

Kent, Surrey & Sussex Labrador Retriever Breed Open Show

3rd February 2024

Thank you to the officers and committee for the invitation to judge my first breed club open show. I was delighted with my entry and thank every exhibitor for entering and giving me the pleasure of judging their dogs. I felt the overall quality was quite mixed with the bitch classes definitely stronger than the dogs.

Minor Puppy 4, 2a

1st Metcalfe's Baileydale Rocket Man, yellow 7 months. I was really taken by this promising young dog. Super head with a melting expression. Excellent front assembly. Balanced throughout. Excellent movement, handled at just the right speed. I will watch this boy with interest. I couldn't overlook the quality and even at his young age delighted to award him Best Dog and then Best Puppy In Show, also Best Opposite Sex.

2nd Walton's Gallybob Uno, Nicley made puppy with good overall shape and proportions. Rather full of it which made accessing movement rather challenging.



Puppy Dog 5, 1a

Lovely quality puppy class, my top three making my decision a difficult one. Pleased to see we have some quality upcoming youngsters.

1st Metcalfe's Baileydale Rocket Man, winner of Minor puppy.

2nd Johnson's Cremino Celebrity. Black dog. Good overall shape and balance. Pleasing head, correct eye shape. Clean neck, good lay of shoulder. Moved out well. Lovely to see his tail never stopped wagging. Another one to watch for the future.

3rd Wiles's Richbourne Lion King.

4th Venturi-Rose's Leospring Extra Special

5th Rearson's Rumhill Gladiator of Othamcourt

Junior Dog 3, 1a

Both quality chocolate boys but at different stages.

1st Metcalfe's Rumhill Bertie Wooster By Baileydale JW. Substantially made throughout with good bone. Nice outline, strong neck and good lay of shoulder. Good powerful movement.

2nd Venturi-Rose's Sagacity's Midnight Music at Leospring. Finer than 1, but in proportion and correctly made. Needed to settle on the move to get the best from him.

Maiden Dog 2, 0a

1st Wiles's Richbourne Lion King, yellow puppy. Beautifully made. Good head. Moved better in this class than the earlier ones. Correct front and rear assembly. Good length of leg.

2nd Kerr's Trulace Ambassador. Super colour and pigment. Would like to see a longer length of stride, perhaps not striding out as well in this indoor ring.

Novice Dog 8, 2a

1st Wiles's Richbourne Lion King, winner of maiden.

2nd Venturi-Rose's Sagacity's Midnight Muscia At Leospring. 2nd from Junior

3rd Atkin's Reybank Royal Anthem

4th Kerr's Trulace Ambassador

5th Mount's Buckholt Jubilee Kingfisher

Graduate Dog 2, 0a

1st Bambrook's Winsleywood Waghorn at Ravoakar JW. I have previously judged this boy as a puppy, I liked him then and I still like him now. Balanced throughout, super shape. Attractive head with nice expression. Great neat feet, tight and good shape. I'd just like a bit more of him in size. This boy is always shown in super condition and the handler gets the best from him.

2nd Gentleman's Wynfaul Repeat. Good looking dog who I was quite taken with. Pleased with his overall size and shape. Good reach of neck, level topline, but movement massively let him down. Change of handler did help a bit but he needs to settle and get on with the job in hand.

Post Graduate Dog 3, 0a

1st Boulden's Rumhill Firecracker JW. Good substance throughout. Masculine head with nice expression. Strong neck, good assembly front and rear, straight legs. Level topline. Moved well. Awarded Reserve Best Dog.

2nd Jenner's Lyjansen Simba's Savanna. Lovely kind expression. Good front, strong hindquarters. Moved ok. Got on with the job but lacked the spark today.

3rd Sadler's Talifen Gentleman Jack

Limit Dog 2, 0a

1st Mount's Buckholt Desert Storm Duke. Pleasing shape, with everything in proportion. Good front into well laid shoulders. Beautifully handled.

2nd Tipson's Ffurador First Past The Post. Looked heavy over shoulders, felt he was carrying too much weight which spoilt movement.

Open Dog 5, 4a

1st Autey's Chadfirth Alcazaba. Super masculine head with lovely kind expression. Good depth to body. Good angulation front and rear. Powerful well muscled hindquarters. Moved well with drive. Best Veteran In Show.



Special Beginners Dog 4, 2a

1st Kerr's Trulace Ambassador, 2nd in maiden.

2nd Tipson's Ffurador First Past The Post, 2nd in limit.

Special Veteran 7-9 Dog or Bitch 4, 1a

1st Autey's Chadfrith Alcazaba, 1st open dog.

2nd Hobby's Icarus Jean Genie. Lovely shape. Movement was ok but lacked the drive of 1st.

3rd Wilkinson's Belfriars Brooke of Dalerwa.

Special Veteran 10+ Dog or Bitch 4, 1a

1st Wiles's Richbourne Londoner . Best mover of the class. Good forechest and depth. Well boned. Longer length through back.

2nd Harrison's Singwood Orange Swift at Stebel. Nicely made throughout. Great to see her enjoying her day out.

3rd Saunders's Carpenny Micha at Rossclyde SGWC

Field Trial Dog or Bitch 2, 0a

1st Rose's Rossclyde Higland Grouse at Leospring. Yellow dog. Nicely made dog, with good overall shape. Movement ok when not pacing.

