



BORDER COLLIE CLUB
OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

2026 MAY SPECIALTY CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

JUDGE'S CRITIQUES

2ND MAY 2026

This document can be read in conjunction with the results for the May 2026 Border Collie Club of SA Championship Show. Included within are the critiques of all class placings on the day supplied by our judge and valued club patron Mrs Joyce Sullivan from Kennoway Kennels in Victoria, and we thank her for her time in recording these for us.

Critiques by Mrs Joyce Sullivan (VIC)
JUDGE

BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF SA | 7th Championship Show - 2 May 2026

Critiques by Breed Judge: **Joyce Sullivan (Kennoway Kennels)**

Thank you for the honour of judging the 7th Championship Show for a Club I have so much respect for.

The Committee and previous Committees have done a fabulous job promoting Border Collies and offering activities in every discipline. As a Club Patron along with Lynn Harrison and John Sullivan we are very proud of everyone involved. Well done!

As I flew back to Melbourne I had time to reflect on the day and I truly believe the breed is in good hands with dedicated breeders. It was great to have a healthy entry of 15 babies and I assure you they were tough classes to judge. I look forward to watching their progress.

Overall, I was reasonably happy with the standard of the dogs, but my Challenge and Reserve Challenge winners stood out in type, balance and soundness. I feel one of the main concerns I am noticing in the breed at the moment are the lack of graceful outlines. We should never forget the opening line of our breed standard **'The general appearance shall be that of a well proportioned dog, the smooth outline showing quality, gracefulness and perfect balance.'**

I found many heads lacking the moderate chiselling to the foreface which I feel is very important and also the lack of underjaw which gives the head a snikey appearance. I found a couple of exhibits with black eyes and a few with light brown. Both can give a harsh expression.

Most of all I want to thank the committee and all the exhibitors for making it an enjoyable day despite the not so great weather. It was lovely to get together after the show and have a chat.

Thank you also to my Steward Peter Thompson and patient photographers Mark and Josie Haseldine.

Junior Dog

1st **17 – CH. BORDACROFT UP THE ANTE** **12 Months**
Bordacraft Kennels

Well balanced with correct angulation along with good bone and feet. Excellent tail carriage with a lovely upward swirl which is always pleasing to see. Masculine head with an alert expression. Would like a slightly stronger underjaw. Good coat and well presented.

2nd **18 – BORDERSRIDGE EYES ON THE PRIZE** **18 Months**
Ms M Schiller

Still very much a junior but time is on his side. Would prefer a stronger underjaw and ears set slightly higher on the head to give a better balance. Topline and coat condition should improve with age. My main concern is his feet. Correct arching and deep strong pads are essential for a working dog.

Intermediate Dog

1st **20 – WYNLAKE DANGER IN THE DARK** **23 Months**
Wendy Vidugiris

Masculine dog with strong head and good expression. Good height to length. Would prefer neck slightly longer to give a more graceful outline. Excellent bone and feet. Would prefer a shorter hock and a slightly longer tail. In great condition and well presented.

BEST INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW

Limit Dog

1st **23 – MERRINDA OH MY BRAVE HEART (AI)** **2 Years**
Mrs L F Allshorn

Very good height to length. Correct neck into shoulders and topline although I felt the croup was a little steep for me. Well balanced head with correct eye shape and ear set giving him a lovely expression. Presented well.

2nd **21 – BELCLAREN ETERNAL MAGIC** **3 Years**
Angela Maher

Well balanced blue merle with a correct outline. Moderate throughout with good bone and feet. Balanced head with correct chiselling giving a soft expression. Moved well.

3rd **22 – BEECEE STYLE MASTER** **3 Years**
Miss B Skewes

Well marked masculine dog in beautiful coat condition. Would prefer a better length of neck, slightly shorter in loin and a lower set of tail which in turn would give him the correct graceful outline. Very well presented.

State Bred Dog

1st **24 – BELCLAREN IF U WANT ME TO STAY** **2 Years**
Miss A Maher

Well presented chocolate and white. Moderate throughout with good bone and feet. Balanced head and very alert expression. Loved his rich coat colour and condition. Lacks strength in the hindquarters and hocks which was noticeable on the move.

Australian Bred Dog

1st **26 – SUP. CH. DUAL CH. (RO) CAMBRAE HIT THE JACKPOT CDX. RAE.**

9 Years

Miss A & Mrs B Shepherdson

2-year-old black and white, pleasing style of male with a good reach of neck, balanced and correct proportions across his body finished with a smooth sweep over the croup. He had a typical head and expression showing keenness and a kind dark eye. Good front angulation and prosternum, however would like to see more spring of rib to hold him together. Very good hindquarter angulation which matched his front and thus had an easy and balanced stride on the move with minimum lift of feet, clean but closer than ideal fore and aft.

