

CRUFTS REPORT 2017 IRISH SETTER BITCHES - Judge Mrs P. Smith

Bitch CC Miss L. Kolbach

Ch Copper's Wine 'N Roses (Imp. Swe.)

RBCC Mr. R.P. Mr. A.C. & Mrs. A.H. Bott, Allen and Morgan

Sh.Ch. Bardonhill Please Dont Tease Quensha JW

BOB Mrs. & Misses N. & J. Sturrock

Sh.Ch. Forfarian I'm Sexy An I Know it JW (Dog)

BP Mr. B.A. & Miss A.C. Crocker & Siddle

Riverdrue Gloriana (bitch)

It was an honour to judge Irish setter bitches at Crufts and I would like to thank the Kennel Club Crufts committee for giving me this opportunity. My two Stewards Robyn and Sue were extremely efficient and made my task easier and I would like to thank them for their hard work throughout the day. Lastly, and most importantly, I would like to pay tribute to all the exhibitors, without whom there would be no show, who brought their lovely Irish bitches for me to judge. I am well aware of how much effort and dedication it takes to get your dogs ready for exhibition and all were beautifully presented, alas not all can go home with a card. I was delighted with my final line up and felt they represented my view of what I look for in a good Irish setter.

VETERAN Entries: 15 abs: 5

1st Mr. D.J. & Mrs. G. Bell & Barker-Bell – Ballintyne Foreign Affair.

Always a pleasure to judge a veteran class. As a breed Irish setters age very well. This 7 years old bitch was balanced and built on flowing lines possessing good width across the quarters. Pleasing head and expression.

2nd Mrs. P.M. Pollard – Grayrigge Rosalind JW

A good bitch, very typical of the breed. Moved well around the ring perhaps not quite as elegant as one.

3rd J. Walsh – Sh.Ch. Millcroft Ballad of the Moon JW

A sweet bitch with a lovely expression and sporting the best of coats which was a rich chestnut colour. I felt she was just dipping in the back a little which lost her the class.

MINOR PUPPY Entries :1 abs:0

1st Mrs. D. & Mrs. S. Bridgwater & Littlechild – Blazing Bronze Eye Candy (imp)

I think a minor puppy class is a new class for Crufts as there is not much time to qualify. Although she stood alone she was worthy of her placing. A tallish bitch for her age with good body properties. Sweet eye and correct head. The handler must watch he doesn't allow the neck to drop into her shoulders.

PUPPY Entries :11 abs:0

1st Mr. B. A. & Miss A. C. Crocker & Siddle – Riverbrue Gloriana

Some lovely puppies in this class and I loved my winner who with my co-judge we made best puppy in breed. I couldn't fault her. Lovely head shape, good size, plenty of sternum, beautifully balanced and moved extremely well. I have to say this owner/breeder moves his dogs to perfection.

2nd Mrs. L. Muir – Romarne April Showers

Another excellent puppy who was a little taller than the winner. Deep chest, good topline and the correct feet which I like to see as so many are not tight enough. Another owner/breeder who never fails to deliver.

3rd Mrs. G. Bye – Covarney Everlasting Love at Bluebyeyou

This one was a little wayward but again I liked her type, make and shape.

JUNIOR Entries : 18 abs : 1

1st Mr. & Miss Naylor & Morrison – Anlory Carignan.

This kennel never fails to produce balanced well made animals and I was not disappointed here. Lovely spring of rib. Strong limbs and the correct feet, small and round with arched toes. In good hard condition and as a consequence she moved very well lashing her tail to take the class.

2nd Mr. R.C. & Mrs. J. P. Mugford – Lynwood Isn't She Lovely.

Close up to the winner and quite similar in make and shape although a little more scope. I actually preferred her head but the winner just had the edge on performance.

3rd Mrs.S. & Miss K. Chorley-Newton & Chorley – Pawsword Peppermint for Kerryfair

Sweet expression on this bitch and in many ways similar to the first two. Three nice bitches.

YEARLING Entries 15 abs: 0

1st Mr. R. C. & Mrs. J. P. Mugford – Lynwood Isn't She Lovely

Repeat 2nd in the previous class.

2nd Mr. F.R. & Mrs. A.M. Meadows – Gwendariff D'Ya Likeme Best JW

I see my second and third here are litter mates. A well balanced bitch of good type with the correct head and expression. Just preferred her head to that of her sister.

3rd Mrs. D.M. Armitage – Gwendariff D'Ya Wanna Kiss.

Well constructed bitch with a smart outline. Just splitting hairs between her and her litter mate.

UNDERGRAD Entries: 19 abs : 2

1st Mr. M. & Mrs. L C Williamson – Caskeys Showtime with Bluesprings.

Developing very nicely, she has well sprung ribs a good head with expressive eyes and covered the ground well. Just scored over the second, who was first in the last class, on maturity.

2nd Mr. R. C. & Mrs. J. P. Mugford – Lynwood Isn't She Lovely.

Repeat.

3rd Mr. A. And Mrs. E. Gratton – Bardonhill Ice Diamond with Glenlaine

Another promising bitch who moved well and who possesses the correct type of head. Not quite as good in rib as those above her.

GRADUATE Entries : 17 abs : 2

1st Mr. R.C. & Mrs. J.P. Mugford – Shangarah Skyline Over Lynwood (Imp Hun) JW

This kennel has the knack of bringing out quality Irish setters on a regular basis year upon year. This import from Hungary is no exception. Lovely typey bitch with the sweetest of expressions and good topline and now confirming her early potential.

