

I would like to thank the Committee of Wellingborough & District Canine Society for the invitation to judge at their Open show at the Sports Connexion.

Welsh Springer Spaniel

Puppy (1,0)

Mackness' BLYTHWAY SUNDANCE GOLD 9 month old Bitch, really liked her head, feminine and full of breed type for her age. Head needs to finish of course. Good length of neck, in a firm condition. Correct layback of shoulder and enough in substance at the moment. Deep enough in her long rib cage, carrying a good topline. Croup and tailset are correct. I liked her rear angulation, nothing excessive here, moderate in stifle with well let down hocks. Movement was unsettled but I did catch sight of how she can actually move. It is straight, with a true action. Not a substantial amount of drive but I hope this will come in time as she matures and hardens up. BPIB

Junior (2,0)

1st Cemis' TAIMERE'S TALK ABOUT ME 14 month old Male, head is of good proportions and is well balanced with a correct stop and good muzzle length. Tight flews. Correct eye adding to gentle expression. Correct ear set and length. Good length of neck, well muscled. Really liked his front and rear assemblies, of good substance and in a hard muscled condition throughout. Excellent in topline. Moved out robustly, driving and mostly accurate. Tail carriage a little high but excusable in a young male. BOB

2nd Whitfield's BENOVOER TICKET TO RIDE 13 month old Bitch, good height with a lovely head and expression. Skull of correct shape, stop as it should be, good muzzle length and shape. Neck length in keeping with the head, correct lay of shoulder. Enough substance. Preferred topline and conditioning on 1. Croup and tailset as desired. Enough muscle condition in rear quarters but preferred 1 as she needs time here. Good feet. Moved out soundly, a little unsettled at times. RBOB

Post Graduate (1,1)

Open (4,2)

1st Tew's PAMICKS FIELD OF DREAMS JW 3 year old Bitch, Broad in skull, enough in stop, good muzzle width. A fraction more muzzle length would be preferably for me. Long and strong enough in neck, a lovely lay of shoulder, well covered. Deep in rib to elbow and a good enough topline. Ample bone throughout. Correct in rear quarters, sadly, not in the hard condition of the Junior. Movement was straight and true, with excellent tail carriage, but not the driving action I was looking for.

2nd Whitfield's GLENBROWS HEART TO HEART Bitch at nearly 3 years old. Pushed 1 for the class. A good size but a fraction heavy in head for me. Skull is balanced with a good eye but lacked that sweet feminine characteristic I was looking for. Neck of good length and hard in condition. Correct lay of shoulder and excellent in topline. Preferred this topline to 1. Deep in rib to elbow and strong in loin. A well muscled rear quarters with a moderate stifle

and good feet. Tail carriage a little high for me when moving. But sound and straight on the move, with a robust gait, showing drive and a true action. Preferred this to 1.

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I was very happy indeed with my entry for this breed and it was very exciting to see so much excellent breed type amongst the exhibits. All of the classes had quality exhibits and I could easily see many swapping places on a different day.

Puppy (7,1)

1st Johnson's VALLEYRISE ILLUSTRATION Very attractive 8 month old Bitch headed a lovely class of high quality puppies. This youngster has the most endearing of expressions in a head full of breed type. Her head is of the correct proportions with a moderate stop, her dark eye gives an attractive look. Eyeliner already evident and adds to the expression. Ear set is correct and her ears are of correct length for age and her black earrings are forming as desired. Really liked her muzzle shape, wedge shaped but not snipy or heavy. Good dentition and tight flews. Correct in neck length and is strong enough at this age. Correctly laid back in shoulder with good return of upper arm. Correct amount of substance throughout. Deep rib to elbow and correct tuck up. Would like a stronger topline, when standing, but it is not weak, it just needs time, which she has. On the move she holds a correct topline. Firmly muscled rear quarters and correct in hock. A smart mover, true in action, springy, straight and consistent. Always paying good attention to handler. On good feet and with feathering on her coat coming nicely. BPIB

2nd Bull's GLADSHEIM CEDAR AT LODDONSIDE 6 month old Dog, really liked his size and presence for such a youngster and he pushed 1 close in a tough class. Another head I liked, full of type and nothing overdone. Correct shape to skull and well balanced in foreface, a fraction more stop than 1 but not affecting the expression. Another nicely shaped muzzle. Dark eye with the black eyeliner. Neck is of good length and strong. Shoulders are well laid back but preferred the upper arm on one, carrying a topline I preferred to 1, good in croup and tailset. Deep enough in rib and I hope he continues to develop his substance. Strong in rear quarters, with good hocks and feet. Movement was sound, straight with a driving action. Liked his tail carriage.

3rd MacLeod's VALLEYRISE INTREPID INDIANA sister to class winner, another with a lovely head and expression, sound throughout and on the move.

