South Wales Kennel Association – Friday 11 October 2013

Welsh Springer Spaniels

Thank you to all exhibitors for braving the Friday traffic to come to Builth. Also thank you to my efficient and friendly stewards – Alwyn and Ray and to SWKA for their invitation and hospitality.

There were a couple of issues that stood out for me whilst going over the entry. First of all, eye colour. The standard says that they may be hazel or dark, but a number of eyes are verging toward yellow. This can create a hard expression which I do not associate with Welsh Springers. The second is necks where the standard says that they should be clean in throat – for me, a few showed an excess of skin in this area.

MPD (Entries 3, Absentees 0)

- Johnstone's Glenbrows Paper Money for Gilpeta Well put together young dog.
 Pleasing eye, good depth of chest. Good angulation, nice bone. Hope he grows into his skin.
- 2 Bond's Hillpark Golden Successor raw youngster but lots to like, sweet head, short coupled, could possibly have more rear angulation.
- 3 Breeze's Glenbrows Paintbox at Clynewood

PD (3,0)

- 1 Johnstone's Glenbrows Paper Money for Gilpeta Repeat
- 2 Breeze's Glenbrows Paintbox at Clynewood Real baby giving his handler a hard time. Nice doggie head, clean shoulders, good bone.
- 3 Murray's Lyndfil Simba from Priestbeck

JD (6,2)

- 1 Graham's Nyliram Billy No Mates Classy young dog, but giving his handler a hard time. Pleasing head, good reach of neck, good depth of chest. Good angulation front and rear giving rise to his effortless flowing movement.
- Evans' Typica Red Kite Nice bone, good shoulders and rear angulation, pleasing head.
 Top line better on move than when stood.
- 3 Frost & Troth's Cochnaid's Cartier Topaz

PGD (7,1)

- 1 Hassell & Lord's Chanangel Nightwatchman at Kytreveglos Good bone, moved with drive, good shoulder, pleasing head and eye, good rear angulation. Preferred his head to that of 2nd.
- 2 Douglas' Ferndel Justin Time –Good bone and depth of chest. Moved effortlessly holding his topline. Maybe just a little too heavy in his shoulders.
- 3 Evans' Typica Kingfisher

LD (4,1)

- 1 Harrison's Glenbrows Dancing Dragon Good outline, nice bone, good front and rear angulation, moved ok but without huge drive. Pleasing head, but would prefer a larger ear.
- 2 Yacoub's Frendel Amren for Laithmoor Smaller mould than 1. Good depth of chest and rear angulation, moved ok. Would prefer a slightly less domed head.
- 3 Nicoll's Amblelight Suhail at Antreth

OD (8,1)

- 1 Graham's Sh Ch / SVK Ch Pennylock Rhys over Nyliram Very well put together Welsh. Good masculine head with pleasing expression. Good length of neck, loved his lay of shoulder, good depth of chest, well coupled. Good bone and rear angulation. Moved with drive. CC and BOB, just edging out the bitch on his movement.
- Reynolds' Glenbrows Band of Brothers for Benoveor JW ShCM Flashier type than 1.
 Pleasing head with soft expression, good depth of chest, liked his lay of shoulder and rear angulation. Good bone, moved well. RCC.
- 3 Tew's Pamicks Dazzling Boy

VD (1,0)

Baguley & Crowther's Tannamoor Hallmark at Lligwy ShCM – Still moving like a youngster and only a little grey. Pleasing head and expression. Dripping in coat. Good depth of chest and top line. Maybe a little upright in shoulder but good rear angulation.

GCD (3,0)

- 1 Baguley & Attwood's Kylowen Gerrans ShCM Smaller mould, good depth of chest and top line. Good shoulder placement and rear angulation which allow him to move with drive.
- 2 Yacoub's Frendel Amren for Laithmoor Repeat
- 3 Thomas's Bodlon Star Player

MPB (2,1)

1 Harrison's Glenbrows Serendipity – Just six months and giving her handler an exceedingly hard time. Sweet head, nice bone, good lay of shoulders and rear angulation. On the move, the tail set is a little high. Would prefer a darker shade of coat.

PB (2,1)

Graham & Denwood's Lyndfil Zazu – Lovely puppy with sweet head and expression.
 Good angulation and depth of chest. Moved well, but wanted to go faster than her handler did – can imagine her having great fun out working. BP

JB (4,0)

- 1 Ritchie's Slapestones Mouna Quality youngster with lovely head and expression. Good neck flowing into well laid shoulders. Good depth of chest. Well coupled with good rear angulation. Takes a little while to settle into her movement, but when she did moved well. RCC
- Frost's Cochnaid's Cartier Topaz Nice type of bitch with pleasing head and expression.
 Good shoulder placement and rear angulation. Her feet could be tighter and I would like a little more drive on the move.
- 3 Williams' Typica Swallow

PBG (6,3)

- 1 Harrison's Glenbrows Poetry JW Nice compact bitch with pleasing head and expression. Good lay of shoulder and rear angulation. A little wide in front, but made up for it with drive from the rear.
- 2 Tew's Pamicks Tilly Trotting From a larger mould than 1. Good head and expression, good angulation fore and aft. Good bone and top line.
- 3 Simmons Bevan Our Loyal Welsh for Glynell (imp NLD)

LB (4,0)

- 1 Ritchie's Slapestones Smooth JW (AI) Beautifully put together compact bitch who is so balanced. Pleasing head and expression with good bone and angulation. Preferred her overall type to 2, so decided to forgive her slightly high tail set on the move.
- Harrison's Glenbrows Future Hope Quality bitch who left her clothes at home today.
 Good length of neck, angulation and depth of chest. Moved well holding her top line.
- 3 Graham & Denwood's Slapestones Heart (AI)

OB (9,0) A very strong class, which I really enjoyed. There were some hard decisions and I would have loved to have more place cards.

- 1 Sutherland's Julita Rezanella of Jacranella Beautifully compact bitch. Nothing flashy but everything in the right place and she moved with drive. Lovely head with a gentle expression. Muscular neck flows into well angulated shoulders. Good depth of chest and well coupled. Good tail set and rear angulation. CC.
- 2 Graham's Sh Ch Nyliram Sparkling Pearl Nothing to criticise here, I just fell for 1. She is a well put together bitch with a sweet expression. Good angulation fore and aft with good bone and she moved with drive holding her top line.
- 3 Harrison's Glenbrows Beside Me JW

VB (2,0)

- 1 Attwood's Kylowen Gyllyngvase Bitch from a smaller mould, compact with a sweet head. Good angulation, moved with drive
- 2 Thomas' Drws Y Coed Glwys Ferch Old fashioned, compact bitch again from a smaller mould who looked to be enjoying her day out.

GCB (3,1)

- 1 Ritchie's Slapestones Mouna Repeat
- 2 Attwood's Moorash Lady Ygraine of Kylowen Moved well, sweet expression, good angulation and depth of chest. Left her clothes at home today.

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Judge