

## Hitchin & District Canine Society Open Show – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Many thanks to the society for the invitation to judge these lovely breeds and thank you to my very capable stewards. So many shows to choose from over this bank holiday weekend, I am very honoured and grateful to those who chose to enter under me today.

### English Setter

#### Limit 2 (1)

1<sup>st</sup> Whittington's Juldeane Line of Duty (AI). 2 year old orange lad, really enjoying his day out and giving his handler a hard time in the process. Nice shape overall, lovely head, dark eyes, good reach of neck and lay of shoulder. Well angled and in lovely coat and condition. Kept his topline when moving but he was erratic on the move because he was having fun! In the challenge he just tended to fly his tail slightly. RBOB

#### Open 2 (0)

1<sup>st</sup> Wright's Sorbus Dance The Night Away. A lovely orange boy and one I last judged as a puppy, I awarded him BPIB on that occasion. He has matured very well, now 4 years old and looking a picture. Gorgeous head and expression, clean neck leading into good shoulders. Excellent forechest, nice straight front with excellent bone and tight feet. He is very well angulated with good muscle which showed on the move. Shown in excellent condition. He was not too happy on the move but he couldn't be denied the top honours today. The sandy ground at the venue upset a few exhibits in this ring. Pleased to award him BOB

2<sup>nd</sup> Kerrs' Ravensett Golden Charm. 6 year old orange bitch and another I have placed well in the past. I still really like her, she is well made, has good bone for a bitch without losing any femininity. Lovely head with dark eyes giving a really gentle expression. Good spring of rib and a nice shape.. Sadly suffering the after effects of a phantom pregnancy.

### Pointers

#### Puppy 2 (1)

1<sup>st</sup> Horn & Vowell's Droveborough Lincoln. What a quality puppy, 6 months old black and white boy. He has the most beautiful profile standing. A lovely head on this youngster with a kind eye, great ear placement, broad nostrils, strong neck and shoulders, already possesses good body qualities and moved effortlessly although still puppylike. BPIB

#### Junior 1 (0)

1<sup>st</sup> Norbury & Adam's Heartbury Belacqua. 17 months liver and white bitch, full of quality and nicely balanced. She seemed slightly nervous of the venue initially, but soon pulled herself together and settled enough to show herself off. Feminine head, lovely neck and shoulders, straight front, beautiful feet. Lovely shape to her when stacked. Moved out well using her strong quarters. RBOB

#### Open 2 (1)

1<sup>st</sup> Horn & Vowell's Droveborough's Smooth Mover JW. Took my eye the moment he entered the ring. 3 year old orange and white, gorgeous head and eyes that could melt any heart. Well placed leathers. Another with a strong neck and good shoulders, excellent topline which he kept when moving. Great bone, straight front with well angulated rear, so well made which showed when he moved around the ring, using his tail well as he went. Pleased to award him BOB.

## Welsh Springer Spaniels

My first time judging the breed and I have fallen in love with them. Such happy, friendly dogs and their owners were all equally as friendly. It was a very enjoyable experience so thank you all very much for giving me the chance to learn and for taking the time to answer my questions about the breed once judging had finished.

### Junior 2 (1)

1<sup>st</sup> Thomas' Bowdonia Truly Scrumptious. 10 month old puppy, absolutely beautiful feminine young bitch. Darkest of eyes with a sweet expression. Her head is correct, clean neck into a good lay of shoulder. Very balanced in body and great angles front and rear. She moved very well. Was delighted to award her Best Puppy.

### Post Graduate 1 (0)

1<sup>st</sup> Cooper's Gilstonia Snow Moon. 2 year old bitch with a lovely head and expression. Long clean neck, nice deep chest and correct spring of ribs. Straight front with lovely feet. Well off for bone and muscle without losing her femininity, very well angulated quarters and she moved out with drive. Looked so balanced from all angles. BOB

### Open 5 (1)

1<sup>st</sup> Revill & Monday's Julita Ryveeta JW. 3 year old bitch, stunning head and a beautiful colour. Good lay of shoulders, strong forechest and straight front with tightest of feet. Correct spring of rib and good tailset. Held her topline on the move. Did well to win this quality class and thought she would be my BOB but the PG winner just pipped her to the post on movement in the challenge. RBOB

2<sup>nd</sup> Caldwell & McDowell's Bowdonia Only the Brave for Cerysan. 7 year old boy, such a happy chap, built on larger lines than the winner but all in proportion. A lovely shape, has the most beautiful head with a gentle expression. Good angles front and back, excellent bone, good spring of rib. So much to like about him. He moved really well and held his topline as he went.

3<sup>rd</sup> Cooper's Isfryn Lady Grey of Gilstonia

Sheree Parrish (Judge)