

The Gordon Setter Association Open Show

21st September 2024

Judge: Mrs B Smith

I would like to thank The Gordon Setter Association for inviting me to judge at this show. Thank you to the committee for the warm, friendly welcome the hospitality on the day and also to my steward, Lesley, who made everything run smoothly and efficiently, even when we were forced to move inside due to the wet and threatening weather. I would like to thank all exhibitors for giving me the opportunity to go over their lovely dogs, I thoroughly enjoyed my day. I was looking for an animal that was fit for function, especially that work for which it was bred for on the Scottish Moors, symmetrical conformation, lung room, firm muscle, strong hindquarters were foremost in my mind as was the head and expression that melts our hearts. Where close decisions had to be made it was the finer points that I looked to. Thank you to you all for your support and sportsmanship today.

Veteran Dog (1)

1) Yennadon Reiss SGWC

Balanced in conformation, legs of flat bone leading to good shoulders, excellent width in body and depth of chest, ribs well sprung and ribbed up into firm, strong loin. Well-developed muscle in rear and second thigh, he held his topline well and his condition shone through in the effortless movement driven from behind which is a pleasure to watch in our breed. A senior gentleman with a lovely expression and soft dark eye, losing his tan colour on his muzzle now, leaving him with a very distinguished look. Coat of coal black in good shining condition. BVD/BVIS.

Minor Puppy Dog (2)

1) Langstrumpf Villekulla (AI)

BPIS

7mths. Nice young male. Straight front with nice flat bone, good depth to chest and nice fore chest with well-placed shoulders leading into a good length of neck. Ribbed well back into nice loin. A pleasing head and expression, lovely oval dark eye, lean cheeks, broad dark nose and good head proportions, good ear placement. Coat of coal black with feathering developing. Well-padded feet, good tan. Moved well once he relaxed into his stride. BPD/BPIS.

2) Cottonstones Dazzling Lad

6mths. Another youngster with nice flat bone, good front and shoulders. Good depth and rib, short loin. Head of good proportions, nice oval eye, well set ears. Coat of coal black in good condition. Two very pleasing puppies with character, preferred the expression of 1.

Puppy Dog (1)

1) Hero Majestic Manon Lescaut Yennadon (Imp CZE)

9mths. A well-built youngster with flat bone leading into a good front assembly, nice shoulder placement and strong neck. Good depth and nice spring of rib leading to a firm loin. Well-muscled in rear. Head of nice proportions, nice dark eye, well set ears. Coat of shining coal black in good condition. Tan developing in richness. This boy was very eager to move and did so with speed.

Junior Dog (2)

1) Hero Majestic Manon Lescaut Yennadon (Imp CZE)

More settled in movement in this class he held his topline, moving with good reach and drive.

2) Glenmaurangi Apollo at Glenkinchie

17mths. A substantial young male with good flat bone leading into a good front assembly. Lean neck. Good ribcage, ribbed well back into loin. Deep masculine head with lean cheeks and dark eye. Coat of shining coal black. An exuberant boy who was also eager to move today. Just preferred the rear drive of winner.

Yearling Dog (1)

1) Glenmaurangi Apollo at Glenkinchie

Novice Dog (0)

Undergraduate Dog (0)

Graduate Dog (0)

Post Graduate Dog (1)

1) Fieldberry Secret Weapon at Rufusmoor JW

Masculine boy of heavier build with good flat bone leading into nice front, nice fore chest and depth of brisket, ribcage well sprung, giving plenty of lung room, firm loin. Well-muscled throughout, in firm condition, nice dark eye and good ear placement. Coat of coal black and well presented. Good clean tan. Moved a little close behind.

Limit Dog (3)

1) Caradilis Sky Rocket JW

RBD

Strongly built male with nice flat bone, straight front and well laid shoulder, strong neck, good fore chest and depth in chest. Nice spring to ribs. Firm loin of good width, well-muscled thigh. A masculine head of nice proportions, oval eye of good colour, well placed ears. Coal black coat in good condition with excellent shine, well presented. Good clear tan in legs. He moved with purpose, holding his topline well on the move, one of the better tail actions on the move today. RBD.

2) Marlbeck Maldini

A pleasing head of good lines, lean cheeks, broad dark nose, nice eye giving overall kind expression. Lean neck, nice depth of chest and good muscle in rear. Good clear tan. He was a bit of a handful to stack, glad to see him settle on the move.

3) Palangor Moonlight Shadow

Open Dog (2)

1) Ch Yennadon Barra JW SGWC

BD

Another strongly built male, nice profile. Straight front with nice flat bone, well placed shoulders leading to strong neck, good fore chest. Excellent depth of brisket to well sprung ribs, plenty of lung room, well ribbed back into a firm strong loin, good width to rear, excellent width of thigh and second thigh. Masculine head of good proportions, lean in cheek, broad dark nose with open nostril, nice dark eye and soft expression. Coat of shining coal black and clear tan. Well-muscled throughout and in firm condition, he demonstrated balance in reach and drive on the move, holding his topline well covering the ground effortlessly. BD & RBIS/BOS.

2) Sh Ch Cafotaliena Thief Of Hearts by Brobruick JW

I liked the build of this male, straight front with nice flat bone leading into well placed shoulders and nice neck, good fore chest and depth in chest. Nice spring to ribs. Firm loin with width and a well-muscled rear. A very pleasing head of good proportions, lean cheeks, nice eye and a good ear placement giving a lovely kind expression. His coat in good condition, shiny and coal black. His tan is clear and lustrous. He moved out well. He pushed hard today in the challenge, just pipped to the post by the smooth action of 1 today.

