



BORDER COLLIE CLUB
OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

2022 INAUGURAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

JUDGE'S CRITIQUES

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This document can be read in conjunction with the marked catalogue for the 2022 Border Collie Club of SA Championship Show. Included within are the critiques of winning dogs on the day supplied by our judge Mr John Sullivan of Kennoway, and we thank him for his time in recording these for us.

Critiques by Mr John Sullivan
JUDGE

FROM THE JUDGE

I would like to thank the Club for this wonderful opportunity and privilege of judging the Inaugural show. To organise and run a Specialty show is not an easy job and the committee did a mighty job in promoting the show to attract an amazing entry of 83. My steward for the day Ashleigh Divola did a brilliant job in keeping everything moving in a professional manner.

Critiques can be a bone of contention, but these are my opinions and are given honestly and from my experience within the breed and what I saw on the day.

To me, the first thing I look for in the Border Collie is the correct shape. I want a dog slightly longer than tall, front legs under the wither with correct forequarter, smooth topline and croup, hocks well let down and vertical. This shape along with a good length of neck creates a graceful well balanced outline. Correct movements with minimum lift of the feet is vital in our working dog along with the right attitude which was great to see today.

Be mindful this is a moderate breed and not too heavily set. My motto has always been oval throughout - eyes, feet, bone. Although I found the majority of both dogs and bitches pleasing I also found some square and overweight exhibits which gave a cloddy appearance.

The overall quality for such a large entry was pleasing although I thought the bitches were more consistent in type. My winning males were masculine and true to type.

Reflecting on the day I am very confident that the breed is in excellent hands and going forward. Congratulations to both long standing and more recent breeders. Remember you are the custodians of the breed. I wish the Club all the very best in the future.

Regards

John Sullivan

Baby Puppy Dog

1st (4) Tookurra Shaken Not Stirred - Wachtel/Schiller

Well balanced baby, good front and topline, adequate bone, pleasant head, moved well

RUNNER UP BABY IN SHOW

2nd (3) Wonaka Wizard Of Salem At Tookurra - Wachtel

Nice type baby but lacked outline due to age growth, sweet head with a cheeky attitude

3rd (2) Monifieth Trust In Dreams - Younger

Another baby going through this awkward age and with the lack of neck effected his overall balance. Pleasing head and expression.

Minor Puppy Dog

1st (7) Pukawidgee Words On The Wind - Houlden/Tyler

A promising youngster, good head and expression, good topline and with adequate bone. A little happy with his front action at the moment.

2nd (S) Wynnlake Without A Stout (Al) - Hasler/Thompson

A larger type youngster with good shape and bone. A little upright in front due to a short upper arm. Correct coat and moved well.

3rd (8) Bordacraft Weapon X - Carter

Red and white well balanced pup with a sweet expression and good coat.

Puppy Dog

1st (10) Merrinda Sky High Lover - Allshorn

I really like this puppy. Well balanced and elegant. A good head even though slightly lower placed ears still had a lovely expression. Good front angulation and lovely on the move.

Excellent coat and presented to perfection. Keen to watch his progress.

RES CH PUPPY IN SHOW

2nd(12) Clan-Abby Fire Fly - Vos-Butler

Chocolate and white pup with good proportions and bone. Head lacked balance at this stage although nice expression. Good coat.

Junior Dog

1st (15) Danari Duke Of Danger - Carter

A square dog with the lack of front angulation and in turn makes him over reach on the move. Going through a coat growth.

2nd (14) Tookurra Ima Happy Chap – McIntosh

Larger dog and slightly overweight which impacted his outline and movement. A little heavy in head for me. Good coat.

Intermediate Dog

1st (18) Tookurra Star Of The Sea RN – Blanckenberg

Liked the shape and balance of this male. Would like a softer expression. Moved well. Slightly out of coat.

RUNNER UP INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW

2nd (19) Noblestarzz Life Of The Mardi (Al) - Roe/Dewing/Smith

A longer bodied dog with a correct smooth croup. Slightly over reaching on the move. Would like shorter hocks. Good coat.

3rd (20) Wynnlake A Sea Of Stars - Jaworski

Another longer bodied dog with a sweet well balanced head. Lack of front angulation spoils overall movement. Well let down hocks. Slightly weak in pasterns.

State Bred Dog

1st (22) Tookurra King For A Day - Wachtel

Even though this dog is slightly squarer in outline he has a good topline and croup and well let down hocks. Good eye colour but would prefer better ear carriage.

2nd (21) Monifieth Michelangelo - Skewes

This red and white boy is slightly overweight which spoils his overall outline. Nicely angulated front, good topline and croup. Pleasant expression.

Australian Bred Dog

1st (25) GR Ch Nahrof Ice Breaker - Fisher

Very well balanced male with correct front, topline and croup. Pleasing head.

Moved with purpose. In excellent body and coat condition. Beautifully presented.

CHALLENGE - RUNNER UP AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW

2nd (24) Ch Uttercharm Kozmic Ballad Ofluv At Merrinda {Al} - Allshorn

Another quality dog slightly longer than first place. Good neck into shoulders and topline Although croup a little flat. Presented in beautiful condition and shown to perfection.

3rd (28) Ch Trumagik A Flash Of Tartan - N & M Kay

Dog of good proportions and balance with good angulation. Unfortunately his topline lets him down on move.

Open Dog

1st {29} Dual Ch {RO} Sup Ch cambrae Hit The Jackpot RM COX RAE - McKenzie

This boy has good shape and balance along with a masculine head and pleasing expression. Correct angulation and smooth croup. Held a very good topline both standing and on the move.