2nd **25 – CH. BORDACROFT WEAPON X**

4 Years

Bordacraft Kennels

I loved the colour and coat on this red and white boy. A well balanced head of correct shape and a lovely expression coming from a good eye shape and colour and well set ears. Good bone and feet. Unfortunately he lacked the graceful outline I was looking for. Moved well.

Open Dog

1st **28 – CH. WYNLAKE STEAMY DREAMS**

2 Years

Ms C Thompson

Loved the balance and substance of this boy and his graceful outline through to a gentle slope over the croup allowing for a correct set on tail. Good bone and feet. Well balanced head with correct eye shape and colour. I would prefer ears placed a little higher on head. Moved effortlessly around the ring. Beautifully presented.

CHALLENGE DOG

RUNNER UP BEST IN SHOW

2nd **27 – SUP. CH. NAHROF ICEBREAKER**

9 Years

Mr M J Fisher

Another quality boy and at 9 years old he is in top condition. Well proportioned with good height to length. Good length of neck flowing into shoulders and topline but would like to see less fall away over the croup. He has correct moderate bone and oval feet. Balanced head with a beautiful expression. Correct texture of coat and beautifully presented.

RESERVE CHALLENGE DOG

Challenge & Reserve Challenge Dog



CH. WYNNLAKE STEAMY DREAMS
Challenge Dog & Runner Up Best In Show



SUP. CH. NAHROF ICEBREAKER
Reserve Challenge Dog

Baby Puppy Bitch

1st **33 – SWITCHBACK REFLECT ON FAME (AI)**

5 Months

Ms K J Martin

Quality girl and the most mature of all the babies on the day. Both body and head very well balanced and expression to compliment. Moved very well. Very promising!

BEST BABY PUPPY IN SHOW

2nd **31 – WONAKA HOT SUMMERS SHADOW (AI)**

3 Months

Mrs S Skewes

Good proportions for age. Good angulation in front and hindquarters. Plenty of knuckle for growth. Nice expression and moved well.

3rd **30 – MONIFIETH LACE AND WHISKEY**

3 Months

Mrs D J Younger

Another promising baby and still holding her coat. Well boned with lots of knuckle which will bring her up on leg and give her the balance needed. She has a sweet expression but slightly down faced at this age.

Minor Puppy Bitch

1st **34 – INNISMAN TIME TO REIGN (AI)**

8 Months

Mrs G Hall

Even though this minor girl is leggy at the moment she has good proportions. Good length of neck, topline and angulation, bone and feet. Head should strengthen with age. Unsure of her surroundings today.

Puppy Bitch

1st **38 – WILDERBLU GOO GOO DOLLS**

10 Months

Mrs A Eatts

Well proportioned body with good front and hind angulation and a correct tail to complete the outline. Excellent bone and feet. Balanced head with correct parallel planes and correct eye to give a pleasing expression.

2nd **36 – WYNLAKE STEAMY LOVE TRIANGLE AT BORDACROFT**

10 Months

Bordacraft Kennels

Another well put together girl with substance. Slightly longer in body than 1st place. Balanced head with good eye colour and expression. Well coated and very well presented. Didn't move as well as 1st.

3rd **37 – BEECEE STAYS STYLISH**

11 Months

Miss A Maher

Good height to length proportions. Would prefer more length of neck and upper arm to balance with hindquarters and in turn improve her topline. Balanced head but would prefer a darker eye.

Junior Bitch

1st **40 – NOBLESTARZZ WHEN STARS ALIGN** **12 Months**
Mrs M Stirling

I liked the type and style of this young girl. Good length of neck flowing into well angulated shoulders. A little high in rear at this age and would prefer a shorter loin. Well balanced head with parallel planes and an alert expression. Moved well.

BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW

Intermediate Bitch

1st **43 – CH. NAHROF CHIESE (AI)** **2 Years**
Mrs KL Hansen

Well proportioned height to length with sufficient length of neck and OK topline. Would like to see slightly better angles in both front and hindquarters. Balanced head but more underjaw needed. In good coat and condition. Moved well.

2nd **41 – BEECEE STOLE MY LOOK** **3 Years**
Mr D Martin

A heavier type girl with a pleasing head shape and expression. Good bone and feet. Excellent coat and attractive markings and very well presented. Didn't move as well as 1st place.

Limit Bitch

1st **44 – WILDERBLU NOT READY TPLAY NICE (AI)** **5 Years**
Mrs A Eatts

Size and height to length OK. Unfortunately due to her lack of neck and high withers her topline loses its graceful outline. Would like to see more turn of stifle. Very good bone and correct oval feet and very good pasterns. Head has good parallel planes but would prefer a better placed ear.

BEST LIMIT IN SHOW

State Bred Bitch

1st **46 – BORDACROFT TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL** **3 Years**
Bordacraft Kennels

Moderate throughout with an appealing head and lovely expression. Dark eye and correct ear carriage and used them well. Would have preferred better angulation in front and hind. Moved OK. Well presented.

