

Joint Flatcoated Retriever Clubs 7th Championship Show, October 18th 2015

First of all I would like to say thank you to the organisation of the Joint Flatcoated Retriever Clubs for inviting me to judge at the 7th Joint Championship show. It is a big honour to judge in the breed in the country of origin and the hospitality of the team was very warm. Thank you for the lovely entry to all the exhibitors. My ring stewards Tamsin Swain, Harry Nelson and Dorothy Brooks made everything going smooth in the ring.

My major concern was overall construction this was not balanced in a lot of bitches and therefore movement was very disappointing. Efficient movement is of critical importance to a working dog. A Flatcoated is a normal build dog and should be balanced in his moderate front and rear angulation with a strong back, bone of good substance into strong and tight feet. Movement on the majority of the bitches was very loose in front and in rear movement. Most of them were compensating in various ways which is very disturbing for economical and functional motion. Lack of front angulation was the most common fault. Shoulders were ok but most of the time it was lacking in length of upper arm and therefore placement gets steep. Some rear angulations were too deep. A lot of lovely typical bitches were left unplaced due to incorrect movement. Feet and bites need to be watched

The quality of the bitches *type wise* was overall really good. A

lot of lovely typical one piece heads with the required keen and intelligent expression with good eye colour. In some other countries you find a lot of light eyes what really spoils the soft expression. Happy to see correct coats and feathering and no overtrimming. I was also pleased with tail sets, the correct little bit of sloping at the end before the tail set, a complete straight top line is not giving the Flatcoat the fluent racy outline and also it is required for more agility when working. Luckily showing is also not overdone, a free standing Flatcoat with no lead correction while standing and moving on a loose lead is giving a natural appearance for a gundog.

I was very pleased with my winners and the final line up in the main ring, all showed apart from good movement the typical Flatcoat features and happy outgoing temperament characterizing the breed. My CC winner had it all on the day and it was a great pleasure to award her together with my co-judge Lena Hagglund BOB.

Wies Boermans (the Netherlands)

Veteran bitch 16/5

1 Murray's Rusticus Tea Rose at Gayplume – workmanlike overall appearance, very feminine, lovely head and expression,

kind eye, good bite, not overdone in any way, balanced front and rear angulation, well constructed, easy mover, in lovely coat and condition.

2 Bellamy's Rainesgift Fleur de Lis-for-Woodfinch – lovely classical bitch, feminine head with pleasing expressing, strong neck, ok in front, excellent feet and very nice body shape, excellent rear and very typical Flatcoat top line, moved well from the side a little wide in front.

3 Harris' Marjosi over the Rainbow – nice sized bitch, lovely feminine head, very well angulated in front, correct shaped and strong neck into good top line, good feet and bone, well angulated rear, good coat with plenty of feathering, moved well but not as powerful as one and two, happy temperament.

Minor puppy bitch 11/3

1 Bellamy's Woodfinch Hydra – lovely puppy, excellent breed type, feminine head with super dark keen eye, eyelids that close well on the eye, good bite, lovely neck and front, very good body shape, good feet, excellent rear, typical tail set, feet ok, moved easily and with drive, very promising

2 Simons' Gwenadillo Montessori Coedylan – lovely sized feminine puppy, beautiful head with excellent typical expression, good bite, front ok, excellent feet, lovely body and coat, very well constructed rear, good croup, moved animated but could do with a little more drive.

3 Kulczycka's Seaheart Bronte – standing a very pretty puppy, head long, but a little too narrow for my liking, neat ears, good bone, front angulation ok, would prefer tighter feet, excellent coat, very good body shape, lovely rear angulation, should settle in front movement.

Puppy 7/2

1 Joyce's Stranfaer Solitaire – this puppy really stood out in her class, excellent type, nicely balanced muzzle and skull, very attractive dark eye expression and eye shape, nice lay of shoulder, upper arm could be a little longer, excellent bone and feet ok, correct bite, level top line, good rear and happy tail action, moved with purpose, one to watch

2 Kulczycka's Seaheart Bronte

3 Berrisford's Lubellka Midnight Magic – big girl but lovely type, beautiful head excellent expression, correct bite, front angulation a little steep, lovely bone and coat, very mature in body, good feet, moved a little erratic.

