

# The Gordon Setter Association Championship Show

16<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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*My sincere thanks to the members for voting for me to judge the GSA Championship breed show 2022 and also to the committee and stewards for making the day so enjoyable. I wish to thank the exhibitors for their entries and sportsmanlike acceptance of what were often difficult decisions.*

*It was a pleasure to judge our lovely breed outside, it certainly helps to assess movement and show the coal black coats and correct chestnut tan to advantage.*

*I was delighted to see consistency in my overall Bitch line up and to see my Best Bitch be awarded Best in Show by the referee and for my Best Puppy Bitch to go Best Puppy in Show.*

*I was looking for a well constructed and balanced animal without exaggeration, both in conformation and coat. Tail sets and carriage do need watching, our standard calls for pelvis tending to horizontal with the tail carried horizontally or below line of back. Sloping croups and tails coming off at the horizontal or above, are not correct. With regard to movement there were a number with poor rear movement, very close behind with weak long hocks. The rear is the powerhouse of the Gordon and weak hocks give unsteady movement. In the main the exhibits were presented in hard condition with good muscle tone. A Gordon is a galloping breed and the breed standard description of a weight carrying hunter should not be mistaken for a heavy dog who rolls on the move.*

## **Special Vintage Bitch (3)**

*A lovely class of golden oldies, all presented in good condition, with firm muscle tone. Happy exhibits with slashing tails a credit to their owners.*

### **1) Chartan Hermione Granger**

*A compact girl, with a pretty head, and kind expression. Well muscled and moved with purpose. Stands correctly naturally. Correct tan Best Veteran Bitch*

### **2) Glenkinchie Soul Star**

*Pretty with cheeky expression Moved out well. Just preferred the slightly shorter back of 1<sup>st</sup>*

### **3) Hernwood Gypsy Rose**

*A well presented pretty 14 year old. The oldest at the show. Not surprisingly she gave a little away on movement but she is a credit to her owner who showed her sympathetically and is a credit to her.*

## **Veteran Bitch (4)**

### **1) Ecameadow Saffron With Wallbank**

*Nicely presented girl who moved correctly maintaining a level top line when standing and on the move. Good length of neck, well placed shoulders. Well muscled with good width to thigh. Nice tailset. Moved well.*

### **2) Ch Forester's Xclusive Edition of Darkmoor at Marlbeck (Imp Deu)**

*A broader bitch all through, excellent colour. Nice head and expression. Moved soundly. No 1 excelled with a lean neck and better topline.*

### **3) Diersett Sesto Elemento**

*Nicely proportioned girl with excellent front and spring of rib. Moves with purpose and drive, maintaining a level top line. Has a slight tendency to stand with a sloping croup which can spoil her top line.*

### **4) Lignum Miss Mossberg for Balnakeil**

## **Minor Puppy Bitch (0)**

## **Puppy Bitch (6)**

### **1) Langstrumpf Mackeralmint      BP**

*A cracking puppy. Balanced all through, presented in good coat, lovely rich chestnut tan and moved steadily with purpose, driving from short strong hocks. Lovely head, balanced with a defined stop and dark eyes. Well laid back shoulders, plenty of forechest, deep in brisket for a youngster, width across the loin. Strong rear with width to thigh decent stifle angulation and a muscled second thigh.*

### **2) Hernwood Gin Fizz**

*Another nice puppy, slightly longer cast. Good colour. Not the head shape of 1<sup>ST</sup>. Well angulated in forequarter and strong behind. Moved well.*

### **3) Hernwood Lunar's Gin**

*Litter sister to 2<sup>nd</sup>. good front, wider all through than 2. Rear end still needs to strengthen.*

### **4) Kilnrae Dragonfly**

### **5) Samsett First Edition**

### **Junior Bitch (3)**

*My notes say splitting hairs in this class.*

#### **1) Laurelhach Renaissance**

*1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> both well constructed girls. Nicely shaped feminine heads with kind expressions. They both have good angulation fore and aft.*

