

Gordon Setter Association Open Show

4th July 2021

My sincerest thanks to the Officers and Committee for extending this invitation to me. It was the most wonderfully run show - and full credit to the team as they were also running the 2020 open show in parallel. They performed as if this was just another of their many accomplishments. My especial thanks to Liz and Geraldine for stewarding all day without a break. Most of all thank you to all those exhibitors for such a wonderful entry and the sporting manner in which my decisions were received. A most memorable day.

Veteran Bitch (4)

1st Ecameadow Saffron With Wallbank (Dixon). Well balanced all through. Excellent head and expression. Clean neck into well laid shoulder. Deep body and well made hindquarters. Moved well. In excellent coat and condition

2nd Kilnrae Party Time at Tsrhnova (Melville). Lighter in build. Not quite strength in head. Good forequarters and spring of rib. Not quite rear movement of winner

3rd Longrow I Love To Boogie (Williams)

Minor Puppy (1)

1st Longrow Foxy Lady. (Williams) 8 months. Well balanced puppy who was very overawed by her surroundings. Typical head with dark eye and kind expression. Well laid shoulder. Good body. Long hip to hock. Didn't really want to move.

Puppy Bitch (4)

1st Glynderys Moonstone (Thomas). 11 month. Had best overall substance in the class. Having said that I hope she has finished her growing. Good head and expression. Well laid shoulder. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Good length from hip to hock. Moved best in class. BPB & RBPIS

2nd Hernwood Tara Moonstorm. (Sandiford). 11 month. Lighter in build all through yet still retains good balance. Would prefer more depth and strength in head. Good body and hindquarters. Moved steadily - not quite accuracy of winner.

3rd Ordett Love Me Do at Keaswood (Horn)

Junior Bitch (7, 1)

1st Glenderys Moonstone. 1st Puppy.

2nd Beechlake Hey Jude. (Burke). Lighter frame all through. Super overall shape and balance. Good head of correct proportions. Well laid shoulder. Just needs to come on in body. Long hip to hock. Moved extremely well.

3rd Kattandale Blac Highlander (Al) (Wrigley)

Novice Bitch (9, 1)

1st Want To Want Me Black Lofty For Jenesta. (Hope & Kane). 20 months. Well balanced all through and strongly built. Good head shape with correct depth. Well laid shoulder and good spring of rib. Strong hindquarters with well set tail. Moved very well with good drive.

2nd Glynderys Moonstone. 1st in puppy and junior

3rd Kattandale Blac Highlander

Debutant Bitch (3)

1st Want To Want Me Black Lofty For Jenesta. 1st Novice.

2nd Kattandale Blac Highlander. 3rd Junior and Novice. Well balanced all through. Good head and expression. Deep body and well sprung rib. Not quite drive of winner on move

3rd Roydack The Duchess (Jones)

Undergraduate Bitch (1)

1st Want To Want Me Black Lofty For Jenesta. As 1st in NB & DD

Graduate Bitch (3)

1st Want To Want Me Black Lofty For Jenesta. As 1st NB, DB & UGB.

2nd Kingilee Maori Secret (Powell). Well balanced. Pleasing head and expression. Good rib and loin. Long hip to hock. Croup could be flatter. Moved well not drive of winner.

3rd Lannireach Original Tonic at Caradills (O'Kelly & Hancock)

Post Graduate Bitch (5)

1st Melview Phoenix. (Hall) Well balanced all through displaying good outline. Feminine head. Clean neck and deep chest. Well sprung rib. Good topline with flat croup. Well made hindquarters with hocks set square. Moved well with drive. Excellent and condition

2nd Yennadon Glenlossie (Ackerley-Kemp). Well balanced and workmanlike all through. Very feminine. Excellent head and expression. Deep chest. Good rib and loin. Croup slightly more sloping than my ideal and not quite as settled on the move.

3rd Kingilee Maori Secret

Limit Bitch (7, 1)

1st Hernwood Aphrodite JW (Sandiford) Excellent bitch all through. Shows true type in outline and well balanced all through . Excellent head. Clean neck. Well placed shoulder and upper arm. Deep in chest. Well sprung rib. Flat croup. Long from hip to hock. Excellent bone. Moved well. Super coat. RBB

2nd Glenquin Phoenix (Johnstone). Another quality bitch with excellent outline. Correct head with clean neck and good shoulder. Deep chest well sprung rib. Strong well muscled hindquarters. Not quite in the full furnishings as the winner. Moved well.

3rd Locksheath Princess Tiana JW (Whiting)

Open Bitch (8, 2)

1st Sh Ch Flaxheath Top Model at Glenmaurangi (Phillips & Watkins). Superb bitch from any angle. Just what I was looking for. A true heavy weight hunter without being coarse in any way. Excellent overall balance. Classic head with lean cheeks. Clean neck. Excels in forequarters. Excellent rib and loin. Flat croup and long from hip to hock. Moved with power and drive on a long ground covering stride. So easy to envisage her crossing a grouse moor. Shown in excellent coat and condition. BB and BIS.

2nd Multi Sh Ch Amscot Love Is In The Air JW WW18 (Collins-Pitman). Another top quality bitch. Well balanced all through. Excellent head with good depth. Clean neck. Deep chest. Well sprung rib with short loin. Strong hindquarters with low hocks well set. Moved well with drive. Not quite coat of winner.

