

East of England Critiques 7th July 2013 Labrador Dogs – Judge Alison Scutcher

Thank you to the committee for inviting me to award CC's for the first time and a huge thank you to all of the exhibitors who allowed me the honour of judging such a high quality entry throughout. There were many possible CC winners in my line-up but the depth of quality in the Open Class gave me both the CC & RCC on the day. Best of Breed with my complete agreement was the exquisite IT Ch Loch Mor Guilietta who also went on to win Gundog Group 1.

Minor Puppy

1st Lewis' Crammondkirk All The Gossip

Super young dog, loved his head, good width to skull, good length of muzzle, excellent pigment and soft gentle expression. Super sweep through neck and topline, giving him a clean outline. Good construction front and back with good muscle tone. Lovely dog to watch on the move and with the agreement of my co-judge was Best Puppy.

2nd Faulkner's Lewisan Likely Lad

Another lovely puppy, not as forward as the winner but has all the essentials. A good honest Labrador who is not flashy but lovely to go over, beautiful head, with soft gentle melting expression, flows through neck and topline, well constructed throughout, good bone and feet. Moved very well for his age.

3rd Key's Keydella Kristmas Knight

Puppy Dog

1st Carpanini's Carpenny Primo

Clean lined quality baby of super type with all the essentials, liked his head and expression but still has time to develop further. Super reach of neck, level topline, well constructed throughout with super bone, lovely feet. In really good coat and condition. Moved very well and in time I feel may trouble the best.

2nd Harvey Majors Linjor Sessile Oak

Another quality puppy with clean outline, liked his head and expression, good reach of neck, level topline, correctly put together with good bone and feet. Moved very well and credit to his handler on the day for showing and moving him so well.

3rd Wiles' Richbourne Olympic Spirit

Junior Dog

1st Shirton's Woolman Cadell

A new dog to me but what an exciting young dog, quality throughout, lovely head, correct proportions with good length of muzzle with kind melting expression, Super reach of neck flowing into level topline, good spring of rib, short coupled with correct tail set and carriage, well constructed throughout. In good coat and condition and was a joy to watch on the move. He was

up against it with the quality in the upper classes to day but he has it all and I am sure his time will come. Really lovely dog.

2nd Stafford's Farnfield Topo Gigio (AI) JW ShCM

Much of the same comments apply to this also lovely boy. His head is exquisite - clean cut, lovely eye shape and colour with the most delightful soft melting expression. Correctly made throughout, super reach of neck, level topline, short coupled, good spring of rib, in excellent coat and condition. Great reach and drive on the move. Pushed winner hard.

3rd Reynolds Carromer's Blue Lagoon

Yearling Dog

1st Braimbridge's Southridge Sky Rocket to Hannabee

Super quality black, loved his clean flowing lines, lovely head with kind, gentle expression, super reach of neck, level topline, short coupled, well made and in gleaming coat and condition. Moved very well.

2nd Ayres & Birley's Ludalor Moon Xplora Musubi

Upstanding yellow boy, clean outline, pleasing head and expression, good reach of neck, level topline, well made throughout and presented a balanced picture standing and on the move.

3rd Finney's Play On Words

Novice Dog

1st Lewis's Crammondkirk All The Gossip

2nd Harvey Major's Linjor Sessile Oak

3rd Carter's Carromers Code Breaker for Blondene

Graduate Dog

1st Thorpe's Taph's Tango JW

Not a big dog but none the less a genuine old fashioned honest yellow Labrador and was a pleasure to judge him. Lovely head with kind gentle expression, good reach of neck, correct lay of shoulder, level topline, short coupled, well muscled quarters. Liked his overall make and shape. In good coat and condition and moved well with good drive

2nd Grummit's Flossfalls Serengeti Manorwell JW

Beautiful head on this yellow, clean cut with such a gentle melting expression. Clean through neck and shoulder, level topline, well muscled quarters, good bone and feet. In lovely coat and condition. Liked his make and shape but felt he didn't quite have the drive of the winner.