*1<sup>st</sup> is longer cast than 2, she has a decent spring of rib and is well ribbed back strong across the loin. A little light in body on this occasion. She won on her effortless movement.*

#### **2) Chartan Maple Mayhem**

*Strong all through, well muscled. Good spring of rib and strong across the loin. Well developed quarters. Moved soundly.*

#### **3) Tsrhnova Tante Lille**

*Strong girl, well up for size and needs time to mature.*

### **Yearling Bitch (6)**

#### **1) Laurelhach Renaissance**

#### **2) Ordett Love Me Do at Keaswood JW**

*Close to 1. Another well constructed young girl. Balanced throughout. More substantial than one, doesn't need to carry anymore weight. Excellent colour. well shaped head, kind expression. was not so positive when moving away as 1<sup>st</sup>*

#### **3) Burroughtof Lilly Loch**

*Well constructed girl, moved freely slightly longer on the leg and therefore needs more time to mature and drop into her brisket*

#### **4) Benbuie Lasting Love**

#### **5) Sooty Ringlet**

### **Maiden Bitch (8)**

#### **1) Hernwood Lunar's Gin**

*Placed third in puppy good confirmation presenting a nice outline correct colour presented in good coat strong over the loin moved with purpose.*

#### **2) Tsrhnova Tante Lille**

*Narrower all through than 1<sup>st</sup> Good front quarters*

#### **3) Annie-Macrae Dowry Town**

*A mature girl well presented preferred the rear movement of 1 and 2*

#### **4) Marshmoor White Lightning**

#### **5) Samsett First Edition**

### **Novice Bitch (6)**

#### **1) Hernwood Lunar's Gin**

#### **2) Tsrhnova Tante Lille**

#### **3) Annie-Macrae Dowry Town**

#### **4) Benbuie Lasting Love**

#### **5) Kilnrae Dragonfly**

### **Undergraduate Bitch (3)**

#### **1) Laurelhach Renaissance**

#### **2) Annie-Macrae Dowry Town**

#### **3) Ladysdale Frilly Ghillie For Colourbox**

*More relaxed in this class than the previous class. Moved with purpose and drive Well up for size, a strong girl, shown in hard condition. Good length to neck and strong over the loin.*

### **Graduate Bitch (3)**

#### **1) Beechlake Hey Jude**

*I really like this young girl, for me she epitomised a youngster in a slow maturing breed. Age just two, she is balanced well constructed and stands naturally full square on tight feet. Pleasing feminine head of classic shape and with good chiselling and dark eyes giving kind expression. Strong throughout with well laid back shoulders, a level top line with good spring of rib. Plenty of forechest, well angulated rear with good muscle tone and developed second thigh. Moved with ease. I will watch her progress with interest.*

#### **2) Langstrumpf Delicatessa**

*Unlucky to meet number one on such good form. Also a well constructed quality bitch. Shown in hard condition, with the correct coat and excellent colour. pleasing head with dark eye.*

#### **3) Annie-Macrae Dowry Town**

### **Post Graduate Bitch (6)**

*First and second were very close, both presented in excellent condition and coat*

#### **1) Flaxheath All That Jazz**

*Covered the ground effortlessly using her strong back end to drive across the ring. Pretty head with dark eye, kind expression excellent chiselling in the skull well constructed with no exaggerations nice neck into wither's well angulated fore and aft*

#### **2) Benbuie True Colours at Malocomi**

*Slightly smaller all through and the same remarks apply. Well shaped skull strong neck. Good spring to rib, strong across the loin. good angulation behind. Nice tailset.*

#### **3) Lannireach Original Tonic at Caradilis**

#### **4) Balnakeil Creag Na Caillich**

#### **5) Pollyspark Queen Bee**

## **Mid Limit Class (4)**

### **1) Diersett Irridium JW**

*A strongly made girl all in proportion, she excelled on her correctly angulated forehand with good sternum and depth of brisket. She used her strong rear quarters to great effect on the move where she maintained a level top line she has a lovely head with dark eye giving soft expression. Her colour is clear and a is a rich chestnut tan and she stands on neat feet.*

