

## **Border Collie Club of Vic Inc. 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

I would like to thank the committee and Sheryl for the invitation to judge at this year's prestigious show, an honour indeed :-). And especially thank Sheryl for her taxi services and her organisational skills during our stay.

I was very impressed with the overall quality of all the exhibits, some decisions were extremely difficult due to the depth of quality throughout the classes and just because a dog/bitch did not place higher, did not necessarily mean I did not like that dog/bitch, there were a number of exhibits that could have graced the 1<sup>st</sup> place pegs on the day, but unfortunately I could only place one.

I apologise for the lack of in-depth critiques but made the following overall observations.

The quality of bitches was outstanding throughout the classes and many could have won on the day, while the males were of good quality there were differing types of 'boys'.

Overall I found only a small number of 'slightly short upper arms', 'slightly incorrect angulations', shortish tails or high set tails, however I did note a few that did not have the correct planes between foreface and skulls. Majority had good eye colour. There were some with soft-textured coats not necessarily on the same dogs and in some cases it came down to these minor issues for the placing as they did not conform to the 'blueprint' of the standard. Yes, one could say 'ears do not matter' but when confronted with a high quality number of dogs a decision had to be made and I apologise for not being able to award a number of equal placings.

Grooming was impeccable and the handling was of a very high standard. Well done.

Feet, pasterns, movement and footfall was sometimes hard to assess due to the length of the grass which in turn was due to the wet conditions leading up to this show and I am sure in some cases this affected the dogs, their handlers on the move and ultimately their placements. I did forgive many because of this situation. Our alternative was to be inside, something I had no wish for.

A number of exhibits showed excellent side gait but were not so steady or true on the slower 'out and back' or on the 'loose lead please' that I had asked for.

My observations are my own and should be taken as such, i.e. one person's opinion on the day.

**To all exhibitors you should be so proud of your dogs; they are a credit to each and every one of you.**

**Congratulations.**

### **BABY PUPPY DOG 5 ENTERED 4 SHOWN**

**#2 1<sup>st</sup> - Sashdan Conspicuous** - A typical baby boy who showed his class on the move, very put together for his age, good head in the making at this stage showing correct proportions, although would prefer a wee bit more neck but he won this class on his steady and controlled side gait and his good manners.

**#4 2<sup>nd</sup> - Merrinda You Had Me at Hello** - Another typical baby boy who had a better neck than the first place but was not quite as balanced or steady on the move.

**#1 3<sup>rd</sup> - Steadfast Present N Accounted For** - This youngster has the same typical qualities required by the standard but he needs to settle into his role, just too naughty on this day.

### **MINOR PUPPY DOG- 5 ENTERED 2 SHOWN**

**#6 1<sup>st</sup> - Maghera Best Served Cold** - A very mature youngster who showed correct body proportions, strongish head, would prefer better ears but they were well set and he used them. Coat and top line should improve with age.

**#7 2<sup>nd</sup> - Etherial Lets Dance** - Another good type youngster who was just pipped at the post. Good body proportions, bit taller on the leg just preferred the 1<sup>st</sup> ones front a fraction more.

### **PUPPY DOG – 5 ENTERED 4 SHOWN**

**#15 1<sup>st</sup> - Glentress Blockbuster** - Excellent pigment, good head and body proportions, well coated, I felt his movement was impeded by the length of grass under foot.

Very happy to award him Puppy in Show one his breed type.

**#13 2<sup>nd</sup> - Khayoz Jailhouse Rock** – Of good type and size, but appeared slightly ‘squarish’ in profile; ears set a little wide, tail a wee bit high set. But overall a pleasing picture

**#12 3<sup>rd</sup> - Steadfast Déjà vu in Blu** - Very good proportions all over, ears let him down on the day, good top line on the move, would prefer cleaner tighter lips, well presented and handled.

**JUNIOR DOGS - A VERY STRONG CLASS OF 8** ‘likely lads’ showing depth of quality through out the class. Any number of these dogs could be placed higher on another day. Top marks to the breeders.

**#22 - 1<sup>st</sup> Moystonhill Stepn Out Atmidnite** - I am not a fan of the ‘stretch and show’ technique, however when this dog moved around the ring his quality was obvious although he was hard pushed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> place getter but won on his smooth outline and graceful appearance. Good neck, front and body proportions. Would like to see a wee bit more animation, if anything. Happy to award him Junior In Show.

**#21 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Etherial Excalibur** - This boy showed his qualities, his body proportions and side gait indicated a quality mature dog in the making, slightly high in set tail but showed a pretty good top line on the move. Slightly longer in hock than winner.

**#16 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Monlaird Silver Whisper** - A blue and white of good type and proportions, showed good gait and on the ‘out and back’, .Ears could be a wee bit better set. Best Colour other than Black and White.

#### **INTERMEDIATE DOG - 5 ENTERED 5 SHOWN;**

Again another very good class of ‘boys’. They impressed with their breed type.