OPEN IN SHOW

2nd {32} Gr Ch Nahrof Icelander - Hansen

Heavier set male. A little upright in shoulder and croup slightly steep.

Moved well. Very good coat and well presented.

3rd (30) Ch Merrinda life Is A Highway - Allshorn

Dog of good proportions and size. Correct bone, topline and croup. Would like to see a slightly better lay of shoulder. A better ear carriage would have enhanced his expression. Very well presented.

Baby Puppy Bitch

1st (39) Pukawidgee Glimpse 0th Moon {Al} - Houlden/Tyler

This blue and white youngster has so much to offer at such a young age. Such a graceful outline with good proportions, sweet feminine head and expression. Moved with purpose for one so young.

BABY IN SHOW

2nd (40) Merrinda Hollywood Rose - Allshorn

Another quality baby, good height to length ratio. A little upright in shoulder. Pleasing feminine head with good expression. Close decision for first place.

3rd (38) Sashdan In The Nyk of Time - Hall/Inverno

A maturer baby with good proportions. Head lacks balance at this stage. Correct front angulation. Moved well.

Minor Puppy Bitch

1st (48) Uttercharm Fiarground Attractn At Waveney (Al) -Johns

Mature puppy with ideal height to length proportions and firm topline. Feminine Head. Correct amount of bone. Moved cleanly with no exaggeration. Good coat.

MINOR PUPPY IN SHOW

2nd (45) Belclaren Under The Tartan Sky - Maher

Well balanced sweet girl with good angulation. Graceful topline and croup.

Moved well. Close decision with 1st place.

3rd (46) Wynnlake Kiss The Bride - Thompson

A finer type throughout with a good shape and topline. Appealing head

but would prefer a slightly softer eye to enhance her expression. Hocks

well let down.

Puppy Bitch

1st (49) Belclaren A Flash Of Magik - Maher

Bitch of good substance with smooth outline and more noticeable on the move. Head a tad heavy for me at this stage. Moved very well. Coat in good condition.

RUNNER UP PUPPY IN SHOW

2nd (52) Nahrof Stolen Liberty - Fisher/Ryder

Another quality bitch with good bone and angulation. Correct topline and croup on the stack but slightly weakened on the move. Very good coat.

3rd (53) Monifieth Dearg Cailleach - Younger

Well balanced red and white. Would like a stronger topline. Head a little underdone at this age.

Junior Bitch

1st (55) Ch Calee We like To Party - Wallwork

I think her name is spot on - great attitude. Well balanced with smooth outline and correct bone. Well balanced feminine head with good expression. Correct movement.

JUNIOR IN SHOW

Intermediate Bitch

1st {63} Ch Pukawidgee The Moon In Winter - Houlden/Tyler

Excellent type with the correct graceful outline. Good reach of neck, firm topline, gentle sloping croup and good tail carriage. Feminine head and sweet expression. Her movement was correct and effortless. Coat in top show condition.

BEST IN SHOW

2nd (60) Merrinda Ohmyheart That's Amore {Al} - Allshorn

Another quality girl with a graceful outline, balanced head and sweet expression. Good bone and coat in excellent condition. Very well balanced both on the stack and on the move. Presented to perfection.

3rd (62) Ch Nahrof Know Doubt - Hansen

Heavier set bitch with good topline and croup. Slightly upright in shoulder. Feminine expression and good coat. Moved with purpose.

State Bred Bitch

1st (68) Ch Calee Serenity - Wallwork

Nicely balanced girl of good size and angulation and topline. Sweet expression and moved well.

RUNNER UP STATE BRED IN SHOW

2nd (67) Wynnlake Savage Love - Thompson

Slightly longer looking girl due to extra length of loin. Topline let her down. Moved well.

3rd (66) Belclaren Love Of My Love - Maher

Slightly squarer in shape with a good topline. Head not as feminine as I would like.

Australian Bred Bitch

1st (73) Ch Merrinda Listen To Your Heart - Allshorn

Beautiful type bitch with correct proportions. Excellent topline and gentle sloping croup. Good bone. Feminine head and expression. Presented in great condition and moved to compliment her overall quality.

RUNNER UP BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW

2nd (75) Waveney Midnite Martini - Johns

Another quality bitch with a graceful outline. Good length of neck, good topline and croup although would prefer a smidge more length of body. Feminine head and expression. Good coat.

3rd (74) Nakiva Prairie Dreaming - Wachtel

Red and white girl with good height to length ratio. Smooth outline. Good head and expression. Moved well.

Open Bitch

1st (78) Sup Ch Merrinda Whos That Girl - Allshorn

Well balanced bitch with good bone and front assembly. Feminine head and expression although slightly lower set ears. 'Good coat. Held a good topline on the move.

2nd (82) Gr Ch Nahrof Soyokaze (Al) - Norman

Another quality bitch of good proportions. Feminine head and expression. Good angulation, bone and correct oval feet. Topline held better on the move.

3rd (76) Gr Ch Tullacrest Showdancer RN - McKenzie

Quality bitch as 1st and 2nd place. Correct height to length with a firm topline. Balanced feminine head but would prefer a slightly softer expression. In very good coat and moved well.

Neuter Dog

1st (83) Neut Ch Noblestarzz Crazy In Love - Roe/Dewing

Well shaped masculine male with a pleasing head shape and expression. Presented in good Coat and moved well.

Neuter Bitch

1st (86) Gr Ch Neut Ch Nahrof Etched In Ice - Hansen

Quality feminine girl with an excellent attitude. Beautiful head and expression. Good angulation and moved well. Shown in lovely coat condition.

NEUTER IN SHOW