

Flatcoated Retriever Society – Special Awards 4th June 2016

Judge: Mrs Alex Newton

I would firstly like to say a huge thanks to the committee for asking me to judge their inaugural Special Awards, I am very honoured. Thank you to all that entered under me and made my day even more enjoyable.

Special Puppy (8,0) Some very promising youngsters, all at different ages but I will watch with interest as they mature.

1. Hopevalley Morning Arizona – Just loved this boy, at 7 ½ months old he was just how a puppy should be. Beautiful moulded one piece head, with such a kind expression and dark eyes. Excellent length of neck which led into well laid shoulders, correct front angulation. Body in proportion, with lovely bone for his age. Excellent topline and tailset which he held so well on the move. His movement was effortless and he flowed around the ring with the full reach and drive I was looking for. Looking forward to seeing him as he matures.
2. Kulawand Kodebreaker - A pretty girl, the other end of the age range at 11mths. She was a real show girl who showed well for her handler. Lovely head and expression. Correct front angulation, with good depth of brisket. Well ribbed and short coupled. She had the right amount of rear angulation and held her tail well both standing and on the move. She moved with drive.
3. Lizzlog Chicago Girl – Loved the size and proportions of this girl. She had a super feminine head with such a kind expression. Excellent length of neck into well laid shoulders. Lovely bone for her size and the best of feet. Nicely ribbed and short coupled. Lovely topline and correct rear angles. Moved well.

Special Graduate (5,0)

1. Castlerock Burning Love at Heatheridge – At 18mths old he was a real character who gave his handler a hard time. He had such a smile on his face and a kind expression. He was in excellent coat, in fact the best of the day. His excellent length of neck led in to very well placed shoulders and he had the correct length of upper arm. Great depth of chest and well ribbed. He was in proportion for bone and had great feet. Excellent topline and good strong loin. His rear was well muscled and angulated and he used this to move with drive and purpose.
2. Black Mica's Likes It Hot At Blacktoft JW (Imp Swe) – He too was being cheeky boy who had so much character. Beautiful masculine head and lovely dark eye. The correct length of neck but just preferred the length of upper arm of 1. Excellent topline and depth of chest, short coupled. He was well muscled and in hard condition. Great feet. He moved well and with drive.
3. Candiliz Pink Lady JW – Slightly bigger girl that I would have liked but you can't deny her construction. She is very pretty with a lovely dark eye. She has an excellent length of neck which led into a very well angled front. The correct depth of chest and nicely short coupled. She had excellent feet and a moderate turn of stifle. She moved well.

Special Open (10,0) This was a really lovely class.

1. Hopevalley Morning Mist – Lovely to read that this is the mother to my Puppy winner, she certainly throws her type. A 6yr old bitch that oozes breed type, she has such a feminine head and the kindest expressions. The best front angles of the day, she had a lovely length of neck which you would expect but also the correct depth at brisket. Excellent firm topline, well ribbed and short coupled. Excellent tailset which she carried beautifully on the move. In profile her drive both front and rear was so true, which she has given to her children. She was a little out of coat but this meant you could see all her attributes clearly.
2. Blacktoft Burlesque JW – Another bitch that I have admired from the ringside, very close between 1 and 2. She has a beautiful head and a cheeky expression. Well laid shoulders and correct depth of chest. Excellent topline and tailset which she held well on the move. She was well ribbed and nicely short coupled. She had the correct rear angulation and lovely feet. Just preferred the front movement of 1.
3. Lizzlog Annie Get your Gun JW – She was a lovely size girl but preferred the heads of 1 & 2. Excellent length of neck into well placed shoulders. I liked her depth of chest which led into a short loin. She had a lovely turn of stifle and well let down hocks. Again from this breeder the best of feet. She moved well and held her topline and tailset.