

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Open Show

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This was my first outing since Crufts. I was feeling a little apprehensive, but on arrival at the venue and seeing the excellent Covid-safe measures in place, I felt totally safe and I congratulate the hard working committee for these efforts.

Unfortunately the weather was not so good and so it was decided to hold the show indoors. We were limited with the ring size and I am sure some of the dogs could have moved better.

After judging the Open Show, the sun decided to show itself and the fun day also took place in huge outdoor rings - lots of fun was enjoyed by exhibitors and the pet owning families.

First I must offer my own opinion about some of the dogs entered under me today. This is not a criticism but an observation and a concern. The breed standard is very clear about the coat and I quote: "Over trimming or styling should be penalised".

I did not feel comfortable to place some of the dogs that in my opinion were over trimmed / styled. Unfortunately I had little choice in most cases, as their construction was correct.

Some would blame the judges and I guess that's correct to some degree, but would it be right to give out award to dogs with correct natural coats but poor construction? – I think not.

I also believe that over trimming / styling will put some people off entering the show world, as we have seen this happening in other breeds.

Best in Show: The bitch Satherley / Witheyman: Silkcroft Born This Way JW:

I loved her make and shape; compact, well sprung in rib, ample bone, clean shoulders and muscular hindquarters, firm in hocks, moved out so well holding a super outline, lovely head and expression, so well handled, coat presented and of good texture and colour, I'm sure she will receive her crown one day.

RBIS: Also the bitch Herbert "Julibidd Maybe I'm Amazed" standing four square, in excellent coat colour texture and condition, very pleasing head, correct expression and dentition, tail set on correct, covering the ground and well handled.

Best dog and BOS: Clarke "Flaxela Perfect Storm": A very promising exhibit and one for the top I'm sure, impressive male, fits the standard well, super tail sett and carried, well angulated in hindquarters, pleasing head with tidy ears covered the ground and well handled.

Best puppy in show: Fallon "Manawyddan Bizzy lizzy": Very promising, feminine,

well defined stop, perfect mouth, correct dark pigmentation, super outline, well laid shoulder, moved freely, very well handled. Should do well.

Puppy dog:

Satherley : Silkcroft Game Changer.

Another very promising puppy. Strong jaw, excellent large teeth, good pigmentation. Held a super outline on the move. A little over awed on his first outing. Another one to watch.

Maiden dog:

Charleton: House of Softly Indus (Imp Swe)

Powerful head, very good pigmentation, firm muscular quarters, very good mover, in very good coat. Well presented.

Graduate dog:

Hookway / Mason : Denzilly Golden Compass:

Scored in head, well shaped ears, excellent large teeth, strong neck, elbows well tucked in, moved a little close behind today. Correct coat texture and colour.

Limit dog:

1) Clarke : Flaxela Perfect Storm:

2) Grimes-Watson / Watson: Janey Jimjams Jem Devlin:

Held a correct outline on the move, in excellent coat colour and texture, large bite, good pigmentation, moved a little wide in front, strong head, lovely expression would prefer smaller ears.

3) Instance / Instance: Keevasdream White Knight:

Pleasing in head, well presented and handled. Correct angulation in hindquarters. Tail well set on.

Open dog:

1) Clarke: Flaxela Perfect Storm

2) Tiley : Janey Jimjams Jubilee Star At Starzak Shcm

Short-coupled dog, firm in neck, good shoulders, strong head, well placed ears

3) Cooper: Janey Jimjams Jubilee Juke:

Pleasing in head and outline, good pigmentation, perfect bite.

Veteran bitch:

Herbert / Herbert: Calvenace She's The One At Julibidd:

8 years old, in super coat and condition. lovely head correct proportions, well placed ears, dark eye. Moved out well, holding topline on the move, correct tail set.

Puppy bitch class:

Fallon: Manawyddan Bizzy Lizzy:

Junior bitch class:

Bott: Whitevale Calamity Jane:

Happy and enthusiastic on the move, strong in head and skull, large teeth, dark eyes coat of correct colour. Another promising bitch.

Yearling bitch class:

Lawrence: Surreygold Celtan Musetta:

Mature for her age, good pigmentation, loved her head, neck and shoulder, very well handled, compact feet.

Maiden bitch:

Charleton : House Of Softy Indi (Imp Swe):

Excellent make and shape, well set and carried tail, holding a good topline. Coat coming through.

Novice bitch:

Jones / Jones: Silverluka Hotter Than July:

Correct colour and texture of coat, feminine head in fit hard condition. Well sprung in rib. She was a little over awed by everything today. Another lockdown baby needing time.

Graduate bitch:

Sheehan: Keevasdream White Lace:

Good head and eye, good pigmentation, correct coat texture, well balanced, needs more confidence, sympathetically handled.

Limit bitch:

- 1) Satherley /Satherley: Silkcroft Never Miss A Beat:

A well proportioned bitch with correct ribcage. Would prefer a better tail carriage. Coat of good colour and texture. Lovely head and expression, large teeth, well placed ears standing on correct padded feet.

- 2) Paton: Denzilly Raspberry Beret (Imp USA):

Another well balanced bitch, pleasing in head, neck and clean in shoulder. Straight in front, elbows well tucked in. Well handled.

- 3) Springford: Keevasdream White Linen JW:

Another good headed bitch, with good spring of rib, soft silky coat of good length, held a correct outline on the move, straight front.

Open bitch:

Super class of quality bitches:

- 1) Satherley / Witheman: Silkcroft Born This Way JW:
- 2) Herbert / Herbert: Julibidd Maybe I'm Amazed:
- 3) Francis: Sawheaten Kiss From A Rose: Typey, well balanced, holding a good topline, good bone, elbows well tucked in, another one to watch.

Progeny:

Hughlock: Janey Jimjams Jolene At Keevasdream: Owner breeder justifiably proud.

Brace:

Charleton: House Of Softy Indi (Imp Swe) - House Of Softy Indus (Imp Swe)

So well handled.

Judge: Sherril L Goodwin, Spitewinter