

Hitchin & District Canine Society

The Brook Farm Training Centre

Stapleford Road

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Saturday 16th April 2022

Golden Retriever Dogs

Many thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge at your show and for the warm and friendly welcome. Thankyou also to my stewards who ensured everything ran smoothly and to the exhibitors for allowing me the privilege of assessing your beautifully groomed dogs. I thoroughly enjoyed my day and was chuffed to bits to see my Best Dog along with my co judge go Best of Breed and Gundog Group 4. Very well done.

Puppy (1,1a)

Junior (3,2a)

1. Pounds-Longhurst's Mossbburn Galloping Major

This happy youngster stood on his own and has great ring presence oozing confidence. He has a gentle masculine head with kind dark eyes and super pigment. Correct ear set and scissor bite. He has a good length of upper arm and well angulated front assembly. His chest is deep with tight elbows, a good spring of rib and short couplings. His topline is dead level onto a correct tail set and giving equal front and rear angulations. Good width of thigh and straight well let down hocks. He strode out around the ring with reach and drive holding everything together.

Post Graduate (5,3a)

1. Barber's Messano Just Good Friends With Swansreach

This 22 months old mid gold young dog has a gorgeous, melting yet masculine head with dark eyes that were totally focused on his handler as he stood four square happily

wagging his tail. He has a good reach of neck onto well laid back shoulders and a level topline and tail set. His front and rear angulations are symmetrically balanced. He has good width of thigh and we'll let down hocks which he used to moved out with reach and drive at one with his handler and maintaining his lovely shape.

2. Smith and Hill's Serendipity Dog Viejo Duende Sabio Con Rosgar (Imp Esp)

A pale cream happy dog with a gentle yet masculine expression. He has a straight front and deep chest, tight elbows and good layback of shoulder with a level topline and well angulated rear quarters. He moved well holding his shape. Would have benefitted from a little more trimming to enhance his shape.

Open (4,0a)

1. Kinchella's Honeymill Elder Warrior

A gorgeous deep gold, mature boy in lovely hard condition with bags of ring presence. He has the most melting dark eyes, super pigment and correct head proportions. His front is straight with tight elbows and a good deep chest with well sprung ribs. He has a good length of upper arm onto well laid back shoulders flowing onto a dead level topline with equally balanced front and rear angulations. He held everything together as he flowed round the ring at one with his handler. **BOB**

2. Roper's Catnells Inside Story For Brensham SGWC

Another very appealing dog presented in super coat and good hard condition. He has a gorgeous head, gentle dark eyes with great pigment, correct stop and ear set. His front is straight with good width and his elbows are tight to his deep chest. He has a good length of upper arm and layback of shoulders and a level topline and tail set with equal angulations front and rear. He held his frame very well on the move with plenty of drive.

Fiona Bell