3rd Finney's Parbuckle Blue Spruce

Post Graduate Dog

1st Carpanini's Carpenny Melrose

Beautiful head on this quality yellow, clean cut with such a kind, gentle melting expression. Clean through neck and shoulder, correctly made, level topline, well muscled quarters, good bone and feet. In lovely coat and condition. A balanced picture both standing and on the move. Moved very well. He was up against it with the quality in the upper classes to day but he has it all and I am sure his time will come. Really lovely dog.

2nd Wilmhurst's Mandamay Fedde Le Grande JW ShCM

Similar remarks apply to this dog, kind head and expression, clean outline, super reach of neck and level topline. Adequate angulation throughout, presented a balanced outline. A very fit and good moving dog.

3rd Venturi-Rose's Hurstmeon Wild Bill Hickok of Leospring

Mid Limit Dog

1st Prior's Priorise Spending Time

Quality yellow, head is balanced, broad but not overly so, clean cut with good length of muzzle, good eye shape and colour with kind, intelligent expression, clean neck set into well placed shoulders, good width to chest, well sprung ribs, short coupled, well developed and muscled hindquarters, good turn of stifle, good bone and feet. Moved true, very active dog who covered the ground well. Dissapointed that his coat was lacking today but his quality is there I liked his clean lines and classic outline

2nd Halshimoors Fullwell Fair Trade with Halshimoor

Smaller framed quality black dog, lovely his flowing lines and clean outline. Such a classic disposition, super head and expression, clean through neck into well placed shoulders, good length of upper arm, well made throughout, in good overall condition. Moved very well and handled to perfection.

3rd Cole's Rincegrain Paddywack at Stajantor

Limit

1st Ayres Musibi Imperial Topaz JW

Lovely black, presenting classic outline, pleasing head with kind and gentle expression, good reach of neck clean and strong into well placed shoulders, level topline with tail straight off, good spring of rib, well muscled quarters, moved well with drive and purpose. Presented a clean and balanced outline

2nd Haywards Posters Mr Postman for Donacre (Imp Den)

Yellow with lovely head, clean cut, with kind gentle expression, good reach of neck, well placed shoulders, good spring of rib, level topline, well muscled rear quarters. Moved out well but standing he tends to throw his head back into his shoulders which complete alters his outline.

Open Dog

There is no doubt that anyone would have been honoured to judge this class. As this was my first time awarding CC's in the breed I was humbled and appreciative of all of the worthy champions in this class.

1st Barberi's IT Ch Loch Mor Romeo

A dog who has had much publicity and I surprised myself with my view of him. However, to compare him to the breed standard he is hard to knock. His head is broad yet balanced, masculine with a kind gentle expression. To be hyper-critical I would prefer a bit more length to his muzzle, but as soon as you look into his face he exudes biddability and that willingness to please that just makes the Labrador what it is. He is powerful and strong in neck with well placed shoulders. His chest is deep with well sprung barrel ribs, short coupled, well developed quarters, good turn of stifle. Unlike many today he was in full coat which was of good texture. The thing that struck me when judging him was his physical fitness and muscletone with no excess weight, something that may not be obvious to spectators. He covers so much ground on the move. Truly delighted to award him the CC today.

2nd Heinlo's Sh Ch/Est/Fin Ch Follies Ivar

I just loved everything about this black dog, he has the most delightful head and expression and you can see his personality the minute he looks at you. Super reach of neck, clean and strong set into well placed shoulders, excellent construction, deep through chest with well sprung barrel ribs, level topline, short coupled, well muscled rear quarters, good turn of stifle. Moved with real drive and enthusiasm, covering the ground well. Not quite in full coat but is correct texture. Delighted to award him the RCC

3rd Rawlinsons Sh Ch Fullwell Fly High to Halshimoor

Complete a trio of super dogs.