2nd Miss S. Waterton – Sandstream Summer Breeze JW

A very elegant bitch, feminine and full of quality. She flows from head to tail.

3rd Mrs. J. E. Holley – Wynjill Love Heart JW

Slightly different in style but also a very nice Irish setter with a good head and expression. All three moved well and there wasn't much between them.

POST GRAD Entries : 17 abs 1

1st Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Heather – Caskeys Movie Star at Sixoaks JW

A well proportioned bitch who carries her topline on the move. She has good limbs a balanced head and nicely raised brows.

2nd Mrs. J. A. Horsthuis – Kerryfair My Girl

Another well made bitch of good type. However, I didn't think she was quite as strong over the croup as the winner.

3rd Mr. A. J. & Mrs. C. S. Taylor – Danaway Goody Two Shoes.

A close decision between these three and perhaps this bitch moved the best of them. I just felt she looked a little immature in comparison to the first two. Three nice bitches.

MID LIMIT Entries: 16 abs : 4

1st Miss E.S. Ciechonska – Aoibheanne’s Say No More JW

This is a lovely bitch. Nice size, rich dark coat, well balanced, good head with raised brows showing stop. I liked her a lot. Surely a star in the not too distant future.

2nd Ms M.J. Henderson – Sametsuz Mak’N Honey JW

Beautifully presented bitch, refined and elegant with a sweet, very pretty head. She was in lovely condition and moved extremely well. Just preferred the type of my winner.

3rd Mrs. G. R. Partridge – Kerrydown Octavia.

A more rugged type of setter who I felt was just a little proud of her tail. Nevertheless she is another good mover and very worthy of her place. She possesses a good head showing the correct amount of stop.

LIMIT Entries : 12 Abs : 5

1st Mrs. M. Bott – Bardonhill Guilty Pleasure

A very close decision between these two bitches. A pleasure indeed to go over her. Not exaggerated anywhere. Good forehead and spring of rib all fitting together well. A feminine head showing raised brows and the sweetest expression.

2nd Mrs. D. M. Armitage – Gwendariff Coco Nut Cream (AR1)

Close up and another good bitch who moved around the ring with style. She is balanced and has everything in the right order coupled with a strong topline. Indeed she was better over the croup than the winner but I just preferred the sweetness of expression of the winner.

3rd Mr. A & Mrs. H.H.J. Hendrix & Van Hal – Noble Jay Linn of the Trav’lin Star (ATC AS01720BEL)

Nice type of setter standing on strong limbs and good tight feet. I liked her head and she moved well around the ring deserving of her place here over a very nice bitch in the reserve spot. A close decision.

OPEN Entries : 16 abs : 7

1st Mr. R.P. Mr. A.C. & Mrs. A.H. Bott, Allen & Morgan – Sh.Ch. Bardonhill Please Dont Tease Quensha JW

A well known bitch who really looked the part. Although I don’t get to many shows these days I have never seen her look better. Beautifully presented and handled by her skillfull owner. Balanced with everything fitting together perfectly. She has good limbs and feet and possesses a lovely feminine head. Excellent body properties and moved around the ring effortlessly I had no hesitation in awarding her the RCC.

2nd Miss T. Gardner – Thendara Jocasta JW

A more rugged and substantial type than the winner. Well off for bone and rib with a good tail set and well angulated quarters which she used with purpose when travelling around the ring. Her head is not quite as appealing as that of the winner.

3rd Miss L. Soderstrom – Copper’s Tornrosa (ATC AT00861 SWE)

Three different bitches as this one was built on smaller lines than the first and second. She has a very nice head with the sweetest expression under raised brows. Moved well around the ring. Not quite as good over the croup as the first two.

FIELD TRIAL Entries : 0

WORKING GUNDOG Entries: 5 Abs : 0

1st Miss L. Kolbach – Ch. Copper’s Wine’N Roses (Imp Swe)

A lovely quality bitch elegant and sound. This is a truly international affair. Bred in Sweden and owned by a Hungarian living in Scotland. She is a full champion which is rare these days and credit must go to her owner who has campaigned her in the field and in the ring. Credit must also go to the Copper’s kennel in Sweden as many of my winners here today have emanated in some way from

that kennel. This lovely bitch has quality from the tip of her nose to the end of her tail which she used as she ran effortlessly around the ring driving off her hocks. Such a pleasure to observe. A balanced head with a quizzical, soft, intelligent expression. She is without exaggeration, well angulated with good depth of rib. I liked her a lot and had no hesitation in awarding her the CC here today.

2nd Mrs. F. Reynaud – IT/NORV/DAN Ch Saving All my Love for You Della Blenda (ATC AS02597ITA)
Nice head on this bitch. Sound mover with a good spring of rib and the correct feet which is very necessary for a working gundog.

3rd Mrs. E Wojcik-Maksymiec – Lady Godiva Lofty (ATC AT02908POL)

She was presented in good coat and is well angulated however not quite as good in head as those above her.

GOOD CITIZAN Entries :6 abs: 0

1st Phillips & Condron – Covarney Lil' Diva

All three were unplaced in their classes earlier in the day but nonetheless deserved their awards in this category. Rather a sweet bitch who owns a good head. I liked her front assembly. Well balanced and moved well.

2nd Ms.M. J. E. & Mr. R. Anthony & Stewart – Staratlanta's Fire Queen JW

A nice bitch but I would have liked a little more stop to complete the picture.

3rd Mrs. M. Hadfield – Marzanne China in Your Hand

A little longer in the head than the first two who just had the edge in the head department over this bitch placed 3rd.