Hitchin & District Canine Society Beagle Critique – 21 April 2024

Thank you to the officers & committee for inviting me to judge the beagles at this show which was my first judging appointment. Thank you to the two stewards who pointed me in the correct direction a couple of times. I had a fabulous day and thoroughly enjoyed it. Please find below my critique.

Puppy:

185 - Lilleagle Jeremy Fisher – RBOB & BPIB

Lovely 10 month tri male of good quality with well-proportioned head and skull with a well-defined stop. Good muzzle with lovely dark eyes. Ears for good size and shape. Well laid shoulder. Straight in leg. Nice tail set with a well angled rear. Good reach and drive with a well maintained topline in movement.

182 - Charterwood Spangled Gold

Lovely 11 month old tan and white bitch who took a while to settle. Feminine in features with melting eyes and well placed ears. Well defined stop. Good neck leading to a nice body with good legs. Settled better on the move with steady movement.

Junior:

181 - Forgebanks Shantung - BOB

Very pretty and super tri hound who is 13 months old. She looked very feminine with melting eyes and a well-defined stop. Ears well set and clean. Super neck and well laid shoulders. In profile she had an excellent topline which was maintained on the move with an excellent underline. Well angled hind quarters.

184 - Haggatty Callisto

Nicely put together tri hound but I did find her rather heavy compared to the winner of this class. Good sturdy body with good amount of bone throughout. Well-muscled condition. Good reach and drive with wellmaintained topline.

185 - Lilleagle Jeremy Fisher

Post Grad:

184 - Haggatty Callisto – as above

Nicely put together tri hound but I did find her rather heavy compared to the winner of this class. Good sturdy body with good amount of bone throughout. Well muscled condition. Good reach and drive with well maintained topline.

180 - Forgebanks Santiano

Super tan and white boy of 13 months of age. Lovely head with a kind expression. Well defined stop with lovely facial expression with kind eyes and correct ear set. Well-muscled and in correct proportions. Looked super on the move with a level topline with good reach and drive. Just pipped to the post by 1st place.

Open:

183 - Haggatty Artemis

Pretty tri bitch with kind pleasing eyes. Good length of neck going down to well laid shoulders followed by nice straight legs. Nice steady movement with well maintained topline.

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