Irish Setter Club of Scotland 13th April 2024

A big thank you to the committee and exhibitors for a fantastic show. This show is always so well run with such a friendly atmosphere and holds very special memories for me. I was therefore delighted to have the opportunity to judge this show and had the pleasure of going over a superb entry of quality dogs. I thought my 2 line -ups were just outstanding and made me quite emotional.

Baby Puppy Dog 1. Tupper & Rosie's Alolfrana's Welsh Crusader. A 5 month old baby developing nicely for his age and enjoying his day out. He has a lovely strong straight front and well angulated quarters with a flowing topline. Nice dark eye and work already developing on his sweet head.

Minor Puppy Dog: What a super class of baby puppies, what a good future for the breed. 1. Box's Bardonhill It's Now or Never for Fernstart. Lovely typey puppy, dark eye with raised brows giving that lovely expression, showing good length of neck, super front angulation, holding his topline well into angulated hindquarters, just right for his age. BPD 2.Jacob's Forfarian Fancy Footwork, well bodied baby with that scrummy thick dark puppy coat presented in gleaming condition. Good depth of chest with straight front on strong pasterns and super front angulation 3. Dow's Forfarian Fancy Some Fun. Litter brother to 2 and of similar shape and type. Lovely soft expression with low set ears and straight front.

Puppy Dog: 1. Holehan's Loganrish Tiger Warrior, this boy scored on such a striking outline with good body depth, good reach of neck into clean shoulders following into super topline, refined head with good stop and clean low set ears. 2. Russell's Tiroen Touch of Magic By Settesoli. Giving is handler a little bit of a challenge today. Another super typey puppy with good front angulation, nicely ribbed back, good tail set, he has the sweetest of heads, beautifully balanced with low ears, raised brows and showing work on his muzzle.

Junior Dog: 1. Richardson's Bardonhill Mcintosh Red at Montgreenan. Super angulation fore and aft with good return of upper arm presenting correct balanced picture, good body depth, liked his expression and head planes with good finish to foreface, moves well holding topline. 2. Lucas' Gwendariff Batchelor Boy, this boys presents a super outline in profile with flowing topline, standing on straight front with strong pasterns and strong straight hocks. Moved with drive.

Yearling Dog: 1. Parsons' Quensha Thinking Out Loud at Bransett JW. Super young dog, very much my type who really pushed close for top honours, I could happily have taken him home! Loved his body length and proportions, gentle flowing topline, soundly constructed which shows on the move, finished off with the most melting expression and presented in a beautiful rich coat and condition. I am sure he will have a great future. 2. Bardonhill Mcintosh Red at Montgreenan 3. Gwendariff Batchelor Boy

Maiden Dog: 1. Loganrish Tiger Warrior 2. Tiroen Touch of Magic By Settesoli

Novice Dog: 1. Loganrish Tiger Warrior 2. Tiroen Touch of Magic By Settesoli 3 Macfarlane's Harelferg New Tricks. Well balanced boy with good width to thigh on angulated quarters, soft head expression with super low set ears.

Under Graduate Dog: 1. Bardonhill Mcintosh Red at Montgreenan 2. Gwendariff Batchelor Boy 3. Tiroen Touch of Magic By Settesoli

Graduate Dog: 1. Green's Glencarron Show Must Go On JW. Oh my! Couldn't take my eyes of this boy from the moment he entered the ring. His shape just presents the most outstanding picture, beautiful elegant reach of neck into clean shoulders flowing into the most striking eye catching topline right down through to the tip of his tail without a dip or bump in sight. He is so upstanding and full of quality. He stands on a strong straight correct front. His hindquarters are correctly angulated with strong hocks and he is not overdone in anyway. He has the most beautiful refined head with correct almond shaped eyes under raised brows. He moves with drive and enthusiasm holding his head and topline commanding attention. He pushed the veteran winner very hard for that top spot! Very pleased to award him the res CC 2. Kolbach's Kerryfair Zoom in on Pawsword, unlucky to meet 1 on such form today. This is a real honest dog who could really do a full days work, he is so fit and well muscled. He is not exaggerated in any way with correct fore and aft angulation and holding his topline firm. Balanced refined head with a bit of a naught Irish glint in that eye. Loved his type with his rich coat really developing 3. Gilray's Jonola Singapore Sling. Another boy with super flowing topline, flowing down from well laid back shoulders into nicely angulated hindguarters. Super cute soft head expression but just lacking a bit of nose pigmentation at the moment.

