

## **BCC OF GB CHAMP SHOW 17 MARCH 2013**

### **Dogs – Jo Ratcliffe (Arrodare/Grandver)**

An enjoyable day, I was pleased to find some quality males present through the classes. It is always much preferable to judge the Breed in large rings with a good surface like we had today, - allowing for better assessment of movement.

This was my 7<sup>th</sup> time awarding CCs in our Breed, and whilst I feel there is an overall lack in the depth in quality compared to the past, I was very pleased to find dogs in every class that were true to Breed type, and displayed the true Border Collie gait.

As always when I judge I am looking for a well constructed dog, who shows Breed type with moderation, grace & balance with the correct, all important Border Collie gait.

I was very pleased with my line up, and especially those that made the first cut in the challenge – which were the VD, OD, LD, YD & JD.

#### **MPD**

1<sup>st</sup> – Beesting Buzzwagon. Dark 7 month old male who is all quality, and appeals so much for his correct Breed type – I look at him & I see “Border Collie”. He is of correct size with just the right amount of bone, and was shown in ideal body condition for his age. Lovely typical, well proportioned head, with the correct shape & set of eye for a typical expression. Straight front, with a lovely neck & shoulder. Correct ribbing & length of loin. His croup was a little obscured by his coat, but on examination was correct. Well turned stifles and strong hocks, and a super low set, long tail. For his age his side gait was excellent, covering the ground with ease – despite his handler’s wish to move way too fast at times. Great temperament, & so confident for his age. I really liked him a lot & awarded him Best Puppy Dog. Later he was a very close-up Reserve BPIS to a really lovely Minor Puppy Bitch. Good luck with him, he impressed me a lot.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Goytre Saucie Moment. Another lovely youngster, who was immaculately presented in lovely condition. Well grown, but has the coat & body to balance it – I expect & hope that he has finished growing now. Appeals particularly for a lovely head & expression, which is masculine without coarseness. He was unsettled at times on the move, and still needs to improve in hind action, but at times displayed a good, typical action to secure this place.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Altricia Stroll A While

#### **PD**

1<sup>st</sup> – Sianworth Highland Knight. Nice sized, balanced 11 months old striking tricolour dog who carries a big coat, which was well presented & did not obscure his shape. He presents a very nice outline, has a lovely neck, correct topline & a particularly good turn of stifle. At times he was a little unsettled, but was controlled well by his handler to display enough of the correct ground covering action that I was looking for. Well boned & in good body condition. Lost out for BP on the lovely MP, which was no disgrace.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Foxbarton Kings Ransom. Black & white dog who is at the typical “in between stage” of development. Finer boned than 1 & giving away a lot on maturity. Has correct eye & was attentive to his handler. Balanced angulation front to rear, which allowed him to move in an efficient & ground covering manner, - he moved out very well for his handler, covering the ground well with a typical low gait & this secured his place here.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Tonkory Xpectation at Freespirit

JD

This was a lovely class, first 3 were really nice youngsters.

1<sup>st</sup> – Caleykiz Smoke on the Water. 15 months old moderate Blue & white dog who appeals greatly for his overall balance & correctness. He is of good size with correct bone, and displays a typical Border Collie outline with graceful, flowing lines. His head is balanced in skull and muzzle proportions, with well positioned eyes - ears could be better, but he uses them well. Good length of leg, which creates the all important overall balance. Lovely neck, with good front assembly & a particularly good depth of chest & spring of rib for his age. Short loin, and finishes very well with a lovely croup & long, low set tail, good turn of stifle & strong straight hocks. Alert & attentive to his handler at all times, - displaying the correct character of the breed. Moved well away and in profile, - particularly appealing for his correct outline & balance on the move. He continued to impress me more & more at the end of the day in the Dog Challenge with his movement & I was happy to award him a well deserved first CC, and on the referee’s decision he was later Best In Show.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Beesting Mesemba. Very appealing black & white, dark headed dog of great breed type. He is a typical junior who at times moved very well. Presented a lovely balanced outline on the stack & was particularly impressed by his side gait when he got into his stride. Needs time to muscle up behind, which will hopefully complete the picture.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Littlethorn Phantom

