

The Gordon Setter Association Show 1

13th April 2024

Judge: Mr R Nagaty

It was an honour and a privilege to Judge the Gordon Setter Association breed club Championship Show. I was looking for sound quality Gordons without exaggeration. The Gordon has often been described by past well respected judges like Peggy Grayson as a head breed and I recall the late Maureen Justices explaining the amount of time she would spend when going over Gordons with her hands on the head assessing the work, contours, chiselling and shape as well as using her eye. The Gordon should present a stylish dog comparable to a weight carrying hunter who can work all day capacious in chest having lung room, strong and well-muscled in loin having good bone and being completely sound. The Gordon should be symmetrical in conformation with nothing exaggerated. Having recently judged another breed where I found quite a variation in feet, I looked for good well arched toes and tight correct oval shaped feet and was pleased with many exhibits on the day. Some classes in both dogs and bitches were very strong. Overall, I felt there was more quality in the bitches.

Special Vintage Dog (1)

1) Halliday's Yennadon Reiss SGWC; What a start to the show. Stood alone but very worthy winner. All male Gordon of correct size. Strong welldefined head with parallel lines to the muzzle & head planes, skull slightly rounded having required brain room. His strong neck flows through well laidback shoulders to a level back and a croup tending to the horizontal. Super ribcage, good front and balanced angulation. Moved sprightly with drive complemented by a tail that never stopped wagging. Belied his 10 years plus, some grey to the face could be expected but he maintains his clear rich tan on his feet.

Veteran Dog (3)

1) Millar's Sh Ch Yennadon Benriach JW SHCEX; Lots to like in this good example of the breed. Correct size, of moderate length and nothing exaggerated. He has a lovely head with defined stop and low set ears. Personally I would prefer a darker eye. He has a good length to neck and presents a terrific outline. Super rib cage with correct proportions ribs to loin. Stands on neat tight arched feet with a level back, balanced angulation fore and aft and correct tail-set. Drove round the ring covering the ground. BVD

2) McCarthy's Hernwood Boston High Flyer. Larger type all through than 1. Loved his expression and dark eyes. Has a good reach of neck and lay of shoulders. Stood with a level back. Good tan. Needs to drive more from the rear.

3) Longrow Bohemian Rhapsody. Another lovely veteran with a super head and long neck. Again, lost out on movement.

Minor Puppy Dog (1)

1) Tye's Roydack Black Knight at Tymora. Raw leggy youngster at 6 months but lots to like. He has a dark eye, sufficient stop and correct muzzle & skull shape with low set ears. His long neck flows smoothly to a level back. He has excellent angulation front and rear with pronounced breast bone. Jet black smooth coat with a good rich tan. Moved very well for one so young showing drive from his rear quarters and a slashing tail action.

Puppy Dog (1)

1) As previous class Tye's Roydack Black Knight at Tymora

Junior Dog (2)

1) Harrison-Street's Ronaldsbill Trail Blazer at Bridgemere; Well balanced, masculine Gordon giving impression of strength, of moderate length having good bone and colour. Standing and on the move held the correct topline. Has desired pronounced fore-chest and deep in brisket. Good width to rear quarters and standing on well arched tight feet of the correct oval shape. Another who used his tail to advantage as he drove around the ring. BJIS

2) Smith's Glenmaurangi Apollo at Glenkinchie; Less mature dog to 1st, just over a year old, that has a pleasing head with parallel planes to muzzle and skull having a dark eye and low set ears. Long arched neck. Good fore-chest and front assembly, balanced front and rear angulation. Needs to strengthen rear quarters and hold his topline better on the move.

Yearling Dog (5)

1) Tait's Forester's Northern Light Of Darkmoor at Muckhart JW (Imp Deu); Noble youngster maturing nicely who stands presenting the desired outline. Has a beautiful head with a melting expression, strength to neck with smooth transition to his level back. Deep in brisket and with excellent fore-chest. Correct sufficient and flat bone standing on super tight neat arched feet. In full coat for age and moved well. Moving away had the correct rear action.

2) McCarthy's Hernwood Wizard of Oz JW; Strong, balanced male having a gentle expression, good in skull with low set ears. Would prefer less throatiness. Has a good width to his rear quarters which gave him a good driving action. Moved with animation, holding his topline with excellent head carriage.

3) Pallini's Krisada Not In Kansas

4) Williams's Longrow Jean Genie

5) Smith's Glenmaurangi Apollo at Glenkinchie

Maiden Dog (2)

1) Tye's Roydack Black Knight at Tymora; 1st in earlier puppy class

2) Smith's Glenmaurangi Apollo at Glenkinchie: 2nd in Junior.