Junior bitch 10/1

1 Campbell's Believe in angels Oasis of Peace at Ronevorg – Correct sized workmanlike bitch, lovely clean lines, very typical feminine head with lovely keen eye, ear a little oversized, very nice front angulation, very nice body shape, nice bone, strong rear, excellent condition, moved with ease and style, promising youngster

2 Harrison's Torinmill Gaelic Spirit – Elegant bitch with very nice Flatcoat features, lovely one peace head, strong muzzle, good ear placement, very well angulated front which gives her a strong neck, excellent bone and good feet, a little long in body, tail set ok, in excellent coat and condition, moved fluently with a very good stride.

3 Branscombe's Torinmill Gaelic Aurora – lovely typical bitch, very pretty head with excellent sweet expression, bite ok, very nice outline, feet ok, very good body, lovely tail set, needs to settle in movement, otherwise a very nice typical bitch all over.

Yearling bitch 8/1

1 Bowen's Clandiliz Pink Lady JW – classical bitch, on the bigger side but very typy, beautiful head and expression, neat ear, good bite, excellent front and rear angulation, very good ribcage, shade long in loin, excellent feet, in very nice coat and condition, moved with purpose from sound construction and her overall maturity gave her the class

2 Drottsgard & Brunnstrom's Moonstruck Macadamia JWW '15 – Very feminine bitch, excellent size, lovely head with cheeky expression, front ok, excellent body and strong rear, strong neck and level top line although a little to straight going into her tail set, well put together, stylish on the move with good stride, happy outgoing temperament.

3 Calverly's Gwenadillo Helga Gerhart – lovely typy bitch but up to size, excellent classical head with strong muzzle, sweet expression from dark eye, good bite, very good front into a strong and elegant neck, nice bone, excellent good padded feet, nice deep ribcage, a shade long, strong rear but would like to see a lower set hock, moved easily with happy outgoing spirit.

Maiden bitch 4/1

1 Ayres' Swantonwood Emerald at Mardashen – Feminine girl, well put together but not in the mood to show herself, typical head with soft expression, ears could be smaller, excellent front and very good ribcage but long in loin and would like to see a firmer top line, very good rear, nice bone and very good feet, excellent coat structure but lacking a bit in feathering, moved well but could be more animated

2 Robinson's Acestar Wotever Next – smaller bitch of correct size, appealing head shape but eyes a little round, friendly expression, ear set a little high, she lacks in front

angulation and fore chest therefore a little short in neck, in lovely coat, excellent bone, good feet, good body, good rear, she could stride out more in movement, very nice condition and happy outgoing temperament.

3 Gayton's Heathlymn Bonnie – type wise a beautiful classical bitch with super head and lovely expression, good bite, excellent shape ribcage, good length of body, lovely coat and feathering, nicely balanced front and rear angulation, excellent neck flowing into her back which is sadly dipping due to her excessive overweight, also her otherwise good feet are out of shape because of her weight this also spoiled her movement, she really needs to slim down for her own health.

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1 Branscombe's Torinmill Gaelic Aurora -

2 Dixon's Madelea Making Magic – Elegant typy bitch, nice size, pretty one piece head, ear set a bit low, keen expression, bite one level tooth, could do with a little more bone, good feet, very good body shape, very nice rear angulation, she moved with good stride bit a little loose in front, excellent coat structure and very good condition.

3 Ayres' Swantonwood Emerald at Mardashen

Graduate bitch 9/2

1 Goodman's – Keepersway Gracie to Beanit JW – lovely feminine bitch with lovely appealing one piece head, super expression from dark eye, good bite, excellent bone, good front bone and feet, lovely coat, excellent rear, very powerful, elegant and stylish mover.

2 Hedges' Blacktoft Quickstep of Satinbaze, smaller bitch but lovely balanced standing correctly all-round, very nice shaped head with lovely expression, correct stop, good ear

set, excellent front and rear angulation, very nice neck shape, very good bone and feet, good bite, excellent body, lovely outline standing and on the move.

3 MacDonalds' Spring Time in Deringwood – Power type bitch, classical head, would like to see a darker eye for softer expression, lovely clean neck line, good front and excellent body, strong rear angulation, excellent coat and condition, correct bone and feet, like her outline on the move.

