

Show : Hitchin & District Canine Society Open Show - Saturday 19th April 2025

Judge : Mrs. Gill Whitaker (Siluto)

Thank you to the committee for your warm welcome and for inviting me to judge. Also to the exhibitors for bringing your lovely dogs, which I enjoyed meeting. Thanks also to the helpful steward for her excellent support.

BORDER COLLIE

PUPPY (1,0) 1. Hawker's Taytinja Shooting Star. 8 month old, with a sweet expression. Very feminine. Head of nice proportion, lovely length of neck, showing off her white collar, good lay of shoulder and straight front. Moved soundly.

JUNIOR (1,0) 1. Hawker's Taytinja Defying Gravity. Another 8 month old girl - litter sister and very similar to the puppy class winner. Slightly more substance to her. A super puppy with nice length of neck and back. Awarded her best puppy purely on her appearing on the day to be a little more mature than her sister at this age. Both puppies moved out confidently and are already showing great promise. It was lovely to meet them - thank you for bringing them. BPIB.

PG (1,0) 1. Bartlett's Cwnhampus Jewel In The Crown jw. Well schooled, almost two year old bitch. She stood out for her beautiful shape with a very pretty expression and pleasing outline. Nice oval dark eye, very alert with good use of ears of typical proportion. Lovely feet, moved out with good forward reach, she had real ring presence. Could not deny her BOB today.

OPEN (2,0) 1. Hawker's Moshanta Magic Penny For Taytinja jw. 3yr old bitch of smaller type, with a very sweet eye. Liked her head and overall body shape, shown in coat of good condition. Nice deep chest and good shoulder placement. Moved out well, demonstrating a level top line throughout. RBOB. 2. Bartlett's Cwnhampus Celestial Beauty jw. Another pretty 3yr old, lovely proportions and coat in good condition. Correct head and eye, giving intelligent expression. Nice length to her back and a low tail set. She moved well, but felt 1 just had the edge today.

COLLIE (SMOOTH)

PUPPY (1,0) 1. Benton & Bemelmans' Blamorder Double Or Quits Of Oakestelle. Very attractive b/m girl, almost 11 months old and maturing so nicely since I last judged her. She presented a lovely outline and has a very sweet expression, lovely fill of foreface and nice length to her neck, which is well arched, leading to good length of back and tail. Very well muscled for her age. Nice straight

hocks and good turn of stifle, enabling good drive from the rear. Well deserving today of BPIB & RBOB. Delighted to see she went on to PPG1 & RBPIS. Well done!

OPEN (4,0) 1. Wensley's Ch Constella Hazy Cosmic Jive jw. 31/2 yrs old tri dog who I've judged previously. A very happy boy with a lovely wedge-shaped head and nicely placed dark and kind eye. His neck was strong and of good length. Keeping a level top line, he moved out effortlessly, with good forward reach and powerful rear movement. Didn't put a foot wrong today, so earned himself BOB and subsequently PG4. 2. Benton's Ch Oakestelle Artemis ShCEX VW. Attractive 7yr old b/m bitch of a lovely clear blue and correct wedge shaped head with good underjaw. In great condition, well proportioned and presenting a lovely outline, she moved around the ring with ease.

COLLIE (ROUGH)

OPEN (1,0) 1. Benton's Ch Brooklynson Jane Russell Of Oakestelle vw, ShCEX. Elegant 10yr old sable, belying her years, showing in a fitted coat of nice harsh texture and beautifully groomed. Correctly proportioned wedge shaped head, with good underjaw and eventually good use of ears. Attentive to her handler at all times, she moved with great forward reach. Straight, strong hocks ensured her sound movement from the rear. Impressive and, although she stood alone, was well deserving of BOB. Thank you for bringing her.