

## Hitchin & District Canine Society

16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

A super day. Thank you to the committee for the invitation to judge at their well run show, to my capable steward, and to the exhibitors for providing me with a quality entry. As a general comment, all had good dentition, showed typical golden temperaments and were well presented, muscle tone however could be improved in some. Delighted to see my Best of Breed shortlisted in the group, my Puppy given Group 4 and my Reserve Best of Breed, runner up in the (BIS) Res BOB stakes.

### Minor Puppy 4 (2)

Two confident 6 month puppies, just right for age, both carefully handled and beautifully presented. I wish them both well for the future.

1<sup>st</sup> Mandley's Maltqudos Enchanted. What a little cracker in a mid gold wavy coat. Beautiful feminine head with super pigmentation and delightful expression. Straight front with super front angles, good bone and neat feet. Good length of neck flowing into level back and correct tail set. Complementary rear angles and short straight hocks. Lovely correct movement in one so young, so straight and with reach and drive as was to be expected with her construction. On the run round she was a joy to watch. **Best Puppy and PG 4**

2<sup>nd</sup> O'Gorman's Berrymeade Billy Summers. Lovely rich gold d. with a balanced outline and a good frame which will need time to fill. Well proportioned head, super pigment and soft expression. Good neck into well placed and angled shoulders, straight front, good bone and correct length of leg. Level topline with nicely angled quarters and straight hocks. Through his wonderful zest for life, when settled he showed strong straight movement coming and going and a good length of stride, covering the ground with ease.

### Puppy 5 (2)

1<sup>st</sup> Clarke-Gear's Ousevale Grand Slam. 11 months mid gold d with a lovely proportioned head, soft expression and good pigment. Good bone and straight front, well set and reach of neck flowing into good angulated shoulders, deep chest and a good spring of rib. Strong topline, short coupling and correct tail set. Well angulated quarters and width of thigh, good bend of stifle and straight hocks. Presented in full coat and moved out well with purpose, drive and extension.

2<sup>nd</sup> Harris and Ball's Wemcrest Out of this World. 11 month dark coated d, showing a good outline. Slightly longer cast than 1. Lovely masculine head and pigment and with a happy disposition. Good bone, a well angulated front and deep chest. Front angles complimented at the rear with a good bend of stifle and short straight hocks. Well presented and handled unfortunately coat just beginning to blow. Moved straight and true coming and going but unsettled on the run round in this class.

### Junior 8 (3)

1<sup>st</sup> Harris and Ball's Wemcrest Out of this World. 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior. As above but far more settled in movement in this class showing good drive and extension.

2<sup>nd</sup> Black's Bencoe Just in Time del Avrain. 13 month d with lovely chiselled head, kind expression, good pigmentation and correct ear set. Nothing overdone with this boy. Well set and length of neck running to good front angulation and complimented by similar angles at the rear. Straight hocks and nice bend of stifle. Moved out well with strong straight action both coming and going, showing good reach when viewed from the side. Well presented in mid gold coat.

### Special Yearling 5 (4)

1<sup>st</sup> Black's Bencoe Just in Time del Avrain

### Graduate 6 (4)

1<sup>st</sup> O'Gorman's Berrymeade Love Her Madly. 2 year old b, returning from maternal duties and certainly pleased to be back. Super breed outline showing balance and symmetry. Beautiful feminine chiselled head of correct proportions, good neck set into well laid shoulder with correct upper arm return. Deep chest and good spring of

rib she stands well proportioned legs with good bone and neat feet. Short coupled with well made quarters, she has good width of thigh and short straight hocks. When settled, movement was accurate, straight and true and showed excellent reach and drive. Well presented and at one with her handler, just missing her full jacket.

2<sup>nd</sup> Black's Bencoe Just in Time del Avrain

Post Graduate 5 (1)

1<sup>st</sup> Pounds-Longhurst Mossburn Golly Miss Molly. 2 year old b in full gold coat, presenting a lovely picture, balanced and symmetrical throughout. Lovely well proportioned feminine head and melting expression. Good length of neck flowing into well placed shoulder and upper arm return. She is short coupled with a strong level topline running to a correct tail set, good rear angles and well let down straight hocks. Movement was straight, sound and balanced with excellent reach and drive. Well shown and presented, a very happy showgirl today.

**Reserve Best of Breed**

2<sup>nd</sup> Harding's Eveninghill Going Dutch SGWC. 3 year old paler b with a very appealing feminine head and soft expression. Good balanced outline but longer cast than 1. Straight front and well placed shoulder, well set and length of neck flowing into a level topline. Good bend of stifle and straight well let down hocks. Moved out well straight and true. Just beginning to lose coat.

Open Dog 6

1<sup>st</sup> Kinchella's Honeymill Elder Warrior. 4 years, with a rich golden coat and one I have admired from afar and hands on, was not disappointed. A super balanced and symmetrical picture, freestanding with a constant wagging tail, he is at one with his handler. Lovely chiselled head of good proportions with depth of muzzle, dark pigment and soft expression. Good bone, super straight front and deep through the chest. Complimentary angles front and rear, short coupled with level back and correct tail set. Well muscled at the rear with required bend of stifle and a good width of thigh. On the move short straight hocks allowed drive from behind and with excellent front extension he covered the ground with ease, appearing to float round the ring. Today a worthy

**Best of Breed**

2<sup>nd</sup> Pounds-Longhurst's Mossburn Galloping Major JW. 2 years old and with a lot to like. Soft but masculine head with good chiselling and expression. Straight front with good depth of chest and spring of rib. Strong neck and well placed shoulders with correct upper arm return. Short coupled with level topline and correct tail set, well developed quarters with good bend of stifle and width of thigh. Presenting a lovely balanced picture, movement was animated driving off straight hocks. Well presented and handled.

Open Bitch 4(2)

Two beautiful veterans both loving life and still showing the younger generation what movement is all about. They are a credit to their owners.

1<sup>st</sup> Hudson's Aynsbury Ashisha JW. 8 years old, free standing and with a constantly wagging tail, this lady has a super outline and commands attention. Lovely feminine head with appealing expression. Good length and set of neck, straight front and lovely complimentary angles front and rear. Good width of thigh, short straight hocks with movement coming and going, straight and true. Side gait showed excellent front extension and drive whilst holding a level topline. Well presented in full mid gold coat.

2<sup>nd</sup> Kinchella's Wynrita Scandalmonger. 9 years old and thoroughly enjoying her moment to shine. This lady has a beautiful feminine head and soft expression, a straight front and good length of leg. Her well proportioned body still boasts good shoulder and rear angles as well as a firm topline. Beautifully presented in a profuse pale coat she moved out with an even and well extended stride, covering the ground with ease.

**JUDGE: KIM CLUNIE (WARRENTOR)**