back. C.C. and Best Opposite Sex

2) Sh Ch Glenmaurangi Mandalorian JW

RCC

Really liked him, so close to 1 and my general remarks apply. Beautiful head and expression, deep tan. Lovely front, topline, body and really well muscled hindquarters. Went well with such a happy disposition. Res C.C.

3) Sh Ch Hernwood Achilles at Ettrick JW

4) Locksheath Black Ice

5) Sh Ch Cafotaliena Thief Of Hearts by Brobruick JW

Field Trial Dog (2)

1) Yennadon Barra JW SGWC

Mature Gordon now at his best and not overdone in any way. Well proportioned head with kind eye and soft expression. Good colour and presented in lovely coat and condition. Excels in bone with correct shoulder layback and elbows well let down. Well ribbed up with wide arched loin and strong hindquarters, short from hock to heel. Moves well covering the ground on a long stride.

2) Yennadon Reis SGWC

Dog CC: Am Ch Locksheath Back In Black JH Sh Mh
Reserve Dog CC:Sh Ch Glenmaurangi Mandalorian JW
Best Puppy Dog: Roydack Black Knight at Tymora

Best In Show: Sh Ch Flaxheath Top Model at Glenmaurangi
Reserve Best In Show: Ch/Int/Ger VDH Ch Amscot Love Is In The Air JW WW18/21
Best Opposite Sex: Am Ch Locksheath Back In Black JH Sh Mh
Best Puppy In Show: Flaxheath Cover Girl
Best Veteran In Show: Sh Ch Yennadon Benriach JW ShCEx

Brace (2)

1) Hardy

Super well matched pair, so similar in type and handled competently by their young handler – no mean feat for one so young – well done.

2) Whiting

Another well matched brace, both went well.