Novice Dog (4)

- 1) Mawby's Burroughs of Corby Loch; All male with well pronounced stop and correct head planes to muzzle and skull. Has a pleasing expression and low set ears. Strong neck, good straight front assembly with sternum well forward, deep chest and correct rear angulation. Hock to heel short, straight and perpendicular to the ground. Moved soundly once settled.
- 2) Roydack Black Knight at Tymora; 1st in earlier puppy class
- 3) William's Longrow Jean Genie

Undergraduate Dog (2)

- 1) Inglis's Caradilis Jumping Jack; Loved his super head with melting soft expression. Correct in muzzle and head. Strong neck flowing through well laid back shoulders to his level back. One has the desired 90 degree front angulation with good length to upper arm and shoulders. Has the required amount of bone and stood on tight arched feet of the correct oval shape. Has acceptable gentle slope to the croup which is tending to the horizontal and correct tail set. Would prefer a little more bend of stifle. Moved very well showing the right gap between the hocks and a slashing tail action.
- 2) Mawby's Burroughs of Corby Loch; 1st in previous class.

Graduate Dog (5)

- 1) Taylor's Graylacier Blue Marlin; Compact strong male. Short muzzle, level parallel planes in muzzle and to skull. Has plenty of brain room. Strong in neck with lovely smooth transition through laid back shoulders to his level back. Close at the withers. Correct forechest with good front assembly. Liked his angulation front and rear. Very well sprung ribcage. Slight slope to croup with correct tailset. Really moved well with good forward reach and plenty of drive from the rear using his tail to advantage to head this strong class.
- 2) Tait's Forester's Northern Light of Darkmoor at Muckhart JW (Imp Deu). 1st yearling.
- 3) Inglis's Caradilis Jumping Jack
- 4) Ball's Lignum Caribou
- 5) McCarthy's Hernwood Wizard Of Oz JW

Post Graduate Dog (4)

- 1) Ede's Burroughs of Loch Leven at Glenarden; Strongly headed dog with pronounced stop and having a pleasing soft melting expression when relaxed. Correct parallel planes to muzzle and skull with low set ears. Another with the desired 90 degree front angulation enhanced with good length to upper arm and shoulder blade. Deep in chest with good spring of rib. Well-muscled wide rear quarters though would prefer slightly more bend of stifle. Strength to loin and correct tail set. Really moved true with excellent drive from his strong rear quarters.
- 2) Glaysher's Marshmoor Monkey Puzzle of Billingham; Good typey Gordon having a lovely, old fashioned, head, nice kind eye and long low set ears. Good temperament at one with his handler today. His strong arched neck flows smoothly to well laidback shoulders. Good length to upper arm, ribcage well sprung. Has width to rear quarters with good second thigh muscle. Slightly longer cast and drops a little on the croup. Deserved his place having sound ground covering movement
- 3) Hogg's Gailiech Ngalyod; My notes state nice dog, presented a typical setter outline.

4) Britton's Graylacier Classic Design

Mid Limit Dog (3)

1) Harrison-Street's Paradise Picking Parsley at Bridgemere; Stylish male with a classic Gordon head. Broad nostrils on muzzle, parallel lines viewed from both top and side, well defined stop with skull slightly rounded and parallel to muzzle. Very long low set ears. Good length to neck with clean smooth line to well laidback shoulders. Level back when stacked with a croup tending to the horizontal. Has substance with good fore-chest and well sprung ribcage. Has correct 90degree front angulation with good length to upper arm and shoulders. This is matched by his rear angulation with good bend of stifle. Just edged his classmates on movement though all in this class showed good forehand and drive from the rear.

2) Morgan's Caradilis Sky Rocket JW; One I have admired from the ringside and unlucky to meet 1 in such fine form. Nice to go over, he has a strong male head with well defined stop. When relaxed he had a gentle expression. Long ears and neck. Strong well sprung ribcage. Stood on neat tight arched feet. Would prefer a little more width to hind quarters and just lost his topline on his final stand. In beautiful full coat. Handled and presented to perfection.

3) Gregg's Locksheath Beach Comber

Limit Dog (7)

1) Danks's Colquhally Major Tom; Mature male coming into his prime and in full coat. Love his head and kind expression. Has low set ears and length to his strong neck. Level back and strong croup. Correct front assembly, good bone and neat tight well arched feet having a clean tan. Deep in brisket with excellent spring of rib. Correct tail set. Presents a lovely strong picture of a mature Gordon when stacked. He moved well when settled but has a habit of moving off too fast. Very well presented in full coat. Pushed hard for top honours and was very close up to my ticket winners.

