

<u>The Soft Coated Wheaten Club of Great Britain.</u> <u>Open Show North, Belmont Community Centre, Durham.</u> <u>15th September 2019.</u>

Firstly a big 'Thank You' to the Club for inviting me to judge, a big honour indeed and for the excellent hospitality on the day; to Jane for the great job she did as my steward; and to the sporting exhibitors who had entered to make a successful show – it was a pleasure to go over your dogs. I had some lovely specimens out of the top drawer and overall most were reasonably sound. Mouths were pretty good and I can only recall one that was slightly off. Movement too was quite good on the whole.

VD (1,0)

1 Thoburn's Northridge Gotan Go. Lovely 7yo with all the attributes, nice balanced head with dark eye and correct bite, nice ear carriage, well made bodily, nice straight front, good rib, level top-line, nicely angulated rear end, moved well. Stood alone in class but went on to BVIS.

PD (2,0)

1 Smith's Calvenance Dickens. Promising 8mo that was quite a handful as I understand it was his debut in the show ring. Pleasing head with good bite, dark eye and good ear carriage. Well made fore and aft, nice straight front, good rib. Moved OK and improved as day went on. BPIS.

2 Grimes-Watson and Watson's Janeyjimjams Jem Devlin. Another promising youngster of 11m. Like winner had dark eye, good bite, straight front, ample rib. A close decision but just thought winner was a little better in angulation.

YD (1,0)

1 Wright's Abbeymead Stelline. 20mo who is in the process of maturing. Dark eye, good bite, ample bone and substance, well ribbed, straight front, correctly angulated rear quarters, moved OK. Stood alone.

GD (1,0)

1 Ward-Walker's Eblanahalls a Fine Half. Typey enough dog, good head, dark eye, correct bite, well enough made fore and aft but felt top line was not held as well as it might have been on the day, coat not yet mature, moved OK. Another standing alone.

LD (3,0)

- 1 Patterson's Snowmeadow Saul's Symphony to Gavleash. Lovely 2yo reaching his peak, nice head with dark eye, black nose, correct bite, well made with plenty of substance, very nice front, well ribbed, straight front, nice reach of neck, level topline, well made fore and aft, lovely gleaming coat, moved well, Scored on overall balance in the class, and pushed hard in the challenge. RBD and RBIS.
- 2 Wardle's Denzilly He's Got the Look. Another pleasing dog with considerable virtues, well enough made all round, dark eye, bite OK, coat still maturing, did not move as well behind as the winner.
- 3 Watkins' Zaraslake Lucky Seven. Typey enough dog now 4yo. Bite just OK. I felt he was a bit over-angulated and this spoiled his movement, but otherwise had sufficient rib and substance.

OD(5,0)

- 1 Dowdy's Ch Greentree Gold Mombo to Denzilly (Imp USA). Top class specimen in his prime. Nice head dark eye, black nose, dark eye, neat ears. Correctly made all round, nice reach of neck, level top line, good rib, level top line, good coat, moved very well and with ease. BD and BIS.
- 2 Thoburn's Northridge Me and Tennessee. Another nice dog all round of good type, pleasing enough head, bite OK, dark eye, well ribbed, level top line. Felt winner scored on movement and ear carriage.
- 3 Bristow's Denzilly Sweet Destiny for Avard ShCM. Sound enough dog fore and aft, bite all right, ample substance, moved OK. Preferred the colour and pigmentation of 2.

VB (4,2)

- 1 Tilley's Ch Starzak Solid Gold Ez Action JW ShCM. First of a couple of 'golden oldies', now 12yo and in excellent condition for her age, the attributes that gained her title are still there, dark eye, black nose, bite OK, well made all round, moved OK.
- 2 Charleton's Ch Janeyjimjams Jemima. 9yo, like 1 the virtues that led to her title are still there but she has not aged as well as winner and coat was not as good. Moved OK and better than some 'teenagers'.

PB (4,0) a very nice class.

- 1 Bristow's Saffini Love of my Life for Avard. Only two days over six months so very much the baby and naturally a bit skittish but very promising. Very well balanced, dark eye, correct bite, well-constructed all round, moved OK despite her immaturity.
- 2 Howes' Daisymaes Tumbling Dice. 9mo so much more mature than winner, good head, correct bite, dark eye, another that is well made all round, she is top size but should not grow any more now and might settle a little while maturing, moved well.
- 3 Dowdy's Denzilly Sweet Cariad. Another promising 6mo but a couple of weeks older than winner, decent head and expression, correct bite, well made all round,

YB (3,1)

- 1 Lui's Eblanahalls Honeytrap JW. Very well balanced all round, good front, level top line and nice rear end, pleasing head with dark eye and black nose, moved well.
- 2 Wright's Abbeymead Capelli D'Angelo. Not as well balanced as winner, and would have preferred her a little less in height. Good bite, dark eye, and moved OK.

GB (2,0)

- 1 Watkins' Zaraslake Tinie Tempah. Well balanced 2yo with good construction fore and rear, good bite, dark eye, black nose. ample substance, moved well. Scored on overall balance and movement.
- 2 Shears' Denzilly Kinky Boots at Bearbay. Typey enough and nice coat pigmentation, but preferred the overall balance, construction and tail carriage of winner.

Sp. Begin. B (2,1)

1 Delaney's Braelochyen Ice Quartz with Millyjoy. Well enough made all round, dark eye, good bite, top size, moved OK with level top line. Stood alone.

LB (4,1)

- 1 Francis's Sawheaten Kiss from a Rose. Very nice 18mo, good head, correct bite, dark eye, nice straight front and correct angulation, nice coat, good top-line which was held on the move, good rear end and moved well. Will only improve with maturity. BB and BOS.
- 2 Herbert's Julibidd Maybe I'm Amazed. Although a year older, she has all the same virtues as winner. It was a very close decision, but just preferred the movement of winner.
- 3 Switzer's Starcadia Oh Dear. Decent type all round and unfortunate to meet the two above her on the day. Moved OK.

OB (5,2)

1 Lui's Thistlebe Them There Eyes at Eblanahalls ShCM ShCEX. Now six years of age she is one that has improved with maturity, especially in coat. Well-constructed with straight front, level top line, good back end, dark eye, black nose, good bite. Moved well. In the challenge, I felt the Limit winner had just that little bit extra but held off a strong challenge from second in that class. RBB,

2 Herbert's Calvenace She's the One at Julibidd. Another 6yo and fully mature with good coat. Has most of the desired attributes but felt the winner moved a bit better and preferred winner's tail carriage.

3 Clarke's Flaxela Everlasting Love Ir Ju Ch. 5yo, with nice head, good bite etc. I felt 1&2 were a little bit better angulated, hence placings.

Brace.

1 Herbert's Julibidd.

2 Watkins' Zaraslake.

Archie Bryden