YD

1<sup>st</sup> – Goytre Smokin Gun. Masculine black & white youngster, who was presented in immaculate condition. He has a really lovely masculine head, & a lovely alert expression – all male, but without any hint of coarseness. Good neck & shoulder, well boned & of good size & type. Correct body proportions, displaying a lovely balanced outline. Moved out very well, with good front extension & a good length of well carried tail. He made the cut in the challenge, but I would have liked to see more drive and extension from the rear, which ultimately cost him any higher honours.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Borderbrook Take That JW. Gained 2nd place here on overall breed type & construction. Movement was balanced, and efficient. Moderate in type, without coarseness & presented and handled well.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Aculsia Rembrant with Kedostel

ND

1<sup>st</sup> – Sianworth Highland Knight – as puppy

2<sup>nd</sup> – Minkynips What Yer Fink. Nice dilute blue merle youngster, who was badly out of coat & at a typical junior stage. He is correctly made throughout & of good size, with balanced bone. Strong masculine head with good pigmentation, and lovely eye. He has a super neck & good rear angulation & croup. I think this is a dog that with ring training & maturity could be very nice.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Borderbrook Final Chapter

PGD

1<sup>st</sup> – Littlethorn Maclaren. Beautifully marked, appealing tricolour dog. He is very well grown, and I hope that with maturity he will “drop” into his body to create the overall balanced body proportions we require. He has a head which I find on the strong side of appealing, of balanced proportions with a good shape, set & colour of eye & alert outlook which is to his advantage. Lovely long neck, body well proportioned, with correct ribcage, short loin & he has a good croup. Beautifully presented, a real credit to his owners & how a show dog should be in condition. He was sadly disappointing on the move today, which meant that I did not consider him further in the challenge.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Caleykiz the Dragon Prince of Spellweaver. This dog was a real question for me. Had I been judging purely on side gait & type (which everyone knows are high in my priorities) then he would have won this class. He is, however, at a dreadful stage in his maturity which means he appears tall & out of proportion. I really like his overall breed type & feel he is a proper BC with a good side gait. He lost out here because he was so loose both coming & going & he really needs to be muscled up, - his feet could be better – but if this dog was mine then I consider he is worthwhile putting the effort into.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Beesting Dalesman

MLD

1<sup>st</sup> – Aculsia Starquest with Kedostel. A smaller dog who I have done well for in the past. He appeals to me so much because of breed type, - being a correct moderate Border Collie. He has a lovely balanced head, with correct & appealing eye. In lovely condition as always, & well handled. His construction is moderate throughout. I would prefer more slope to his croup & more length of stride which meant he did not make the final cut for the cc challenge.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Kinaway I am Sir Matt with Jacamalis. Dark dog, who has a nice head with appealing eye. He was presented beautifully & handled to his advantage. I would prefer more length of neck & overall angulation, but what he has is balanced & creates a good overall balanced movement in profile.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Borderbrook the Dauphin

LD

1<sup>st</sup> – Littlethorn Scirroco. This dog really surprised me today. I have judged him as a youngster, and also seen him in the ring on several occasions. Today he was shown in excellent condition & handled beautifully to get the best from him. When he is settled & into his stride he moves very well, - sometimes he drops his head too low & raises extremely high over the loin, appearing very

unbalanced front to rear which unfortunately happened in the challenge. I really like his overall breed type, he has a lovely head & eye with the correct amount of bone & body proportions, good length of leg with a good turn of stifle with neat hocks & a lovely low set tail. I would expect he will gain his title.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Altricia Masterpiece at Collshep. I really like the type of this dog. I would like him to be a little bigger, and a shade more masculine. I find very little to fault him on, he has a lovely head with a well placed dark eye. He has balanced body proportions all through, with a well sprung ribcage & deep chest & short loin. He moved very soundly coming & going, but lacking a little of the energy & drive on the move that I was looking for. I wonder if he may move with more enthusiasm outdoors.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Janbell Valentino avec Coussiere JW