Post Graduate Dog: 1. Macaulay's Harreds Lachlan at Stylersetts Another boy who shone in type for me. He is refined and just so well balanced, again showing that correct flowing topline from excellent angulated front assembly right through to a croup of nice length with well set on tail. Loved his straight front with strong pasterns and soft, but yet masculine, head. At still just 2 years old maturing nicely with super coat developing. 2. Walker's Gwendariff Ucant Touch This JW. A well balanced boy, a little heavier in build, shown in good coat, he just wasn't holding his topline as well as 1 today. He has a good spring of rib and deep in chest, like his head expression with correct eye shape. 3. McCulloch's Shenanagin Oh Oh Seven. Completing a trio of well balanced males, liked his firmly held topline and excellent width of thigh.

Limit Dog: This was a really super class of adult males making for hair splitting decisions 1. Brown's Riverbrue Soldier On. So liked the picture this boy's outline presents. He is just balanced so well with super angulation fore and aft holding his topline firm. Correct tailset, set on strong quarters and straight hocks. Gorgeous head with correct eye shape, raised brows and low set ears giving a great typical Irish expression. So well presented. 2. Davison's Bardonhill You Don't Fool Me. Shorter coupled boy with firm

topline presenting a clean outline, scores in super strong hindquarters with good width of thigh which he uses so well on the move and really goes for it driving around the ring. He possess such a refined head with no coarseness and super eye shape. 3. Deighton's Oakdene Schiehallion (imp Bel) Completing a trio of boys with super firm flowing toplines which defines the breed. He has super width and angulation to his hindquarters standing on strong short hocks. Nicely proportioned skull with good finish to foreface. Moves well.

Open Dog: A trio of worthy champions 1. Edward's UK Sh Ch Gwendariff Ucan'tmissme Bonhomie. This boy is so sound and well constructed from his straight front and well bent stifles on super short hocks, holding a super firm topline flowing through clean neck and shoulders down onto correct tail set. He moves so well and true at one with his handler. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go over him. 2. Gisby's Sh Ch Suteresett King of Hearts JW. Love the dark rich coat this boy has, presented in fabulous condition. He is a completely honest dog, nothing is exaggerated, correctly balanced and angulated standing on the most sound front and quarters. A handsome head with neat folding ears finishes the picture. 3. Russell's Sh Ch Lynwood Hocus Pocus at Settesoli JW. Another worthy champion I have often admired. He too has that wonderful shape and outline with nothing exaggerated finished off with the most gentle head expression. I just preferred the length of croup on the first 2 having to making hair-splitting decisions.

Veteran Dog: 1. Lucas' Sh Ch Bardonhill Eternal Flame Among Amberlight JW. Well age is clearly just a number to this boy as he clearly has no idea he is a 9 year old veteran, he neither looks like it or acts like it and was on top form today. A credit to his owner for maintaining him in such incredible condition. He presents the most stunning balanced picture. His head is that wonderful classic proportioned setter head just showing a bit of distinguished grey flecking. His upstanding, lean, slightly arched neck, down through clean shoulders and straight front with correct angulation, clean firm flowing topline through strong loin, good length to croup and well set tail into hindquarters of super substance and width to thigh, well bent stifles and short hocks presented in excellent coat and condition. He flew around the ring holding his topline with such drive and presence. What more can I say, he just presented the perfect picture today. Despite being pushed hard by the young graduate winner he could not be denied the CC and BOS. 2. Rowbottom's Sh Ch Lanstara Spring Moon. Another wonderful boy who belies his 10 years shown in the most wonderful coat and condition with barely even a grey hair in sight. Slightly shorter than 1 in loin he presents a compact balanced outline with fabulous depth through his chest and strong angulated hindguarters. He has such a soft expression and really kind eye under raised brows. Moves so well. 3. Russell's Strathmead Huckleberry of Settesoli. Another lovely mature gentleman of 8 years. He has a really gentle expression, well laid back shoulders, firm topline, good length to loin and good width to thigh. Still moves out well.