Special Yearling (3,0)

1st Williams' GLADSHEIM ARUNIKA Bitch, nearly 2, with a sweet expression. Correct in skull with moderate curve, evident stop and a good muzzle shape for me. Dark, kind, eye, correct in ear set and furnishings with correct black earrings. Lovely length of neck and in a strong condition. Correct in shoulder placement and I liked her return of upper arm. Carrying an excellent topline and deep enough in rib, tuck is just right. Croup and tailset is as desired.

Correct turn of stifle, well let down in hock. Firmly muscled throughout. Movement was the best in the class, clean and straight with a good action.

2nd Guy's GLADSHEIM ELEODORO Dog, litter brother to 1 and sharing some of the good type features. At the lower end of the standard size but still well balanced. Another head of good quality, good shape to skull and correct in muzzle. Sweet dark eye adds to his expression. Strong in neck but just preferred the length on 1. Good fore quarters, just preferred the substance on 1. Correct in rib and tuck up, carrying a strong topline. Nicley shaped croup with a good tail set and carriage when moving. Strong rear quarters. Preferred the stifle on 1. Sound mover, straight with a driving action.

Post Graduate (7,2)

1st Williams' CAIRNBRAID ONWABA LUKIMBI OF GLADSHEIM (IMP BEL) Dog, nearly 4 years old and in his prime. So balanced and full of type. Just loved his head and expression, correctly shaped skull with a stop I found just right, balanced foreface length with a dark eye, well eyelined, and a correct muzzle with no hint of snippiness. Correct earset and length, earrings clearly present. Strong neck of correct length for me, into a compact body which is slightly longer than his height, excellent in shoulder placement and bone. Deep and long in rib, good tuck up, all under a strong topline held throughout. Well muscled rear with the correct amount of stifle for me. Good in croup, tailset and tail carriage. All on excellent feet. Moved out with the lively, springy action required, he is straight and true and at one with his handler. He has a tireless driving action. In the challenge I just preferred his compactness on the day. BOB

2nd Suiter & Cargill's GENETIKA RUMPELSTILTSKIN a Dog of nearly 2 and was pushing 1 in this class. I definitely feel his best days are yet to come as 1 has additional maturity but I could easily see these two swapping places. Another with a head full of type, it is well proportioned, excellent in balance, with a dark eye and good pigmentation throughout. Strong neck of good length, good lay of shoulder and excellent in topline. Deep rib to elbow and enough bone. Rear quarters are also firmly muscled with a correct stifle and hocks. Good feet. Moved out with a lively action, true and straight, hard to split them on movement, just preferred 1 for substance and conditioning, but this lad just needs time.

Open (7,1)

1st Suiter & Cargill's CHRISKOOIS OCTAVIUS AT GENETIKA (IMP EST) 3 year old Dog headed a wonderful class, he is one I have judged before and have rewarded for his type and conditioning. Once again, he came in front of me in a lovely condition and is one who just oozes type for me. He has a lovely head, for me, full of the type I like, nothing heavy or overdone. A wedge shaped skull, well balanced foreface, enough stop, excellent in eye and pigment. Correct in earset and length, muzzle is as desired, strong but neither heavy or snipy. Strong in a neck of correct length, well laid back shoulder and good return of upper arm, the right amount of substance present. Deep and long ribs, superb topline both standing and on the move, lovely croup, tailset and carriage. Hard in rear quarters, correct amount of turn to stifle, excellent in hocks and feet. Moved out with a driving, yet light, action. He is straight

with excellent footfall. In the challenge I was absolutely torn between him and the PG winner, both are such good examples of the breed. RBOB

2nd Williams' DANIELLA VOM THYROWBERG TO GLADSHEIM (IMP DEU) a Bitch of nearly 7 years of age, presented in a fantastic condition. She is one I have watched for a long time and not got my hands on until today. She does not disappoint. She pushed 1 all the way both on type and condition. Such a sweet feminine head, wedge shaped yet gentle and with an endearing expression. A lovely eye, well lined, good earset and length, lovely muzzle shape and profile. Strong in neck with plenty of desirable coat here. Super topline and compact body. Correct lay of shoulder and excellent substance for a bitch without being heavy. Deep and long ribs to elbow and tucked up to a strong loin. Hard rear quarters with a correct turn of stifle, well let down hocks and excellent in feet. Moved with purpose, lightly yet with drive. Correct coming and going with excellent footfall. Hard to split these two but just preferred 1's energy and drive whilst moving.

3rd Suiter & Cargill's CIRTAPS HERTOGIN FREYA VAN QIRA-T AT GENETIKA (IMP SWE) A lovely bitch, just into veteran, full of type. In great condition and another with a lovely head type. Moved correctly and true.