2nd Wilkinson's Edenmoss Willow of Dalerwa. Finer build. Lacked confidence both in movement and in assessment.

Special Working Dog or Bitch 4, 1a

1st Rose's Leospring East Indie. Lovely chocolate girl who really caught my eye. Shown in excellent condition. Loved her shape. Balanced head with nice expression. Clean neck to good lay of shoulder. Good tight feet. I was spoilt with two quality chocolate girls in the challenge. Just pipped on movement. Delighted to award Reserve Best Bitch and then Reserve Best In Show.



2nd Saunders's Rossclyde Vital Spark. Finer in build, lacked substance. Moved ok.

3rd Wilkinson's Edenmoss Willow of Dalerwa

Special Show/Working Dog or Bitch 1, 0a

1st Rose's Leospring East Indie, 1st in special working.

Minor Puppy Bitch 5, 1a

1st Mount's Buckholt Misty Mistletoe. Very sweet feminine puppy, real poppet. Loved her shape, everything in the right place. Nice mover.

2nd Metcalfe's Baileydale Blondie. Attractive head. Good balance. Another lovely puppy just preferred the movement of 1.

3rd Jury's Handialla Lady In Red at Ballaremuera

4th Mcfaull's Bogarie Eason Arrain

Puppy Bitch 8, 2a

1st Mitchell's Callyswood Cassini. Promising puppy. Super shape and size. Good reach of neck. Correct shoulders. Showed well. Best Puppy Bitch and Reserve Best Puppy In Show.

2nd Welford's Richbourne Legally Blonde at Ankari. Nicely made throughout. Excellently handled. Very close decision to 1, just preferred movement.

3rd Metcalfe's Baileydale Blondie

4th Jury's Handialla Lady In Red at Ballaremuera

5th Venturi-Rose's Primrose Pickle Passion at Leospring

Junior Bitch 5,0a

1st Lapper's Tomative Annabelle. Gentle feminine expression. Overall balance and shape was good. Strong neck into well laid shoulders. Super coat. Good accurate movement.

2nd Boulden's Rumhill Bossy Boots JW. Lovely quality girl. Strong neck and topline. Nice tight feet. Moved well.

3rd Welford's Richbourne Legally Blondie at Ankari

4th King's Linthwaite Mathilda (AI)

5th Wilkinson's Kinagar Krackle of Dalerwa

Maiden Bitch 3, 0a

1st Lapper's Tomative Annabelle, 1st in junior

2nd Atkins's Reynbank Middy. Nicely made throughout. Level topline held on move..

3rd Wilkinson's Belfriars Brooke of Dalerwa

Novice Bitch 8, 3a

1st Lapper's Tomative Annabelle, 1st in junior

2nd Jenner's Lyjansen Sweet On You. Another quality girl. Pleasing overall shape and balance. Neck clean and into well placed shoulders. Good movement but preferred 1st.

3rd Welford's Richbourne Legally Blonde at Ankari

4th Salder's Talifen Human Touch

5th Wilkinson's Edenmoss Willow of Dalerwa

Graduate Bitch 5, 2a

1st King, Johnson & Johnson's Cremino Country Charm. Good quality. Correct front and rear assembly. Nice mover.

2nd Longhurst's Hurstmeon Just My Cup of Tea. Not as together on the move as 1.

3rd Hobby's Icarus Black Magic

Post Grauate Bitch 2, 1a

1st King's Linthwaite Arabella. Good type. Nice head and expression. Good neck and well laid shoulders. Moved a little quick on the move, so gait was hurried.

Limit Bitch

1st Hodge's Naiken Glass Slippers. Lovely quality throughout. Shown in good condition. Loved her shape flowing from her head right down to her tail. Feminine head with super, gentle expression. Correct neck into good lay of shoulder. Good depth to body. Held topline as she moved effortlessly round the ring. Delighted to award Best Bitch and then on to take Best In Show.

2nd Harrison's Llanstinan Mascara with Stebel. Feminine head. Well made and of good type. Correct front and rear assembly. Moved well.

3rd King's Linthwaite Saffron

4th Hobby's Icarus Call Me Madam

5th Longhurst's Hurstmeon Bit of a Pickle



Open Bitch 1, 1a

Special Beginners Bitch 9, 5a

1st Bysouth's Luckswarren Secret Phoenix. Lovely head with kind expression. Moved well, beautifully handled, smooth flowing gait.

2nd Jenner's Lyjansen Midsummer Dream, not the movement of 1. Nicely made with good balance.

3rd Welford's Richbourne Legally Blonde of Ankari

4th Wilkinson's Edenmoss Willow of Dalerwa

Brace 1, 0a

1st Miss C Wilkinson

Excellently handled, two well behaved dogs moved well together round the ring.

Progeny no entries



Keith Elliott Memorial Stakes 13, 7a

1st Bysouth's Luckswarren Secret Phoenix

2nd Gentleman's Wynfaul Repeat

3rd Harrison's Llanstinan Mascara with Stebel

4th Welford's Richbourne Legally Blonde at Ankari

5th King's Linthwaite Mathilda

Liz Lacey