Minor Puppy Bitch: 1. Gisby's Marlland Lily On the Valley by Suteresett (imp Nld) oh my what an absolute sweetie this little girl was and stole my heart. Her

head is gorgeous, well defined stop, dark eye, the most wonderful raised brows and quizzical expression. She has a lovely straight front, super lean neck into clean shoulders, firm topline, nicely bodied with lovely dark thick puppy cost. Pleased to award her BPB and BPIS 2. Sansom's Bardonhill Little Sister. Another pretty baby girl. She's going to have a lovely classic head with super eye shape. Front angulation good, just needs to strengthen and develop into her hindquarters.

Puppy Bitch: 1. Marlland Lily On the Valley by Suteresett 2. Borthwick's Danwish Aria. Really like this girl and unlucky to meet 1. She is so pretty with her long eye lashes and quizzical raised brows, the most soft sweetest of expressions. She has a strong straight front and wonderful tight arched feet. Slightly longer cast in body with firm topline and well developed quarters for her age. Moves very well holding her topline. 3 Holehan's Loganrish Tiger Lilly Pearl. Another pretty girl with sweet expression, dark eye and pretty lashes. Straight front and tight arched feet, well bodied. Just preferred the croup finish of the first 2.

Junior Bitch: 1. Robinson's Cherrorvale Dream Come True 2. Blackshaw & Rowbottom's Lanstara Cherrorvale Moon Dancer. Two litter sisters who are very similar and I am sure will change places many times. Both have lovely straight fronts and neat feet, good angulation fore and aft with well bent stifles and firm clean toplines. Whilst I preferred the head of 2 having a slightly more almond eye shape and a fraction more work in the head, one was more bodied and developed in muscle and as such gave her more strength, collectiveness and positivity on the move which won her the class.

Yearling Bitch: 1. Bridgewater's Bridgella's Jubilee Queen JW A well put together girl, she is well bodied with deep chest, well ribbed and strong in loin. She is balanced with moderate angulation throughout with strong quarters and as such moves correctly with precision. Nicely coated. 2. Galea's Southlarch Touch The Sun. Pretty girl with straight front and neat feet. Slightly longer cast in body with more length of loin but holds her topline firm.

Maiden Bitch: 1. Marlland Lily On the Valley by Suteresett 2. Danwish Aria 3 Loganrish Tiger Lilly Pearl

Novice Bitch: 1. Marlland Lily On the Valley by Suteresett 2. Danwish Aria 3. Galea's Southlarch Guinevere. Well made girl with sweet expression, good angulation, in nice coat.

Under Graduate Bitch: 1. Allen, Bott & Morgan's Quensha Joker and the Queen. This girl has the most wonderful refined feminine head with super eye shape and dark pigmentation. Her front is so strong and straight with strong pasterns and neat feet. Her shape is eye catching with striking topline and well developed quarters. She was a little hesitant on the flooring and as such lost that positivity on the move. 2. Marlland Lily On the Valley by Suteresett 3. Southlarch Touch The Sun

Graduate Bitch: 1. Wilson's Kerryfair Enchanted Rose for Queentales This girl caught my attention from the outset. She just scores in type. She is so pretty with a refined head. Lovely straight front and so clean over the shoulders. She has well sprung ribs on deep chest, arched loin and correctly angulated quarters which she used on the move showing free movement and working that tail. She pushed hard in the challenge to be considered for higher honours. 2. Hunter & Brown's Glencarron Another Chapter at Braidmount Super sound girl on strong front and quarters, nicely balanced and unexaggerated with firm topline. Pretty head with plenty of skull room, dark pigmentation and low set ears. 3. Stevenson's Lochlorien Unforgotten, a quality girl on super straight front and neat feet, loved her front angulation and width to thigh with well bent stifles. Loved her outline.