2) Butler's Red Admiral by Rubymoon JW; Neat and compact male with a gorgeous head and expression. Good reach of neck which flows to his level back. Good balanced angulation front and rear. One whose hocks to heel were correctly perpendicular to the ground. Correct tail set. Moved well.

3) Millar's Yennadon Calvay JW

4) Smith's Palangor Moonlight Shadow

5) Henderson's When I Was Your Man Black Lofty ShCEx (Imp Pol)

Open Dog (7)

1) Harker's Sh Ch Hernwood Achilles at Ettrick JW;- Stylish handsome all male Gordon. Slightly larger dog, but balanced, who presents a good profile. Old fashioned noble head with all the correct muzzle and head planes. Wide scenting nostrils on square end shape to his muzzle. Plenty of chiselling, providing the required work in the head and a well-defined stop. Dark lovely round eye, of desired almond shape setting, placed well in the brow. Very long low set ears. Strong neck of correct proportions, level back with excellent well sprung ribcage, deep in brisket. Adequate fore-chest, straight front, good flat bone

standing on tight arched feet. Has a good bend of stifle. In full coat. Moved with style having good forward reach and excellent drive from his strong rear quarters, using his tail to advantage. RCC.

2) Phillips, Miles & Watkins Sh Ch Glenmaurangi Mandalorian JW; Loved his head and soft melting expression. A happy boy, his shortened tail never stopped wagging. Good bone and substance. Balanced angulation. Level back and correct tail set. When stood his hock to heel was straight and perpendicular to the ground. Scored over his littermate in third on his level back and overall balance without exaggeration. RCC

3) Phillis, Watkins & Sykes's Sh Ch Glenmaurangi Storm Trooper JW

4) Bryant's Kilnrae Hallmark JW

5) Mitchell's Sh Ch Cafotaliena Thief Of Hearts by Brobruick JW

Field Trial Dog ((2)

1) Halliday's Yennadon Barra JW SGWC:-CC Now fully mature at 5 years of age. Super head with a dark eye giving a soft melting expression, well defined stop and long low set ears. Strong neck of good length. Another with the desired 90degree front angulation having good length to upper arm and long well laidback shoulders. The front legs are set back giving a good pronounced fore-chest. Stood on tight arched toes on neat feet of correct oval shape. Deep chest, well sprung ribs giving plenty of heart room. Has a level back strong arched loin, croup tending to horizontal and correct tail set. Good width and strength in his very well muscled rear quarters. Moved freely and soundly with good forward reach and correct rear action really eating up the ground as he drove round the ring. Well deserved CC which I now understand is the icing on the cake following his recent gaining of the coveted Full Champion title. CC & BOS.

2) Halliday's Yennadon Reiss SGWC; my star in the Vintage class, still showing well later in the day.

Dog CC: Yennadon Barra JW SGWC

Reserve Dog CC: Sh Ch Hernwood Achilles at Etrick JW

Best Puppy Dog: Roydack Black Knight at Tymora

Special Vintage Bitch (0)

Veteran Bitch (9)

1) Slaughter' Sh Ch Cairacailie Night of Love with Ordett JW; A very feminine bitch whom I have admired since first seeing as a Puppy when I awarded her BPIB. Sweetest of heads with dark eyes, long low set ears set on a strong clean neck that has a smooth transition through her well-placed shoulders to her level back. Good front angulation. Neat compact with no exaggeration. Shown in full coat. Moved soundly using her tail to advantage. Pressed hard for top honours, pleased to award her BVB & BVIS.

2) Whiting's Locksheath True Baloo; Appealed in head being feminine with a good defined stop, dark eyes set well in the brow. Has the correct shape to her muzzle. Good reach of

neck. Correct body properties and shown in excellent condition with a gleaming smooth coat. Neat feet. Moved out well covering the ground effortlessly.

3) Yate's Dunfionn Sanda For Gailiech; Nearly 9yr old not showing her age. Super head and expression with low set ears. Balanced angulation. Strong ribcage deep in brisket.

4) Harrison's Paradise Final Fantasy

5) Rand's Hernwood Summer Eclipse at Kintalis

Minor Puppy Bitch (2)

Two litter mates both confident and showing their socks off for such a young age

1) Line's Flaxheath Centrefold; Won on her femininity having a super soft expression.