**#25 1<sup>st</sup> - Bordalace Catch Me If You Can** - On the smaller side but he showed quality through out, his body proportions, head qualities, ear placement gave him the slight edge required to win the class. Happy to award this boy Intermediate in show.

**#28 2<sup>nd</sup> - Glentress the Lone Ranger** - Good head, prefer a better ear set. Nice proportions another unsettled on the move.

**#26 3<sup>rd</sup> - Luuaca Hell for Leather** – Stronger chunkier dog with good head and top line, a little close on the going away.

#### **GRADUATE DOG 3 ENTERED AND SHOWN**

**#29 1<sup>st</sup> Monlaird Bound for Glory** - A larger type of dog with heavy coat that was a little wavy. Good head proportions and balanced on the move both coming and going, gave him the nod in this class.

**#30 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bucksvale Alusive Red** - A good size boy with a nice head, top line could be steadier, but was today just 'pipped' at the post by the winner.

**31 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sashdan Shadow of a Bear** - Nothing very wrong with this boy just didn't appear to have the necessary 'get up and go' on the day.

#### **AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG - 7 ENTERED 7 SHOWN.**

Another strong class of males and on their best behaviour.

**#36 1<sup>st</sup> - GD CH Khayoz Perfect Crime** - A moderately built dog of good proportions, correct planes to his head, moderate under jaw, lovely top line, nicely crested neck although appears a little short, would prefer slightly better placed forelegs. He won on his overall outline

**#32 2<sup>nd</sup> - Maghera Accidental Hero** - Overall very good breed type. Good head and with good ears. Would prefer a better croup but not a major.

**#37-3<sup>rd</sup> - CH Kyntaf Walk the Line** - Plainer in the head than some although he had equal proportions his ears were a little large. But he had a good front, overall well angulated, well coated and moved out well.

#### **OPEN DOG 10 ENTERED 9 SHOWN**

What a line up of mature dogs again a credit to the breeders and handlers.

**#41 1<sup>st</sup> - GR CH Bordalace Flash N Dash PT** - Outstanding breed type of moderate size, good head proportions, with moderate under jaw, neck, front and depth of chest, well angulated fore and aft showed good reach and drive. Out of coat on the day, his breed type could not be denied. Best Opposite in Show. Best Dog and CC. Best gaited.

**#42 2<sup>nd</sup> - GR CH Etherial Chase the Ace HSAs** - The same comments could be said about this dog, a pleasure to judge and watch both going through their paces, this almost 9 year old pushed very hard for the first place, it was a very close and hard decision to make. Best Headed Dog and Best Overall head.

**#46 3<sup>rd</sup> - CH Glentress Ostentatious** - A remarkable 10 year old male who in his hey day, I am sure would have been up there on the 1<sup>st</sup> place peg and deservedly so, very good head qualities, lovely planes, well pigmented with a nice body and he was well proportioned. Just pipped at the post by the 2 previous dogs. A credit

to his breeder/handler and another asset to the breed. Winner of 'Best Parent and Progeny' and 'Super Veteran'.

Best Dog and Dog Challenge went to the Open dog for his Breed type and Breed qualities was awarded to Catalogue #41.

Reserve Dog and Reserve Dog Challenge went to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Open class for the same breed qualities, a placing which I had no hesitation with for Catalogue #42.

### **BABY BITCH CLASS- 6 ENTERED WITH 5 SHOWN.**

Some lovely wee girls here, I shall watch with interest over the next few years.

**#54 1<sup>st</sup> - Khayoz Heaven on Earth** --Very promising baby here, good top line, very settled on the move which gave her the nod in this class, would prefer better ears but happy to award her Baby in show on her smoothness and outline.

**#49 2<sup>nd</sup> - Steadfast No Timelike th Present** -Well put together for age, smallest and youngest, very promising little girl

**#53 3<sup>rd</sup> - Clanheath Hint of Faith** - Good under jaw, nice body, well angulated and well presented

### **MINOR PUPPY BITCH – 8 ENTERED 6 SHOWN.**

**#62 1<sup>st</sup> – Etherial Silk Stockings** - A well proportioned rather mature young bitch with good under jaw, ear set could be better but did not detract from her other obvious qualities. Won Minor in show on her smooth outline gaiting around the ring.

**.#59 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maghera Served with a Smile** - Not so settled. Has similar qualities to her litter brother although not showing his maturity or the maturity of the above.

**#57 3<sup>rd</sup> – Agile Folsom Prison Blues** – Quite nice type overall proportions good, ears a little wayward, but needs to settle on the move

### **PUPPY BITCH 6 ENTERED 4 SHOWN**

**#68 1<sup>st</sup> – Glentress Truth or Dare** - Lovely type, well presented well handled, would prefer darker eye. Good head qualities and top line a little unsteady on the move.

**#65 2<sup>nd</sup> - Kennoway Tartan Transit** - Not a lot between these two girls, would prefer better tail carriage but she had good head and carried herself well on the move.

