

Judges Critique - 79th Cocker Spaniel Club of Ireland Championship Show 2012

My thanks to the Committee of this Club for the warmest of welcomes extended to me, I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to Dublin. Special thanks to Secy Bernadette McEntee Campbell and my steward, Kay Creamer.

BIS/BGS: Laverty's Lynwater Favour.

RBIS/DGS: Graham's Incurigable Kurt At Stilgoa.

BP: O'Shea' Saidhbhín Strandsend.

BBP: Brennan's Blackhills Back On Track With Kerrijoy (IMP SWE).

DOGS.

Baby Puppy. (4)

1. Brennan's Blackhills Back On Track With Kerrijoy (Imp Swe). Cracking blue, lovely head and eye, compact body, moves with much confidence, one to watch in the future. BBPIS.
2. Baldwin's Kilivory Back To Black.
3. Holohan's Hillview Coloured Dude.

Minor Puppy. (2)

1. O'Shea's Saidhbhín Key To The Kingdom, blue, well made, good legs and feet, short deep body, short hocks, moved merrily with drive.
2. Brennan's Kerrijoy Apollo, lovely for his age, short coupled, good bone and feet, presentation A1.

Puppy. (4-1abs)

1. Laverty's Laveris Touch & Go, medium blue, short and balanced, lovely head and eye, good neck and shoulder, deep chest, short hocks, well presented. Should have a bright future. RDGS.
2. McEntee & McEntee-O'Sullivan's Baysway Fade To Grey lovely headed, good neck and shoulder, deep compact body, moved well.
3. Baillie's Thornbrook Lovesick Blues.

Junior. (3)

1. O'Sullivan's Forestpine Majestic Joy For All, Steele blue, quality, good bone and feet, well turned stifles, shown in good coat, moved ok.
2. Laverty's Laveris Alfie Moon golden with a lovely head and dark eye, shown in lovely coat and condition, has much to like about him.
3. O'Donnell's Doonrock Golden Dream.

Intermediate. (3)

1. Holohan's Hillview Brave Bugsy .
2. Brennan's Asquannes Galahad For Kerrijoy, these two are quality, there is very little to choose between them, will change places many times, the 2nd has a gorgeous head, the 1st is shorter on the hock. Body properties more or less on a Parr, presentation A1. Good level toplines on the move, both drove and used tails.
3. Baillie's Thornbrook The Candy Man Can.

Open (8 – 1 abs)

1. Graham's Incurable Kurt At Stilgoa, headed a good class of mature males, loved this Steele blue, grand head, well placed shoulders, short & cobby, deep chest, typey, good bone, small tight feet, shown in good coat, well presented and handled, moved with much style and presence, his short hocks powered him round the ring, was delighted to award him the GS and he was unlucky to meet an outstanding bitch for the top ward.
2. Brennan's Kerrijoy Valentino, a quality black, lovely head and expression, reachy neck, well placed shoulders, beautifully presented, as were all from this kennel, unlucky to meet 1.
3. O'Shea's Saidbhín Marco's Dream.

Champion. (2)

1. Baldwin's Sh.Ch. Kilivory Derby Lad most lovely headed boy, typey, quality although and deserves his title, looked and moved well, a credit to his owner.
2. McEntee & McEntee-O'Sullivan's Sh.Ch. Lochdene Silver Thread, A typey blue dog, giving a lot away in age, would love to have seen him as a youngster, enjoyed his day out.

BITCHES.

Baby Puppy. (5-1)

1. Baldwin's Kilivory Lady Jane.
2. Brennan's Blackhills Bewitched By Kerrijoy (Imp Swe).

Two most lovely puppies, would have brought both home with me, very little to separate, they will no doubt challenge each other in the future, the winner today was more positive on the move and the blue was naughty for her owner. Two exciting youngsters.

3. O'Donnell's Doonrock Dream Esteem.

Minor Puppy. (4)

1. O'Shea's Saidhbhín Strandend, another Blue from the top drawer, loved her, cobby, big ribs, strong quarters, good legs and feet, well presented and handled, moved so well for one so young, and so merry, well done and will watch her progress. BPIS.
2. Perkin's Laveris Summer Breeze, another lovely puppy, not as forward as winner, but has many qualities, built on a finer frame, she has lovely fine sloping shoulders, good coat and condition, moved well.
3. Concannon's Benbreen Special Effects.

Puppy. (2)

1. O'Sullivan's Forestpine A Starry Dream To Cherish, what an apt name for this little charmer, gorgeous head, clean throughout neck and shoulders, good bone, tight feet, well turned stifle, happy mover, well presented
2. Baillie's Thornbrook Krystal Clear, light blue, pretty head, not the coat and body of winner, moved ok.

Junior. (4)

1. Concannon's Miz Hazie Fantazie At Benbreen, black, quality, has all the essentials, shown in good coat and well presented, was happy moving.
2. McEntee & McEntee-O'Sullivan's Baysway Rhapsody In Blue, a lovely bitch, with good ribs and cobby body, sadly didn't do herself justice, wasn't happy.

Intermediate. (4-1abs)

1. Graham's Lochranza Mamma Mia At Stilgoa, quality black, mature, grand head, good ribs, deep chest, short in back, good quarters, happy and sound moving, pushed hard for top award.
2. Lavery's Selna Dark Crystal At Laveris, another quality black, gorgeous head, so well put together, sadly had chewed her coat and wasn't too happy today and had to pay the price, but when in form will trouble the best.
3. Burke's Ellie Of Altore.

Open (13 – 2)

Probably the best class, and was headed by my ultimate BIS winner –

1. Lavery's Lynwater Favour, a beautiful orange roan, loved everything about her from her lovely chiselled head, dark expressive eyes, my notes just say, true type, all cocker, would like to take home. She is balanced, cobby, moved with drive using her tail, and so merry. A delight.
2. Baldwin's Laveris Midnight Lady, should not feel any disgrace with her placing, a lovely cocker, typey, good body etc, moved soundly with drive. Shown in good coat and condition.
3. Graham's Stilgoa Hop the Wag. Completed three good ones.

Champion (4-1 abs)

1. Brennan's Sh. Ch. Asquannes Ginnifer At Kerrijoy, bred in the purple, lovely bitch from any angle, shown in immaculate coat and presentation, can't add anything that hasn't been said before, just unlucky to meet Favour in sparkling form. Was delighted to award her RGS.
2. O'Shea's Sh. Ch. Saidhbhín She's Our Native, another good blue from this kennel, deserving of her title, my only criticism is I felt that a little less hair on hindlegs would have benefitted. Moved OK.
3. Kelly's Sh.Ch. Lochdene Silver Thimble.

Vet. (1)

1. Knapps Lindridge Topaz, grand blue, still retains her good looks, good ribs and body, good legs and feet, very nicely trimmed and handled, sound happy mover.

Brace (5)

1. Baldwin's.

Judge: *Barbara Critchley.*

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