Excels in head on good reach of neck that flows smoothly to her level back. Balanced with correct angulation and having good amount of fore-chest. Stood on neat arched toes.

Moved soundly with excellent forehand and reach.

BPB & BPIS

2) Phillips and Watkins's Flaxheath Cover Girl; Slightly larger frame than her sibling and with not such a flowing outline. Has a lovely dark eye, well defined stop. Has a long neck, good fore-chest and front assembly. She has a strong back and spring of rib with a deep chest for age. At times kept a level topline on the move just needs to maintain throughout. Very well behaved clearly taken to the show ring as she covered the ground effortlessly with a good stride and drive.

Puppy Bitch (3)

1st two puppies very close up just preferred the head and greater bone of winner.

1) Green's Balnakeil Creag Rainich; Classic head with good shape to muzzle and skull with the darkest of eyes set well in the brow and with low set ears. Has desired rich tan markings. Lovely front angulation and fore-chest. Of moderate length with good well sprung ribcage. Moved soundly.

2) Garbett's Gailiech Beverleydottir; Similar comments apply. Slightly stronger in head. Desired smooth line from her lean neck through well laid shoulders into her level back. Nice length from hip to hock. Hock to heel straight. Correct tail-set. Another sound mover.

3) Fuller's Bonniemicht's Akinos Glow of Rosemullion. Very sweet with soft expression.

Junior Bitch (4)

1) Green's Balnakeil Creag Rainich; winner Puppy Bitch

2) Phillips, Bishop & Watkins's Glenmaurangi Aurora; Mature for age with lovely dark eye. Strong lean neck. Has strength in body with deep well sprung rib cage and strong arched loin. Level in back with croup tending to horizontal. Tight well arched toes on neat feet of correct shape. Moved soundly with forward reach and good rear drive once settled.

3) Fuller's Bonniemicht's Akinos Glow of Rosemullion

4) Frost & Andrews's Lannireach Born To Be A Star

Yearling Bitch (4)

1) Passmore's Beechlake The Poet In My Heart; Won on her maturity and balance being symmetrical throughout. Very appealing in head, good shape to muzzle and skull with long

low set ears. Has the desired 90degree front angulation with good length to upper arm and laid-back shoulders. Straight front. Level back deep in brisket and well sprung ribcage. Slight gentle slope to croup and correct tail set. Has required bend of stifle. Stood on neat tight feet with well arched toes.

2) Gray's Kattandale Blac Hawke's Bay at Birniehill (AI) Finer racier type. Has desired dark eye. Good reach to her clean neck & flow to well laid shoulders and level back. A compact bitch of moderate length showing desired balance and symmetry. Correct tail set.

3) Whiting's Locksheath April In Paris

4) William's Longrow Love Is The Drug

Maiden Bitch (2)

1) Ball's Kilnrae Black Sapphire; Very sweet bitch having a feminine head with a melting soft expression. Smooth jet black coat with a nice clean rich tan. Good in stop and skull having desired work in head. Another having that smooth flow from her arched neck to her level back. Presents a lovely balanced outline. Long from hip to hock but without exaggeration. Good tail set. Moved with real drive from her strong rear quarters.

2) Green's Balnakeil Creag Rainich. 1st Puppy bitch.

Novice Bitch (3)

1) Garbett's Langstrumpf Hochsommer; Extremely feminine pretty bitch. Sweetest of heads having a melting soft expression with dark eyes, good stop and long ears. Level back with croup tending to horizontal and correct tail set. Balanced angulation front and rear. In full coat. Moved like a pocket rocket, soundly with good forward reach and drive from the rear.

2) Green's Balnakeil Creag Rainich

3) William's Longrow Love Is The Drug

Undergraduate Bitch (2)

1) Green's Sooty Ringlet; Classic old style, brick on brick head with correct level and parallel head planes. Good reach of neck. Excellent front angulation with pronounced sternum. Level back with correct tail set. Stood on good well arched tight feet. Good length from hip to hock. Perpendicular straight from hock to heel. Good colour. Moved true fore and aft.

2) Hardy's Cafotaliena Hello My Love; Feminine mature bitch with lovely dark eyes. Smooth, jet black coat. Has strength in body with level back and good ribcage. Handled and moved very well.

Graduate Bitch (1)

1) Rand's Kintalis Winter Jasmine; Feminine bitch finer in head with good eye set within raised brow. Presents a lovely outline having a clean neck and smooth flow from occiput to her level back. Good fore-chest with pronounced sternum. Strong in back and loin with good width to her muscled rear quarters. Another having the desired well arched toes and correct foot shape. Has good tan and coal black shiny coat. Very well handled, sound mover who held her level topline on the move.