Post Graduate bitch 14/2

1 Gale's Willowswind Maias Wish – Lovely classic bitch, up to size but still feminine with gorgeous head and expression, good bite, excellent neck into well layered shoulder, very good bone and excellent feet very nice depth of body, lovely outline stand and moving excellent rear angulation, her movement is elegant, effortless from the side as well as coming and going

2 Griffiths' Caslterock Cosmic Hattie – Vivid little bitch with the required lively Flatcoat attitude, beautiful head, front ok, a little short in neck, lovely balanced in body and rear angulation, nice coat, lovely bone, good feet, nice tail set and action, moved with purpose, fit for function

3 Stanley's Stromwatch Born to Fly to Hallbent (imp) – bigger girl but full of Flatcoat type, lovely moulded head with kind correct shaped eye, good bite, excellent neck, shoulder and upper arm, very nice body shape, good bone, rear angulation ok, nice top line, nice outline on the move but a little loose in front.

Limit bitch 16/2

1 Lutner's Beautifield's Flashdance at Telurn JW (imp) – Quality bitch all over, stands true allround, beautiful

sizzled head with lovely feminine expression from correct eye, balanced front and rear angulation, excellent fore chest which gives her a good fill out in body, strong ribcage, very nice boned and excellent feet, super condition and coat, typical tail placement and action, movement very effortless, free and flowing from the side and clean coming and going and she has this extra 'look at me attitude', although still young gaining her 3rd **CC & BOB**, a worthy champion.

2 Malone's Kissock Weesleekit for Kirkbeck JW – Lovely bitch, I like her type and she is well put together, very expressive clean head, lovely dark eye, very good top line, balanced in front and rear angulation, firm top line and correct spring of rib, excellent bone and feet, movement was strong and with good stride, in lovely coat and condition, pushed hard for Reserve CC but lost on presentation.

3 Skjelbred's Torpedos It's a Magic Morning – Eyecatching attractive girl, lovely head, typical keen expression from correct eye, very nice front and rear angulation without being over angulated, in super coat and condition, very nice bone and good feet, would like to see a little less straight line from back to tail set, moved with ease, bright and active girl.

Open bitch 12/1

1 Harrisons' Sh Ch Glendaruel Black Diamonds at Solotown (AI) – medium sized sound bitch of lovely type, stands true allround, excellent head shape with lovely keen eye and expression, excellent bone, well developed body with nice short couplings, strong back, very nicely balanced in front and rear angulation from which she moves correctly and with ease, not overdone in any way, excellent coat and

condition, very well presented, pleased to award her the **Reserve CC**

2 Joyce's Stranfaer Lucy Locket JW – elegant bitch, stylish and very typy, very attractive and nicely moulded head, lovely expression, nice neckline into correct shoulder, front angulation ok, good racy outline with well shaped body, excellent strong rear, pleasing tail set, lovely coat texture but lacking a bit on her feathering, excellent bone and feet, moves very well.

3 Price's Llantrussa Lady Myfanwy – bigger girl but lovely balanced and showing true Flatcoat type, beautiful head, very feminine, lovely expression, excellent strong neck into good top line, excellent deep body, very nice constructed front with good for chest, lovely coat and bone, good feet, strong but deep rear angulation, typical tail set and action, moves well out a shade wide in front, shown in lovely condition.

Special open liver bitch 4/1

1 Hutchinson's Casblaidd Queen Bee at Waverton JW – classical bitch with lovely typical long and nicely moulded head, kind eye and good colour, strong neck, lovely body shape and well ribbed, excellent bone and feet, nice full liver colour, typical tail action, moved well with handler

2 Colson's Windyhollows Winnipeg- similar to one, lovely breed type, good size, beautiful head with excellent eye and expression, would like to see more length of neck and better front angulation, deep body, excellent top line, very nice compact feet, lovely coat colour and texture, typical tail action, moved out well but not as fluently as one

3 Knight & Jacobs' Gemswin Disco Inferno JW – Well balanced youngster, nicely moulded head, good length of muzzle and skull, very well angulated front excellent fore

chest and lovely neck line, good spring of ribs, shade long in body at this moment, lovely coat colour, good angulated rear but a little long in hock, needs to tighten in movement, exposes the typical Flatcoat enthusiasm