Post Graduate Bitch: This was the most amazing class of quality girls. 1. Heather's Sixoaks My Fair Lady JW. Wow, my find and my star of the day. I just fell hook line and sinker for this stunning girl. She has the prettiest and sweetest of heads with such a soft expression, gorgeous raised brows and pretty folding low set ears. Her front is straight, standing on strong pasterns and neat feet. She has the most wonderful angulation with excellent layback of shoulder and return of upper arm. Her topline just flows over her well sprung ribs, strong in the loin and down through to her croup of good length to her well set tail. She has well bent stifles and excellent hindquarters with width of thigh and strong short hocks. She moves so soundly, yet so steady holding her lines and shape. To top it all off she was in the most amazing stunning gleaming coat. The icing on the cake. I was so pleased to award her, what I think must be a long overdue, first CC along with BIS. Parson's Forfarian Flutt'r Yer Lashes at Bransett. Super elegant girl with striking outline. She has the prettiest of heads with wonderful elegant long ears, straight front, firm sloping topline into well angulated guarters with good width of thigh. Moves with style. 3. Sharp's Forfarian Exchange Glances. I thought the head on this girl was stunning. She has wonderful finish to foreface, super shaped almond eye, dark pigmentation, low set ears and so beautifully balanced. She is compact in body, well angulated, presenting clean lines and shown in good coat. I am not sure her handler was quite getting the best out of her.

Limit Bitch: 1. Catling's Teleri Here Comes Summer (AI) I understand this girl hasn't been shown as much as her champion sister in open. What a shame, I thought she was utterly delightful and deserves the same accolade. She is ultra feminine and elegant. She has a pretty refined head and I just loved the balanced outline she presents. She is correctly angulated which makes her flow from tip to tail. I just loved the substance and quality to her hindquarters which she uses to move elegantly around the ring. In great coat and condition. Pleased to award her the res CC and RBIS 2. Bott's Bardonhill Love of My Life. Feminine but so well bodied with great dept to her chest and substance through her quarters. Loved her strong firm topline and well set tail. She has the prettiest of heads with melting expression, dark eye and low set ears. She can certainly move! 3. Heather's Sixoaks Leading Lady. Mother of my star of the day and having passed on her lovely qualities to her daughter. Her head

just has that wonderful melting expression. She is so sound and beautifully balanced. Just not in her best coat finish today.

Open Bitch: 1. Hunter's Int Sh Ch Fairhaven Electra (Swed imp) This girl is so glamourous shown in the most amazing coat and condition. She is very eye catching. She is longer cast in body but still retains balance with super topline. She has so much depth and substance throughout but still remaining so elegant and feminine. Her width and depth through her hindquarters is first class. She drives round the ring on the move. 2. Catling's Sh Ch Teleri Indian Summer JW (AI) Another beautifully balanced feminine girl. Her topline flows from her lean arched neck into clean shoulders with no lumps and bumps, held strong into well angulated quarters. Straight front with good forechest. Loved her balanced outline which she holds on the move. In super coat. 3. Sterritts Ir Sh Ch Corranroo Just One Kiss with Riversett Jun Ch. Again this girl is also beautifully balanced presenting an unexaggerated picture with correct angulation and clean firmly held topline. She just didn't have that final glamour of the first two that gave them the edge.

Veteran Bitch: Two lovely veteran girls 1. Stevenson's Lochlorien True Detective is Andley. This 9 year old was on sparkling form today. She has a real classic head, now flecked with distinguished grey. She excels in depth of body with good angulation fore and aft holding a firm sloping topline. Her coat is of fabulous colour and quality. She powered around the ring enjoying her day out. 2. Bougen's Sh Ch Gwendariff Lily The Pink. Very elegant pretty girl with super head expression with almond eye, loved the balance of her head. Straight front, flowing topline, excellent angulation and hindquarters. I just preferred the finish of topline over the loin on 1 to split hairs.

Judge: Julie Wilkins