The Gordon Setter Association Open Show

27th August 2022

Judge: Mr P Rand

My thanks to the Committee for their invitation to judge at this show. Also thank you to my Stewards who did a great job keeping the ring running smoothly. Most of all, thank you to all the exhibitors for a lovely entry and the sporting manner in which my decisions were received. I enjoyed my day very much, the weather was kind to us, only getting slightly warmer later in the day. The temperament of all dogs that I judged was excellent.

Veteran Dog (4)

1) Benbuie Rock On To Hernwood JW BVD

Upstanding 9 year old of good type. Correct head and expression, overall body shape and angulations were correct. He moved well maintaining his top line and tailset throughout. (BVD)

2) Melview moving Time JW

Nice head and expression, good front angulation, correctly set tail, well sprung ribs. Moved well.

3) Laurelhach Yarra

4) Florcott Inchtavannach Lad

Minor Puppy Dog (0)

Puppy Dog (2)

1) Caradilis Jumping Jack

10 month old with a pleasing head, adequate length of neck, with good angulation to front assembly. Strong topline, good bone throughout, moved true.

2) Caradilis Sky Rocket

Litter brother to 1 with similar attributes. Slightly longer in body giving a different outline. Moved ok.

Junior Dog (3)

1) Cafotaliena Thief Of Hearts by Brobruick

Balanced dog with good topline, typical head shape with nice dark eyes. Strong neck leading into well placed shoulders, straight front, good depth of chest. Flat coat coming on, nice clear tan markings, moved out steady and true.

2) Hernwood The Botanist

Very different in style to first in this class. Very mature for his age, good forehand, level topline stacked. Lots of coat. Unfortunately, today his movement was rather erratic and spoilt the true picture.

3) Graylacier Blue Marlin

Novice Dog (2)

1) Kattandale Black Crusader at Rufusmoor (AI)

A substantial dog throughout, masculine head with dark eye, strong neck into well placed front, with length and depth of chest. Would just like to see tidier coat presentation. Moved out steadily.

2) Beechlake The Gambler

Finer in body overall, his head has good proportions with dark eye. Straight front, good depth of chest. Movement was adequate but this dog unfortunately flew his tail rather badly which detracts from the overall picture.

Debutant Dog (1)

1) Kattandale Black Crusader at Rufusmoor (AI)

Undergraduate Dog ((2)

1) Marlbeck Maldini

Young dog with kind expression, nice dark eyes. Although not as substantial as some, he does have some nice qualities. When he is settled he has a good length of neck, level topline, good colour tan and shiny flat black coat. It was a shame that a different handler unsettled him.

2) Kattandale Black Crusader at Rufusmoor (AI)

- Graduate Dog (8)
- 1) Cafotaliena Thief Of Hearts by Brobruick
- 2) Marlbeck Maldini
- 3) Red Admiral by Rubymoon JW
- 4) Hernwood Xmas Drummer at Ashheys
- 5) Graylacier Classic Design

Post Graduate Dog (4)

1) Hernwood Christmas Prince RBD

Strong masculine dog, but not overdone in anyway. Balanced with stylish outline, good front with depth to ribs, level topline and tailset. Lovely coat and condition, moved effortlessly around the ring. (RBD)

2) Amscot Brief Encounter

Good head and expression on this dog. Adequate angulations fore and aft, colouring could be slightly better. Movement not very easy to assess.

3) Graylacier Portreath

4) Longrow Bohemian Rhapsody at Robvale

Limit Dog (3)

1) Glenmaurangi Mandalorian JW BD & BIS

Stylish dog presented in immaculate condition. He is balanced with the correct overall shape. Handsome head with a lovely soft expression, this leads on into a strong arched neck. Well placed shoulders, excellent depth and length to rib cage with equally good angulations front and rear. Well off for bone but without coarseness, sound and flowing movement maintaining a level topline throughout, this completed the picture. (BD, BIS)

2) Balnakiel Beinn Corradail of Blairbelles

Strongly made dog with plenty of bone. Traditional head with soft expression and dark eye. Good overall in angulation front and rear. Covered plenty of ground with his long stride.

3) Pegasett Celtic Snap Dragon

Open Dog (2)

1) Glenmaurangi Storm Trooper JW

Brother to my first in LD and to some extent carries some similar attributes. Again, he was presented in beautiful condition. Another handsome head, dark eyes, lovely angulations throughout, well muscled. I felt he was slightly longer in body, but he still produced sound driving movement.

2) Sh Ch Hernwood Achilles at Ettrick JW

Another very good dog in this class. He has good body proportions throughout, correct angulations fore and aft, moved out steadily but lacked drive today.

Best Dog: Glenmaurangi Mandalorian JW

Reserve Best Dog: Hernwood Christmas Prince

Best Puppy Dog: Caradilis Jumping Jack

Best Veteran Dog: Benbuie Rock On To Hernwood JW