

ENGLISH SETTER SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND

Championship Show - 15th June 2025

Firstly, let me congratulate the Officers and Committee of ESSS on running such a successful show. It is always a pleasure to attend their shows, noted for their welcoming attitude and hospitality. This time it was particularly so as I had decided that this would be my final judging appointment.

The new venue at Lockerbie was spacious with good ring size. A couple of exhibits found the surface to be a bit slippery, but recovered without problem. In general, I found the exhibits to be of good quality. A few were a bit short in upper arm, which meant that it tended to lessen their front angulation. Perhaps this is something for breeders to consider when planning their breeding programmes and taking the breed forward in the years ahead. Mouths have improved within the last couple of decades and I found few with faulty dentition, so this does not appear to be a concern as was previously the case. I was pleased with all the winners in my final line-up.

MINOR PUPPY DOG

1. Collins' TAWNYMEADE MOON FLARE

8mths o/b, At this age, he is very much a "work in progress", but has all the essentials for a bright future. Balanced head with dark eye, well-placed shoulders, straight front, good bend of stifle, unfortunately, let himself down a bit with wayward movement when challenging for BPD.

PUPPY DOG

1. Beasley's LATJEATA JACK'S THE LAD

10mths, Very well-balanced when viewed in profile, straight in front, good angulation in both forequarters & hindquarters, level topline and well-set tail., still needs to drop in chest, moved steady and true. BPD & BPIS..

2. Welsh & Loakes' GOLDBIRCH NORTHERN BLUES

10mths, Pleasing outline with balanced angulation, good head and lay of shoulder, well-set tail, steady mover.

JUNIOR DOG

1. Danks-Kemish's RAVENSETT JUST AN ILLUSION WITH ALOLFRANA

16mth o/b, drew my eye immediately in the ring, still relatively young but looks like he is developing into a really attractive English Setter. Well-proportioned in body with level topline, deep chest and good angulation in quarters, straight in front, strong bone, moved true with good driving action. Reserve Dog CC.

2. Pearson's BOURNEHOUSE AUGUSTUS AT YESSANDI

14mth, well-developed in head with dark eye and balanced skull & muzzle, level topline, good tailset, tight feet, moved true but without the drive of the class winner..

3. Arkley's ISHOWA DREAM LOVER

YEARLING DOG

1. Danks-Kemish's RAVENSETT JUST AN ILLUSION WITH
ALOLFRANA

Repeat

2. Pearson's BOURNEHOUSE AUSUSTUS AT YESSANDI

Repeat

3. Stronach's MARIGLEN ESCAPE TO VICTORY

GRADUATE DOG

1. Ciaputa's RAVENSETT COTE D'AZUR JW

o/b, well-developed in head with balanced skull and muzzle, dark eye, low-set ears, and attractive expression, good neck placed on well-set shoulders deep in chest, level topline.

2. Arkley's TATTERSETT BLUE LORD

b/b not quite the head of 1st, dark eye, good neck and shoulders, level topline, good bone, lost to 1st in movement and hind drive.

3. Vallance's ENNYDLOC YORKSHIRE LIAI SONTTO ROWANMYLE

POST GRADUATE DOG

1. Snook's MOORBROOK MOGUL OF MARCH

dark b/b, attractive masculine head with deep muzzle and clear occiput, long neck on well-placed shoulders, level topline, deep chest, tight feet, good driving action on the move

2. Stewart's TATTERSETT STOLEN SILVER MARCH

Mature body, good head, deep muzzle, dark eye, good neck and shoulders, deep chest, good bend of stifle, well-set tail, not movement of winner.

3. Vallance's ENNYDLOC YORKSHIRE LIAISON TO ROWANMYLE

MID LIMIT DOG

1. Thomson's MAURSETT MORGANITE FOR CASPELLWYND

Tri with dark eye, well-developed body, deep chest, straight front, good spring of rib, strong bone, tight feet, moved true although, good gait although seemed a little reluctant on the move...

2. Taylor's KENIETTER KOKOA

Tri which is also well-developed in body, strong bone, tight feet, good topline, a little straight in shoulder, would benefit from a bit more attention to presentation.

LIMIT DOG

1. Carr's BALVENIE BLUE LAGOON

b/b, with well-developed head, dark eye and low ear-set, good length of neck, although I would have preferred, more lay-back of shoulder, level topline and well-set tail, deep in body, movement was inhibited by a tendency to crab a little.

OPEN DOG

1. Taylor's SH.CH. WANSLEYDALE MAYBEE

Caught my eye as soon as he entered the ring. I had previously judged him as a puppy and considered that he had a lot of potential He has now matured and that early promise is coming to fruition He has a pleasing outline in profile, balanced head with dark eye, good lay of shoulder, straight front, good spring of rib, well ribbed-up, balanced angulation, moved true with good driving action using his hocks to advantage. Dog CC & BIS.