Post Graduate Bitch (3)

1) Gunnery's Longrow Love Of My Life (AI); Very feminine bitch with a quality classic head. Has lovely dark eyes set well in her brow. Good stop and slight curve to skull. Of moderate length with level back, good depth of brisket and balanced angulation. Really liked this bitch as she really impressed at first sight and did not disappoint. Moved soundly in full coat.

2) Whiting's Locksheath Fallen Acorn; Stronger bitch than 1. Has a lovely dark eye, strong neck with good reach. Strength in body with good bone, deep chest and level back. Presented in full coat. Tidy mover.

3) Harris's Annie-Macrae Dowry Town of Bonnienicht (Imp Cze)

Mid Limit Bitch (7) Two pretty feminine bitches headed this very strong class of excellent Gordon bitches. Both have the loveliest of heads with dark sparking eyes giving the desired Gordon expression that just melts one's heart.

1) Robert's Moonglade Lily Mae Magic; Won on overall maturity in full coat. Super defined head having plenty of work in cheeks and skull. Has good reach of neck, well placed shoulders and level back. Deep in chest and with arch to loin. She stands on the neatest of feet having well arched toes. Balanced all through without exaggeration. Good width and depth to her well-muscled rear quarters. Straight from hock joint to ground. Moved with animation having good forehand with excellent forward reach and drive from the rear really covering the ground with style. CC & BOB & BIS

2) Ackerley-Kemp's Yennadon Highland Heidi; Similar attributes to winner having the loveliest of heads and dark eyes. Good reach of neck flows smoothly into well laid shoulders close at the withers. Deep chest with good spring of rib. Lovely rear quarters with correct bend of stifle and tail set. Excelled in movement from her well-muscled rear quarters. Just needs a little more coat which will come with maturity. RCC

3) Leonard's Painted Lady at Tregarrick; Strong but feminine bitch that meets the standard, unlucky to meet 1 & 2 on such good form.

4) Green's Benbuie True Colours at Malocomi

5) Jones's Roydack The Duchess

Limit Bitch (5)

1) Horn's Ordett Love Me Do at Keaswood JW; Strong, feminine bitch that fits the weight carrying hunter description as per the Gordon standard. Good in muzzle and skull with a defined stop. Has a nice setter outline with good smooth line. Neck flows to well set shoulders and to a level back. Balanced fore and aft with fore-chest and strong well-muscled rear quarters. Good bone and feet. Moved soundly. Lovely smooth black coat and clean tan. At Southern Counties 2021 she was my best puppy and it is good to see she has developed well and she pressed hard for top honours today.

2) Ford's Liric Just Remember Me; Different type to 1 in head having a more classic noble head but otherwise many similar properties. Wonderful strong body that meets the heavy weight hunter description in the standard. Good angulation and strong bone. Little longer cast than winner. In full coat. Moved positively and soundly.

- 3) Swedya's Waseley Springtyme
- 4) Burke's Beechlake Hey Jude
- 5) Upton-Lovett & Upton's Roydack Portrait Of A Lady

Open Bitch (3)

1) Green's Balnakeil Creag Na Caillich; Won on her overall quality and type. Correct muzzle parallel planes from top and side and to top of skull. Pleasing in head with low set ears. Good reach of neck, level back and correct croup and tail set. Stood on good legs with well arched toes and tight feet. Has good width to her muscled rear quarters having good second thigh. Straight from hock joint to ground. Owned the ring as she showed her sound driving movement.

2) Davies's Hernwood Athena at Herrera; Old fashioned stylish type with classic Gordon head. Strong, fit 6 ½ years her tan just starting to go a little grey. Has correct bone and substance with deep chest and good spring of rib. Moved effortlessly with real drive.

3) Whiting's Dt Ch Locksheath Princess Tiana JW

Field Trial Bitch (0)

Bitch CC: Moonglade Lily Mae Magic

Reserve Bitch CC: Yennadon Highland Heidi

Best Puppy Bitch: Flaxheath Centrefold

Best In Show: Moonglade Lily Mae Magic

Reserve Best In Show: Yennadon Barra JW SGWC

Best Opposite Sex: Yennadon Barra JW SGWC

Best Puppy In Show: Flaxheath Centrefold

Best Veteran In Show: Sh Ch Cairacailie Night Of Love with Ordett JW

Brace (2)

1) Whiting

2) Hardy

Progeny (0)

Ramsey Nagaty

Marlbeck Setters