

Lancashire Heeler Club Championship Show, Sunday, 29th September, 2019

Judge: Susanne Nilsson

On Sunday September 29, I had the great pleasure and honour to judge Lancashire Heelers at the Lancashire Heeler Club Championship show at Grimsargh Village Hall near Preston. Weather was grey and rainy but inside the venue the atmosphere was sunny, cheerful and happy and the exhibitors were all so kind and polite and showed super sportsmanship!

First of all I would like to express my sincere thanks to the committee who invited me over to judge and also to my efficient steward. Thank you to our driver who picked me and my daughter up at the airport and drove us to our hotel and to the show and thank you to our hostess who looked after us and arranged for some very nice meals for us. At the show we had absolutely delicious home cooked lunch and also met with the chairperson of the club. I also want to thank all the exhibitors for entering and for contributing in making this day so special!

The dogs that were presented in the ring were all of a good standard and most of them were very happy to be in the showring. When judging in Sweden I always move the dogs as much as possible, especially keeping in mind that this breed is thought to be able to work out in the fields. I am glad people seemed to like this. I was happy to find dogs with the correct body proportions as well as good toplines and nice heads. Also I noticed most of them had nice weather resistant coats which is something that we need to preserve. Thank you again for a lovely day!

PD (2)

1st DEAN Mr J.R & Mrs V.A, Ribblespride Escobar, D, 9 months old, very well built dog puppy. Masculine expression, a bit round in eye. Good head with the correct proportions, nice dark eye, correct bite, good ear placement but ears still a bit soft.. Neck well laid into shoulder. Well sprung rib. Well angulated. Level top line. Tail could be better. Excellent coat and colour. Moved well. Good temperament. Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy in Show

2nd BELLINGER Mr J & Mrs T., Heelstone Harry Houdini, D, 10 months, a bit smaller than 1st, good head, nice dark eye, bite close to level bite, very good body, good topline, excellent forechest, a bit long in loin, well angulated, nice coat colours but unfortunately coat in moulting, moved well. Good temperament.

JD (3)

1st DAWES Miss D.J., Leyeside Mr Wilds At Daweslean, D, 17 months old. Masculine dog of excellent type, head with the correct proportions and a masculine expression. A bit round in eye, correct bite. Excellent strong body with a good angulation. Nice tight feet. Good front, excellent coat, coat condition and coat colour with nice markings. Excellent tail and tail carriage. Moved well coming and going. Best Junior Dog, Best Junior

2nd JONES Mr & Mrs M., Brockbrae September Shadow Over Welshmoor, D, 12 months, very masculine in type and expression. Lovely dark eyes, correct bite, a bit long in head, strong body, a bit long in loin. Well angulated. Front feet turn slightly out, excellent topline, well set tail, excellent colour and coat with the correct weather resistant texture, moved and showed well, a happy boy!

3rd LAWRENCE Mr & Mrs D & A., Hoscscar Ellis's Eddie

PGD (3)

1st RIGBY Mr & Mrs M. & D., Arenite Sundance Kid, D, 20 months, excellent type, masculine head with the right proportions and expression, correct bite, dark eye, good strong neck, level topline, well sprung ribbing, well set and well carried tail, well angulated, excellent coat with the correct weather resistant texture, moved and showed well

2nd HOLLIGAN Ms J. & BEARD Mr A., Skogstrollets Spooky Ghost Five At Applefire, D. almost 6 year old male, another one with a very masculine outline. Excellent head with parallel planes, correct ears and ear set, eyes set wide apart, well laid shoulder, ok neck and level topline. Good body proportions, short coupled, correct tail carriage, slightly falling in croup. Well angulated, excellent mover, nice coat colour but soft coat texture. Was not very happy on the table but was ok again the minute he got to move around the ring.

3rd LAWRENCE Mr & Mrs D & A., Brinscall Moors Bertie

LD (2,1)

1st SIMPSON Mr & Mrs W. & G., Simonsville Young At Heart, D, 2 years and 7 months liver dog, good head with parallel planes, correct bite, eyes set wide apart, well set ears. Unfortunately not very keen to be handled on the table. Strong body with a level topline, very good feet and legs, well angulated. Excellent liver and tan colour but very soft coat texture. Moved well when he settled in the ring.

OD (6)

1st SMITH Mr R., Ch Leyeside Mister Ben, D, 5 years and 7 months stunning black and tan male shown in excellent condition. This dog caught my eye the minute he came in the ring! A true male, normal size, excellent head with correct ears and ear set, eyes set wide apart, correct bite, excellent moderate neck well laid into shoulders, excellent forechest, excellent front feet, well sprung ribbing, excellent topline, close coupled, ample bone, tail and set of tail good, excellent angulation, coat in super condition, excellent temperament and expertly schooled, moved very well, well presented, although shown in a very strong class with many good dogs a dog that was a true winner today! Best Dog, Dog C.C, BOB, Best in Show

2nd JAQUES Ms S. & JAQUES -HARRIS Miss D., Foxthyme Mr Tobias, D, 3 years and 8 months, excellent type, masculine expression, nice but a bit narrow in head, correct bite, well set and well carried ears, nice dark eye, very good in body with well sprung ribbing, level topline, a bit long in loin, well laid shoulder, correct tail and set of tail, front not as good as first one, exhibits excellent coat and colour, moved well and handled well. Just could not beat 1st today. RDCC