2. Hepburn's TATTERSETT RAINBOW LEGACY

Elegant head, good neck on well-placed shoulders, level topline, good tailset, well-bent in stifle, deep in brisket, Moved true with good driving action. Unlucky to meet the winner in top form.

3. Vallance's ROWANMYLE WAS A SKELLUM ChCEX

VETERAN DOG

1. Arkley's HARTSETT FLASHDANCE

8 yrs o/b. Pleasing outline, Well-developed elegant head, with plenty of work in it, dark eye, good stop, long neck, good angulation fore & aft, deep chest, tight feet, level topline and good tailset, moved true with driving action,

2. Snook's DALREAVOCH NORTHERN CAPER

7 yrs. Lovely head with dark eye, well-sprung ribcage, deep chest, moved with drive, but tended to be a little too proud of his tail.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH

1. Vallance's ROWANMYLE OF PRUDENT LORE

8mths b/b, developed and attractive head, dark eye, good muzzle and skull with good reach of neck, down to well-placed shoulders, good hindquarters, moved true..

2. Colton's 's ROWANMYLE BOX OF DELIGHTS FOR ENNYDLOC

8mths b/b., Similar in many respects to 1st and most of the same comments apply, but shorter in loin and not quite the movement of the class winner.

PUPPY BITCH

1. Vallance's ROWANMYLE OF PRUDENT LORE

Repeat

2. Beasley's LATJEATA CUP OF KINDNESS

10 mths, maturing nicely with feminine expression and dark eye, good length of neck & set on well-placed shoulders, tight feet,, good bend of stifle, a little long in body and not the movement of the class winner.

3. Linskey's LATJEATA PAVANE

JUNIOR BITCH

1. Welburn's OSHOWA JUST A DREAM

15 mths, elegant in profile, feminine head with dark eye, good neck set on good lay of shoulder, level topline, well-bent stifle, tight feet, moved steady and true.

2. Beasley's LATJEATA CUP OF KINDNESS

Repeat

YEARLING BITCH

1. Hutchinson & Dennis' MARIGLEN MY HEART WILL GO ON WITH
MONAYSBRIDGE

b/b, presented a pleasing outline in profile, very feminine head with good expression, & stop, clean neck and shoulders, deep chest, good angulation in quarters, tight feet,, straight front, well-sprung ribcase, moved steady and true using hocks.

2. Taylor's WANSLEYDALE HONEY BEE JW

Unlucky to meet 1st in same class, lovely head with soft feminine expression, balanced profile with good angulation in quarters, long neck, tight feet, good bone, good tailset, moved steady.

3. Welburn's OSHOWALOVE TO DREAM

NOVICE BITCH

1. Colton's ROWANMYLE BOX OF DLIGHTS FOR ENNYDLOC

Repeat

POST GRADUATE BITCH

1. Prest's CALEYDENE COMET

o/b,well-developed body with level topline, feminine head and expression,with low-set ears, good neck & shoulders, deep in body, tight feet, moved straight with driving action from her hocks.

2. Kemp-Taylor's QUENSHA'S STRAWBERRY SWING MARCH

Shorter in body than 1st,,level topline, good head with plenty of work in it, low ears, tight feet, not movement of 1st and tended to carry her tail a little.

MID LIMIT BITCH

1. Howarth's MOORBROOK OWDIDTHATAPPEN

Dark b/b with lovely outline displaying good angulation in both forequarters & hindquarters, level topline with good tailset, short in hocks, good driving action using her tail.

2. Welburn's OSHOWA DREAM COME TRUE

b/b, a bit lighter in body than winner, elegant head, long neck and shoulders, level topline, good bend of stifle, not quite movement of 1st.

LIMIT BITCH

1. Dykes' CALEYDENE CONNEXION

Mature o/b with elegant head and soft expression, good length of neck on well-placed shoulders, deep in body, good angulation fore and aft, good tailset. Found the floor surface a little challenging, but recovered well..

2. Beasley's WANSLEYDALE MAYFLOWER AT LATJEATA

b/b with pleasing outline, good length of neck set on well-placed shoulders, good spring of rib and good depth of chest, true & steady movement..

3. Vallance's ROWANMYLE ONE BEWITCHED

OPEN BITCH

1. Grimsdell's SH.CH. TATTERSETT DARK HONEY JW

7yr o/b in full coat, presented a pleasing picture when viewed in profile, Very feminine head with dark eye, low-set ears, well-placed neck and shoulders, deep in chest, good spring of rib, good bend of stifle, level topline, moved steady and true. Stood alone, but she would have been a worthy winner standing amongst much more numerous competition, Bitch CC, BVIS & RBIS.

VETERAN BITCH

1. Grimsdell's SH.CH.TATTERSETT DARK HONEY JW

Repeat

2. Beasley's WANSLEYDALE AMARETTO AT LATJEATA

7yrs, Tri, mature bitch with level topline, good tailset, deep chest, good spring of rib, tight feet. Feminine head with dark eye, moved steady but true.

Keith Smith (Judge)