

Judging Critique

Hitchin & District Canine Society Open Show

Sunday 13th October 2019

Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)

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Thank you to the society for the appointment and to all the thoroughly sporting exhibitors who equally celebrated all placings on the day and supported each other. I'm sure some of the handlers weren't impressed at the time when their dogs jumped up at them or broke into a canter when in the ring, but for me it was so nice to see this happy breed being just that, all dogs being free standing, eager and willing to please, much preferable to rock solid statues.

PD/B (4,3) 1 Middleton Ashtoraz Valentine Miracle (B) Seven and a half months bitch who was full of life. Nice head and expression, dark nose and eye, good earset. Good angulation with the consequence of sound movement in profile. Went well today, all topped off with a good rich coat. BPIB

JD/B (2) 1 Gosnell Katmistsky's Ann Again (B) Pleasing youngster at sixteen months of age. Nicely balanced both in outline and movement. Moved well. 2 Tester Gingafing Aint No Way (B) A bit giddy today, which tested her handler. A happy full of beans girl, slighter all through than 1. Not in best coat today.

PGD/B (3) 1 Fincham Danehaven Ralph (D) Super compact eighteen month old dog with good bone. Super head and keen alert expression. Well made all through moving with good pace and purpose, very pleasing type. BOB. 2 Tester Gingafing Careless Whisper (B) Nice two and half year old bitch of a different type to 1 but still correct. Really liked her size and substance. Another very lively and happy girl and a well-deserved RBOB. 3 Gosnell Katmistsky's Ann Again (B)

OD/B (5,2) 1 Fuard Tollelkin Bay of Ice (D) Up to size four year old boy of a strong masculine type. Nicely angled giving super drive in his movement, at one with his handler. Considered in the challenge, very close. 2 Tester Gingafing Let's Go Crazy (B) Smaller all through, a good three and a half year old bitch. Carrying on the theme of the day another happy soul enjoying showing herself off. 3 West Wakaduze Wi Mimbe at Raynechaser (B)