3rd MUNRO Mrs K.A., Ch Jorgei Cognac

VD (2,1)

1st JONES Mrs L., Foxthyme Maori, D, 9 years and 9 months, masculine sturdy male shown in excellent condition. Hard to believe that he is a veteran, good head, dark eye, excellent topline, good angulation, very good feet and legs, could have a bit more daylight under him, weather resistant coat and good colour with good tan. Moved well. Nice temperament! Best Veteran Dog

MPB (2,1)

1st DUFFY Miss A., Vittador Chocolate Orange, B, 6 months old, charming bitch puppy that will need a lot of time to mature and develop. Rather thin in body and bone as to be expected while still a baby, correct bite, flat skull. A bit narrow in head. Well built with strong topline, well laid shoulder, needs to develop in chest, nice tight feet, lovely dark liver colour and lovely tan. Excellent coat with the correct texture, moves ok, nice temperament. Best Puppy Bitch, Res. Best Puppy in Show

JB (4)

1st SIMPSON Mr & Mrs W. & G., Princess Pollyanna From Simonsville, B, 1 year and a month, excellent type, very feminine in head and expression, correct bite, flat skull parallel to muzzle, eyes set wide apart, good ears and ear set, excellent topline and neck ok well laid into shoulder, a bit long in loin, excellent forechest, well angulated, super good coat texture and good colours apart from some grey undercoat showing through top coat on neck. Well set and well carried tail, moved very well. Nice temperament and very well handled. Best Junior Bitch

2nd WEBSTER Mrs K., Brockbrae September Dawn, B, 11 months bitch of excellent type, beautiful head, a bit soft ears, correct scissor bite, moderate neck well laid into shoulder, a little falling in croup, well set and well carried tail, normal angulation in front, bit straight in stifle, excellent coat and coat texture, nice colour, very happy and lively, moved well.

3rd FAIREST Mrs C.A., Axa's Warrior Of Moira

PGB (3,1)

1st INGLIS Mrs S., Bowanne Trick Or Treat, B, almost 4 year old bitch, very feminine bitch, carrying a bit too much weight for the day, good head with parallel planes skull and muzzle, flat skull and wide between ears, correct bite, rich tan spots, nice reach of neck flowing into well laid shoulders, well sprung ribbing, good short back with close coupling, level topline, a bit falling in croup, pasterns a bit weak, excellent coat and colour, moved well.

2nd WEBSTER Mrs K., Brockbrae Bonny In Black, B, sturdily built bitch, pretty head, dark eye, correct bite, would like her a bit more feminine in expression, well set ears, good length of neck and nice topline, a bit upright in shoulder, nice coat and coat colour, moved well.

LB (4)

1st JONES Mrs ., Madincrowd Mercy Chant, B, 1 year and nine months of age, feminine expression, bitch of excellent type, beautiful head although a bit narrow, dark eye, correct bite, good underjaw, very well built with good reach of neck, well laid shoulder, level topline, somewhat long in loin, excellent tail and set on of tail. Excellent angulation, excellent feet, excellent coat, coat texture and colour. Good temperament! Showed her socks off for her owner. Moved very well!

2nd ERWIN Mrs J & Mr L., Hoscar Border Breaker, B, 3 years and 2 months of age, longer in body than 1st, nice feminine head with nice tan markings, correct bite, good reach of neck, well laid shoulder, level topline, a bit long in loin, very good tight feet, good cot condition with the correct coat texture, good colour but some under coat shining through on the neck coat. Nice temperament, just could not beat 1st today.

3rd BANCROFT Mrs A.,Leyeside Miss Molly

OB (8,3)

1st LORD Mrs E., Ch Foxthyme Special Memory, B, 2 years and 7 months old! Fantastic bitch with the absolute right proportions in both body and head, presented in tip top condition, correct bite, ears and ear set correct, eyes set wide apart but a bit light eyes, skull and muzzle on parallel planes, excellent front, neck and topline, coat in super condition, good colours, well padded nice tight feet, moved well, very well angulated, an honour to her owner! Best bitch, bitch CC, Best Opposite Sex, Reserve best in show

2nd DOBSON Mrs E., Ir Ch Hoscar Penny Black At Malanis, B, 3 years and 2 months, feminine bitch of excellent type, beautiful head although a bit narrow in muzzle. Beautiful dark eyes, flat skull, ears set wide apart, excellent neck and back, well angulated front, could be better angulated rear, a bit falling in croup, sound and brisk movement, excellent coat and coat colour. Nice temperament.

3rd BELLINGER Mr J & Mrs T., Heelstone Genevive

VB (3, 2)

1st JONES Mr & Mrs M., Ch Doddsline Daffodil At Welshmoor, B, 11 years and what an honour to her owner!!! Presented in tip top condition and giving all the younger bitches a day to remember! Excellent head, correct bite with all clean white teeth, very well constructed in body, good legs and excellent angulation, well let down hocks, super topline which she held on the move , excellent coat and coat texture, good colour. Moves and shows like she was a young bitch! Res Bitch C.C, Best Veteran