### **2) Melview Phoenix**

*This Bitch has a lovely size and shape, not overdone in any department. she presents a balanced outline and has plenty of substance. well shaped head dark eye with soft expression deep in the brisket and well ribbed back. Today I felt 1 excelled in neck. Moved with purpose and drive*

### **3) Balnakeil Carn Na Criche**

*A nice type of Gordon correct size and angulation moved closer behind which lost her a higher place*

### **4) Kingilee Maori Secret**

## **Limit Bitch (3)**

*Three nice bitches who all moved with purpose giving the right amount of reach and drive*

### **1) Kyuna Dream of Magic at Moonglade      RCC**

*Bitch of lovely size and shape with plenty of bone presenting a balanced picture. she had the best neck and shoulder placement in the class and stands naturally with level top line strong over the loin, and a good width to thigh she has a strong second thigh. She stands on lovely tight feet and moves freely and easily. She has a feminine head with dark eye and cheeky expression. Correct coat length and texture to finish the picture. RCC*

### **2) Locksheath Princess Tiana JW**

*Strongly made bitch. Her strong neck leads to correctly angulated forehand and depth of brisket. She has a firm level top line leading to strong wide hindquarters and has a good length from hock to heal and moves well. To be critical I Would prefer more stop and chiselling in her skull, she has a kind expression.*

### **3) Lourdace Helix at Maybesque**

*A strongly built compact girl shown in hard condition. Good angulation fore and aft good colour. Well proportioned skull , low set ears and a kind expression. I preferred the length of neck on the other exhibits.*

## **Open Bitch (5)**

*A lovely class of quality bitches. The first 3 all moved with purpose and drive*

### **1) Cairacailie Night Of Love With Ordet JW                      CC & BIS**

*What a cracker! A bitch without exaggeration and of the correct size she presents a very balanced picture. A weight carrying hunter but not overweight. She has a feminine head with good chiselling and dark eyes giving a soft expression. She has the correct length of neck well angulated forequarters and has good bone. Deep in the brisket, with a good spring of rib and is well ribbed back. Strong over the loin. Moves with drive from correct hindquarters, hocks are of the correct length. In profile she has effortless movement, correct footfall and uses her short tail to complete the picture. Delighted to award her the CC – her 3<sup>rd</sup> and to watch her go BIS*

### **2) Ch Amscot Siena Spice JW**

*A well made girl with a well balanced head, and a lovely expression. Has a lovely coat. Long lean neck and well angulated front. Beautifully presented in an excellent coat. Preferred the strength in top line of 1.*

### **3) Clacorick Scottish Lilt**

*Nice size, well constructed girl with lovely head and expression. Well ribbed back would benefit from slightly more spring in rib. Strong well made hindquarters. Excellent colour*

### **4) Tsruhnova Tarkheena JW**

### **5) Hernwood Luna Eclipse JW**

### **Field Trial Bitch (3)**

*It is not easy to qualify for the Field Trial class and to have 3 in the class is a credit to the breeder.*

*All well constructed strongly muscled girls as you would expect.*

#### **1) Chartan Treacle Tart**

*Well constructed, no exaggerations. Feminine head. Good shoulder and width to thigh. Definitive second thigh. good spring of rib. Strong back, and level topline. Deep in brisket. Nice short tail which she uses to advantage.*

#### **2) Chartan Kinkie Boots**

*Standing over more ground, and not as deep as 1. Well angulated fore and aft. Covers the ground with ease. Lovely rich correct chestnut tan with no black*

#### **3) Chartan Hermione Granger**

**Bitch CC: Cairacailie Night Of Love with Ordett    BIS**

**Reserve Bitch CC:    Kyuna Dream Of Magic at Moonglade**

**Best Puppy Bitch: Langstrumpf Mackeralmint                    BP**