3rd Tsrhnova Tarkheena JW (Melville)

Veteran Dog (4, 1)

1st Benbuie Rock On To Hernwood (Sandiford & Lewis). Dog of great substance. Well made all through. Good head shape. Clean neck and well laid shoulder. Deep chest. Well sprung rib with strong loin. Strong hindquarters. Long hip to hock. Excellent bone. Moved well with drive. BVIS

2nd Yennadon Reiss. (Halliday) Smaller in frame. Well balanced. Excellent head. Clean neck and well placed shoulder. Good rib. Well made hindquarters. A little too sloping in croup. Moved well

3rd Glenarden Martlet (Ede)

MPD (0)

Puppy Dog (3)

1st Red Admiral By Rubymoon (Butler) Well balanced puppy. Good head with correct depth. Clean neck leading to well placed shoulder. Deep chest. Well ribbed back with correct topline. Long hip to hock. Excellent bone Moved out well. Excellent coat. BPIS

2nd Clos Erasmus Black Business (Donald) Well balanced. Good head and eye. Would prefer cleaner underline to neck. Level topline. Long hip to hock. Moved well. Good coat and condition.

3rd Longrow Born To Run At Robvale (Hudson)

Junior Dog (6)

1st Glenmaurangi Storm Trooper. (Phillips, Watkins & Sykes) This youngster was my "find of the day". I really loved him. Well balanced all through and with such attitude - he commanded attention. Correct for size. Head correctly proportioned. Clean neck. Good lay of shoulder. Deep chest. Well ribbed back. Correct croup. Long hip to hock. Excellent side profile movement really covering the ground. Excellent coat and condition. In the challenge he had to bow to the older dog but for me he has all the essentials. RBD and Best Junior in Show. I later found out he is the son of my BIS.

2nd Glenmaurangi Mandalorian (Phillips, Watkins & Miles). Litter brother to winner and many of the same attributes. Very close up. Well balanced. Good front and deep chest. Correct topline. Well made hindquarters. Not quite the drive of the winner but another very smart youngster.

3rd Kattandale Crusader At Rufusmoor (AI) (Fudge)

Novice Dog (5)

1st Glenmaurangi Mandalorian. 2nd Junior

2nd Kattandale Crusader At Rufusmoor. 3rd in Junior. Good overall balance. Head of good dimensions. Clean neck. Excellent forequarters with good depth of chest. Well ribbed back. Strong hindquarters. Little untidy in movement.

3rd Marlbeck Maldini (Nagaty)

Debutant Dog (4)

1st Glenmaurangi Storm Trooper - 1st Junior

2nd Red Admiral By Ruby Moon - 1st Puppy

UGD (2)

1st Marlbeck Maldini 3rd Novice and Debutant. Well balanced with head of good proportions. Deep chest. Level topline. Excellent bone and feet. Move freely. Good coat and condition.

2nd Hernwood Xmas Drummer At Ashheys (Beese) Larger all through than the winner. Good head. Neckline could be cleaner. Deep chest. Good topline. Long hip to hock. Well boned. Not freedom of movement of winner.

GD (1)

1st Paradise Scots Blaeberry for Glenmoss (Smalley) Good overall balance. Well proportioned head. Little upright in shoulder. Good depth of chest. Long hip to hock. Ex bone and feet. Little untidy in movement.

PGD (6, 2)

1st Yennadon Barra. (Halliday). Very well balanced all through presenting a good outline. Well proportioned head with clean neck and good lay of shoulder. Deep chest well ribbed back. Would prefer flatter croup. Well boned. Moved well. Excellent coat.

2nd Hernwood Jack O'Lantern by Rackens JW (Horler) Taller than winner but well balanced. Good head. Could be cleaner in jaw line. Deep in chest and well ribbed back. Correct topline and croup. Good bone and feet. Moved well.

3rd Uno Solo Black Lofty (Imp Pol) (Hope, Kane & Tillett)

LD (2)

1st Kattendale Canterbury (AI) (Wrigley) Well balanced all through. Good head and expression. Bite could be tidier. Deep in chest with correct topline and tail set. Long from hip to hock with good bone and feet. Moved freely. Excellent coat and condition.

2nd Oldmansion Avalon Dyke For Jenesta (Imp Est) (Hope & Kane) Well made all through with good substance. Strong head. Bite could be tidier. Clean neck. Deep chest. Well ribbed. Long hock to hip. Moved freely

OD (6, 2)

1st Hernwood Neptune Sea (Sandiford & Lewis). Excellent overall balance. Super head with clean neck and good shoulder. Deep chest and well sprung rib. Short loin and flat croup. Long from hip to hock. Well boned with good feet. Moved well with drive. Excellent coat and condition. BD, RBIS and BOSIS.

2nd Amscot Raisin Black (Collins-Pitman) Another excellent dog with good overall balance and outline. Head of correct proportions. Could be cleaner in neck. Deep chest. Well sprung rib with short loin and level croup. Good bone. Moved out well.

3rd Sh Ch Yennadon Lochan At Rubymoon (Butler)

Brace (4.2)

This class was just as it should be - fun and light relief. I have judged many brace classes but few have given me as much amusement as this one (save the Tollers in Wales!!). My congratulations to both owners who entered into the spirit of things - it was hard to differentiate as to what pair wanted to embarrass their owners the most!

1st Halliday's

2nd Ede's

Becky A Johnson

Judge