OD

1<sup>st</sup> – Sh Ch Sianworth Magical Spell over Glenfound. A really lovely tricolour dog who I have done well for before, and I really do like. I find him overall to be very balanced, and to scream Breed Type. He has a good neck, and plenty of rear angulation. He finds it very hard to settle to the task in hand, especially in an indoor ring & I found that his movement coming & going was just not sound enough to award him the CC. In the challenge I gave him another chance to show me how he can move, but he was insistent on pulling against the lead which made his movement out & back very erratic. On the side gait he exhibited the true reach & drive that we are looking for in the breed, & for type this is a dog that should say so much to judges of the Breed. Today he gained a RCC from me.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Littlethorn Colt at Tobermoray ShBCWT. Very glamorous b/w male, presented in excellent coat & condition. He never put a foot wrong today, and was totally in tune with his handler. He has a masculine head will correct set & shape of eye. Lovely neck, and is the correct length to height ratio, with a good croup & tailset. I preferred the low ground covering action of 1<sup>st</sup> in profile movement.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Sheltysham Space Spy

SPO (Colour)

1<sup>st</sup> – Stillmoor Ice in the Sun at Collshep. Blue merle dog who was looking superb. He moved so well, and is very well put together. Head masculine, without coarseness & lovely eyes & pigmentation. A true credit to his owner, and not looking out of place being in the challenge.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Spellweaver Mr Nice Guy. Blue & white male, who was handled to his advantage. Presented in lovely condition & presents a good overall outline. He is a moderate dog, without coarseness & a good colour with the correct pigmentation. Moved soundly in all directions to win 2<sup>nd</sup> in a nice class.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Sianworth Rustic Charmer

SP Good Cit

1<sup>st</sup> – Altricia Masterpiece at Collshep (2<sup>nd</sup> in Limit)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Littlethorn Rolls Royce at Brooksbid CDex UDex. Dark male, of good breed type, with a very nice head & lovely expressive eye & ears. Great neck & front assembly, very alert to his handler,

with a great temperament & clearly enjoying his day out. Super condition in body & coat, and free low action on the move with a good front extension. I would prefer better hocks & hind action.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Foxbarton Kings Ransom

VD

1<sup>st</sup> – Tribboch Mr Dream Merchant. A lovely type of dog, now in his veteran years. I retained him in the CC challenge as I felt he deserved this. His appeal comes from his correctness, nothing is exaggerated. He has a masculine head, without coarseness & a lovely eye. Good neck, correct body proportions & croup with good turn of stifle. I find him a little wide coming to, and would like to see a little more animation in his movement, which cost him any further consideration.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Madeleys Top Hat Matt with Pikara. Nice dog, who was looking very well for a veteran. Covers the ground effortlessly, with a free, low action. Presented in lovely coat & condition & handled to his advantage – lost out to 1 on my preference for type.

VVD

1<sup>st</sup> – Kinaway Clan Fraser. This dog made me smile, as he reminded me so much of the dogs of days gone by. He held his own here, showing a lovely effortless movement even in these later years, with a super croup & long low set tail. I love his breed type & style, – I only wish that people would be viewing these dogs in numbers today. Thank you for bringing him, I really enjoyed seeing him – & a credit to you.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Stillmoor Simply Special at Collshep ShCM. A prick eared dog that I have judged before & done well for. He has a lovely head & eye, and the true will to please is still written in his eyes. Moderate all through, with good breed type. He has lovely neck with good shoulders & the correct topline. Well set & carried tail, lovely dog.