**#64 3<sup>rd</sup> - Deitmahr QueenofSorcery** - Tri colour but not at her best today. Good body proportions

### **JUNIOR BITCH 3 ENTERED 2 SHOWN**

**#71 1<sup>st</sup> - CH Bordarita Its All About Me-** Lovely top line, quality bitch, fraction more stable on the top line on the move than the second place getter. This girl won on her expressive but lovely head qualities, also won Best Headed bitch.

**#70 2<sup>nd</sup> -Merrinda Solo on Ice** - Not a lot between these two lovely young ladies, a hard class to chose between.

### **INTERMEDIATE BITCH 6 ENTERED 5 SHOWN**

Solid class of ladies here.

**#74 1<sup>st</sup> - Bordalace to B Sure To B Sure** - Again another typey bitch although a wee bit on the small side, however her front, angles, smooth outline on the move and presentation gave her the nod

**#77 2<sup>nd</sup> - Luuaca Divine Miss M** - A wee bit long in body for me, good angles, with typical border qualities giving her the nod over number 3,

**#75 3<sup>rd</sup> - Glentress What Ever** - Not quite as put together on the move as the first two today but overall very pleasing qualities and proportions.

### **GRADUATE BITCH 3 ENTERED 2 SHOWN**

**#78 1<sup>st</sup> - T Ch Etherial Chasings Stars CD HSAs** - A beautifully marked tri with a gleaming sparkling black coat with rich tan markings. Nice neck and body, taller on leg than some but won the class on her outline and flowing movement. Moved out better than the Graduate dog today for Best Graduate in Show.

**#80 2<sup>nd</sup> - Monlaird Gracia Divino** - Overall good qualities just not at her best today, slightly short in upper arm would prefer a steadier movement.

### **AUSTRALIAN BRED 11 ENTERED AND SHOWN**

Some top ladies in this class, a pleasure to judge

**#87 1st - CH Bordataz Hevenly Money** - Lovely type of bitch, exudes breed type with her body proportions, feminine head qualities, her front and rear angulations. Did not put a foot wrong. Reserve in Show and Aust Bred in show.

**#84 2<sup>nd</sup> – CH Tookurra Magic in the Cards** - Lovely planes, good front, body length with similar qualities to the 1<sup>st</sup> place, overall a very pleasing bitch.

**#86 3<sup>rd</sup> - CH Glentress I can Cos I Am** - A quality bitch throughout a wee big longer in body than I prefer. However any of these placings could have been changed around.

### **OPEN BITCH 9 ENTERED 6 SHOWN .**

Outstanding class of mature bitches. Showing outstanding breed type that I am sure will be passed on to their offspring. A credit to their breeders

**#100 1<sup>st</sup> - CH Danari Date WithDestiny** - This bitch was of outstanding breed type, she exuded these qualities with her correct head proportions, dark eye, expression, moderate under jaw. Her front angulations gave her balance on the move that was a pleasure to watch although I would prefer better ears they did not detract from her overall appearance. Her only other fault would be that I do not own her. Best in Show and Best Open in Show.

**#92 2<sup>nd</sup> - GD CH Glentress Anastacia** - Again a superb quality bitch through out, from her head, neck, front right through to the tip of her tail, she had a very good side gait that gave her a smooth and completely graceful out line on the move. A wee bit long in body for me.

**#94 3<sup>rd</sup> - CH Winpara As You Like It** - Not so sure on the day, but a quality exhibit with good proportions, outline and gracefulness on the move.

A number of these mature bitches could have won on the day, but in this instance I looked for balance, proportion and attitude and as close to the standard as possible.

Best Bitch and Bitch CC was #100 the Open bitch awarded to a very balanced and typey bitch who won on the day for her smooth, graceful appearance both on the stack and on the move. And I understand this win giving her the title of Grand Champion. Congratulations.

A pleasure to judge her and then to award her 'Best in Show' beating the dog with her overall complete picture.

Reserve Bitch and Reserve Bitch CC was awarded to #87 it was very close between these two bitches but for me # 100 just showed a slightly more complete

picture both on the stack and on the move but #87 giving a more complete picture to beat the Best dog for Reserve Best in show.

**OPEN NEUTER Class: 18**

**#101 1<sup>st</sup> – T Ch Emankay Searcher Othnite CD ADX JDX ET SD PT**

**DWDF.S HTM.S.** - well what can I say about this 'golden oldie', a remarkable dog with a string of titles behind his name, a good size dog with medium coat and bone, very good head qualities, well marked black and white only showing a small amount of grey which is not unexpected at his 13 years of age. My pleasure to be able to award him his certificate towards his 'neuter' title. Thank you for showing under me he was a delight to handle and a pleasure to judge.

My Best Veteran 7-10 years was CH Kyntaf Blessing N Disguise

My Best Super Veteran 10 + years was placed third in the Open dog class, he was CH Glentress Ostentatious.

**Sue Chaytor**

4<sup>th</sup> July 2011.