BEST STATE BRED IN SHOW

Australian Bred Bitch

1st **50 – MERRINDA HOLLYWOOD ROSE (AI)** **4 Years**
Mrs L F Allshorn

Lots to like about this girl. Good type, well balanced, moderately long with a well set and good length of tail finishing with an upward swirl. Correct head shape and balance and strong underjaw. Pleasing expression, soft eye and correct ear carriage. Moved well.

BEST AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW

RESERVE CHALLENGE BITCH

2nd **47 – CH. BELCLAREN TIMELESS AT TRUMAGIK**

4 Years

Miss A Maher

Heavier compact girl. Unfortunately with the lack of neck comes a stuffy appearance. I like the shape and balance of the head with a good underjaw and well set ears. Would prefer a darker eye. Good bone. Moved well.

3rd **48 – CH. NOBLESTARZZ TURN UP THE SHINE N.SPRD**

4 Years

Miss L Roe & Mr G J Dewing

This well presented girl had a lovely expression with a correct eye shape and colour. Her topline let her down and didn't move as well as 1st and 2nd. Her young handler did a wonderful job with her presentation. Well done!

Open Bitch

1st **52 – A20 GR. CH. FIN. MVA. INT. CH. SUP. CH. PUKAWIDGEE THE MOON IN WINTER HECW-25 WW-25**

5 Years

A Houlden, J Tyler & L Houlden

Feminine with strength and quality and a standout on the day. Beautiful breed type, balance and soundness. Correct head shape with parallel planes, pronounced stop and a strong underjaw and eyes only for her handler. She had the correct length of neck which flowed gracefully into well angulated shoulders and into a graceful topline and gentle croup, correct set on tail and well let down hocks. Her coat and condition was immaculate and to watch her lower her head slightly and move with purpose with the minimum lift of feet was a pleasure. She gave the impression she could do the task this breed was bred for. Presented and handled to perfection.

BEST OPEN IN SHOW

CHALLENGE BITCH

BEST IN SHOW

2nd **54 – CH. NAHROF STOLEN LIBERTY**

4 Years

Mr M J Fisher & Ms S L Ryder

Feminine girl with a great ring attitude. Well balanced outline and correct balanced head with parallel planes and a keen and alert expression. Good length of neck and level topline with gentle croup. Slightly out of coat at the moment but still well presented. Moved well around the ring but would prefer less lift of the feet.

Challenge & Reserve Challenge Bitch



A20 GR. CH. FIN. MVA. INT. CH. SUP. CH. PUKAWIDGEE THE MOON IN WINTER HECW-25 WW-25
Challenge Bitch & Best In Show



MERRINDA HOLLYWOOD ROSE (AI)
Reserve Challenge Bitch

Open Neuter Dog

1st **58 – NEUT. CH. CALEE FERG**
Mrs M Stirling

4 Years

Moderate dog with good proportions and balance and well angulated. Pleasing head with correct eye and a mild expression. Good body condition and moved well.

2nd **56 – NEUT. GR. CH. NOBLESTARZZ CRAZY IN LOVE JC. SPRD.**
Miss L Roe & Mr G J Dewing

8 Years

Heavier type dog and in full coat with good outline. Lacked angulation in the upper arm which was noticeable when on the move. Balanced head but would prefer less jowl and better pigmentation.

3rd **57 – NOBLESTARZZ LIFE OF THE MARDI (AI)**
Miss L Roe & Mr G J Dewing

5 Years

Good size and shape with moderate bone and oval feet. Slightly down faced but sweet expression. Reasonable topline and croup and tail with an upward swirl. Didn't move as well as 1st and 2nd. Presented and handled well.

Open Neuter Bitch

1st **63 – CH. NEUT. CH. WAVENEY MIDNITE MARTINI**
Ms J Johns

7 Years

Lovely type of good balance and excellent angulation. Good length of neck and strong topline. Balanced head with good underjaw and excellent expression. Correct coat and well presented.

BEST NEUTER IN SHOW

2nd **60 – GR. CH. NEUT. CH. NAHROF SOYOKAZE (AI)**
Mrs LJ Norman

10 Years

Another quality girl with substance and in great condition for age. Strong head with an alert expression and well placed ears and mobile in their use. Would prefer a stronger topline particularly on the move. Beautiful coat and so well presented.

RUNNER UP BEST NEUTER IN SHOW

3rd **59 – CH. NAHROF KNOW DOUBT**
Mrs KL Hansen

6 Years

Nice size and good proportions. Feminine head and good expression. Reasonable topline and correct croup. Would like a better length of neck to enhance her outline. Lacking coat at the moment. Moved well.



CH. NEUT. CH. WAVENEY MIDNITE MARTINI
Best Neuter In Show



GR. CH. NEUT. CH. NAHROF SOYOKAZE (AI)
Runner Up Best Neuter In Show