Best Dog: Ch Yennadon Barra JW SGWC

Reserve Best Dog: Caradilis Sky Rocket

Best Puppy Dog: Langstrumpf Villekulla (AI) (Best Puppy)

Veteran Bitch (2)

1) Benbuie Rose Quartz with Kellizlot

A balanced bitch with nice flat bone, good fore chest and nice depth. Good spring of rib leading to nice loin. Good width of thigh. A very pleasing head of good proportions, lean cheeks, oval eye, dark and expressive, skull of good shape leading into her lean neck. Good colour in legs, fading a bit on muzzle now, but this did not detract from her dignified expression. She strode out well holding her topline on the move. BVB.

2) Ch Forester's Xclusive Edition of Darkmoor at Marlbeck (Imp Deu)

So lovely to see a bitch at this time in her life enjoying herself and defying her age, credit to her owner. A bitch of substance also with a good front assembly and depth of brisket, nice spring of rib and firm loin. A dark eye and good ear placement gave her a very sweet expression. She moved out well, just preferred the head and movement of 1.

Minor Puppy Bitch (2)

1) Langstrumpf Dandeliona (AI)

7mths A sweet young bitch. Nice flat bone, chest developing, nice placement of shoulders leading into a good length of neck. Ribbed well back into loin. A pleasing head and expression, lovely dark eye and nice head proportions, good ear placement. Coat of coal black with nice rich tan. Moved freely.

2) Langstrumpf Pollyanna (AI)

7mths. Another sweet young bitch, not surprised to see she was a litter sister to 1. Although some differences in their heads, similar in body. Pipped to 1st on movement today.

Puppy Bitch (1)

1) Harley Manon Lescaut Yennadon (Imp CZE)

9mths. A lovely profile, balanced angulation, straight front with nice flat bone, nice depth of rib and ribbed well back, firm loin. A nice head of good proportions with well-placed ears, lovely dark eye and keen expression. Coat of shiny coal black and a nice rich tan, feathering developing. Well-padded toes. Having been a challenge to keep still she was happy on the move, moved well. BPB/RBPIS.

Junior Bitch (1)

1) Flaxheath Cover Girl at Glenmaurangi

1yr. A lovely bitch of good proportions, balanced angulation. Nice straight front and flat bone, good fore chest and depth in front, good shoulder placement, long lean neck and ribbed well back into firm loin. Rear, strong with good width and muscle. Pretty head with lean cheeks, nice eye, good proportions, low set ears. Coat of shiny coal black, rich tan colour, well presented. Held her topline on the move with good reach and drive. A very tight decision for BJIS, she won on steady, free movement today in the challenge. BJIS.

Yearling Bitch (1)

1) Glenmaurangi Aurora

Nice bitch with symmetrical balance good straight front, nice flat bone and good shoulder placement, ribbed well, firm loin. Nice head proportions with a soft eye and expression. Lean neck. Coat of shiny coal black in good condition, nice tan. Moved well.

Novice Bitch (1)

1) Marlbeck Maddalena

Pleasing bitch of equal angulation fore and aft, nice flat bone with nice clean tan on legs, ribbed well into a neat loin. Feminine head with dark eye. Coal black coat. Happy on the move, moved with style.

Undergraduate Bitch (2)

1) Longrow Love Is The Drug

Good profile, balanced in her angulation, straight front with nice flat bone. Good spring of rib. Pleasing head of good proportions, low set ears, nice dark eye giving a soft expression. Coal black coat with good shine, clear tan. Moved well with good balanced action.

2) Marlbeck Maddalena

She was not so happy on the move inside on the matting and it showed in her movement.

Graduate Bitch (1)

1) Longrow love Is The Drug (1)

Post Graduate Bitch (1)

1) Burroughtof Lilly loch

Balanced in profile, with flat bone, nice depth to brisket and well sprung ribs, firm loin. Appealing head of good proportions with well set ears and dark eye, pleasing expression. Coal black coat and good tan. Moved with purpose, a little close behind.

Limit Bitch (5)

1) Yennadon Highland Heidi

BB & BIS

Lovely in profile, symmetrical throughout she caught the eye. Straight front, good flat bone, excellent fore chest and depth of brisket, well placed shoulders, lean neck. Well sprung ribs giving plenty of lung room. Strong level topline and good width in rear with well-muscled thigh and second thigh, in excellent firm condition. Feminine head of good proportions, lean cheeks, muzzle of almost parallel lines, nice eye and good ear placement giving keen intelligent expression. Coal black coat in shining condition, good rich tan, well presented. Holding her topline she moved effortlessly with reach and drive, nice stylish action. BB/BIS.

2) Beechlake Hey Jude

RBB & RBIS

Attractive bitch with straight front, good flat bone, excellent fore chest and good depth of brisket. Ribs well sprung leading to firm loin. Well-muscled behind and in good condition. Attractive head of good proportions, oval dark eye, low set ears, sweet expression. Coal black coat in good condition, good tan on muzzle and legs. Moved well holding her topline in a good ground covering action. Just preferred the hindquarters and drive of winner. RBB

3) Glynderys Moonstone

4) Roydack The Duchess

5) Longrow Love Of My Life (AI)

Open Bitch (0)

Best Bitch: Yennadon Highland Heidi (Best in Show0

Reserve Best Bitch: Beechlake Hey Jude

Best Puppy Bitch: Harley Manon Lescaut Yennadon (Imp CZE)

Best In Show: Yennadon Highland Heidi

Reserve Best In Show & Best Opposite Sex: Ch Yennadon Barra JW SGWC

