

Crufts 2019 - Irish Setter dogs

Firstly I would like to thank the Crufts dog show committee for inviting me to judge the Irish Setter dogs at this prestigious show, the Worlds best dog show. Which for me was a huge honour.

Also thanks to my 2 stewards for keeping my ring running smoothly, which enabled me to finish the judging in good time.

Thank you to the exhibitors for the lovely entry, which awaited me, the majority of the dogs were presented in super condition with gleaming coats. My main concern was a lot of the dogs had plain and broad skulls which lacked refinement and the true Irish expression with that soulful look.

Movement was very disappointing with a lot of the dogs moving very close behind whether this was due to lacking hind muscle, feet were also not good either being flat or on the large size.

Having said that I was very pleased with my final line up, some of the final decisions in a few of the classes were very close.

Both the dog and bitch CC winners were a credit and true representatives of our lovely breed I liked them both very much.

I would also like to thank Maggie Smith for the super photo's she put on Face Book I'm sure the exhibitors enjoyed seeing them I know I did.

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Class 187 VETERAN DOG Entries: 14, Absentees 1

1st 932 MISS A JANIK - PL CH CORDARRAGH PICASSO PL JR CH CR JR CH

10 years old, lovely type well balanced good coat and showed to perfection. Lovely refined head showing enough stop with correct ear set kind expression, well arched neck leading into well laid shoulders well boned legs straight front and small feet, well sprung ribs and depth good quarters strong topline moved really well using his tail.

2nd 853 MR & MRS H A M COHEN - CAISPERN LORENZO WITH SHUSHANA JW SHCM

Lovely dog good type balanced all through a bit stronger in head than the 1st but has a pleasing expression nice dark eyes correct finish of foreface, moderate neck good shoulders correct front and depth of forechest neat feet, good ribs and depth of chest well bent stifles short hocks which he used on the move striking outline.

3rd MR K & MISS J PULLEN & ATKIN SH CH HARVANCOURT HARLEM AT JACINGAIL

Another nice dog shown in super condition good type with correct topline refined head with good ear placement lovely expression kind eyes, correct length of neck leading into good shoulders has enough bone straight front neat feet good ribs and depth good stifles and tail set lovely coat moved well.

Res 1042 MRS L & MR V SVOBODOVA & SVOBODA - C I E/CZ/MKU CH
ABANDINUS ELIMAR DOUBRAVA (ATCAP01548CZE) WW15

Class 188 MINOR PUPPY DOG Entries: 3, Absentees 1

1st 873 MR P & MRS F DAVIS - GRAYRIGGE MYSTRAL WIND WITH ALANASETT

9 months old well grown for his age good shape and outline refined head nice eye and expression showing enough stop straight front good feet and depth of chest good front and rear angulation needs to develop all over as he should at this age moved ok

2nd 1060 MR M J & MRS L C WILLIAMSON - BLUESPRINGS PICTURE THIS

Another lovely puppy good type and shape not so mature as 1st nice head and eye expression enough bone straight front and depth of chest ribs need to develop good topline and tail set not so positive on the move.

Class 189 PUPPY DOG Entries: 10, Absentees 0

1st 883 MRS S E EDWARDS GWENDARIFF UCAN'TMISSME BONHOMIE

11 months what a striking puppy from all angles very well balanced lovely outline in super coat at one with his handler, refined head showing enough stop very expressive eyes correct ear set good length of neck leading into well laid shoulders straight front neat feet well sprung ribs and depth well bent stifles lovey tail action moved with drive and purpose. Best Puppy in Breed well done.

2nd 1013 MS R RICHARDSON GWENDARIFF I'M FOOL PROOF

Lovely type and shape good topline would prefer more refinement in the head good expression nice dark eyes low set ears moderate length of neck good depth of chest correct front and feet well sprung ribs needs to develop in stifles loose in front and aft movement

3rd 1041 MRS S & MISSES N & J STURROCK - FORFARIAN BANG TIDY

Well grown puppy shown in super condition lovely shape and outline would prefer a finer head but nice expression dark eye and ear set. Good length of neck into well laid shoulders and depth of chest correct front neat feet needs to develop more rib and depth tends to carry his tail a bit high moved close behind.

Res 857 MR G T & MRS K E B CONDRON - COVARNEY MOSCHINO

Class 190 JUNIOR DOG Entries: 9, Absentees 2

1st 979 MRS S, MR J & MRS D PYM, BOTT & MILLIGAN-BOTT -
THENDARA MARSHMELLO

Striking young dog giving his handler a hard time lovey type and shape striking outline refined head showing enough stop expressive eyes low set ears correct length of neck into well laid shoulders good straight front and feet well sprung ribs and depth of chest well developed quarters which he used on the move lovely tail action.

2nd 895 MISS T GARDNER - DANWISH ON HIGH (AI)

Different type to the 1st well balanced holding good topline, refined head good expression kind dark eyes and ear placement, moderate neck good shoulders front assembly ribs and quarters moved well with drive.

3rd 834 MR R P, MR A C & MRS A H BOTT, ALLEN & MORGAN
QUENSHA BACK TO BASICS

Lovely type showed in super condition balanced all through good topline pleasing head with raised brow kind expression, correct neck length and front construction good feet, well sprung ribs and width over the loin moved with drive using his quarters

Res 1050 MS K A TYE - BRAIDMOUNT COME TO ME

Class 191 YEARLING DOG Entries: 20, Absentees 1

1st 994 MR & MISS NAYLOR & MORRISON - ANLORY DUNCAN JW

What a super class with so many young quality dogs, super boy showing a lot of promise striking outline balanced all through good head eyes showing raised brows correct front neat feet, nice reach of neck leading into correct shoulder placement deep well sprung ribs and well muscled quarters which showed in his movement one of the best movers of the day. Just needs more coat to finish.

2nd 982 MRS D & MR J, MRS A & MR W MILLIGAN-BOTT, BOTT & L -
OAKDENE QUE DU BONHEUR [ATC AU02854BEL]

Another very striking dog different type to 1st longer cast and rangier, very well balanced super topline shown in super coat refined head and expression showing raised brows good neck shoulders straight front and feet, deep well sprung ribs and strong loin used his quarters with drive on the move.

3rd 823 MRS G M BAILEY - DANAWAY DESERT SONG

Unlucky to meet the first 2 smaller dog but everything in the right place good type loved his refined head showing expressive eyes raised brows correct ear set good neck shoulders front and feet well sprung ribs and length of loin good quarters nice tail set which he used on the move.

Res 918 MRS J E HOLLEY - WYNJILL SNAP DRAGON

Class 192 UNDERGRADUATE DOG Entries: 13, Absentees 2

1st 879 MISS A DUFRAT - LYNWOOD LOVE POTION FOR HAVERLEY

Well made dog balanced striking outline shown in good coat lovely refined head with enough stop to give a soft expression with raised brows, moderate neck leading into correct shoulders straight front neat feet, ribs and quarters in balance with deep chest nice tail set moved well.

2nd 962 MISS A & MRS J MARKHAM - GLENLAINE SAMUEL WHISKERS

Lovely type good outline and balance. Stronger head than 1st good front shoulders ribs and quarters in lovely coat moved well

3rd 1047 MISS S & MISS N A TUPPER & ROSIE - STARATLANTA SHANKLY'S FIRE

Another nice dog lovely type shown in good coat refined head with good eye and expression low set ears good neck front shoulders and ribs muscled quarters wick he used on the move strong topline.

Res 1007 MR K & MISS J PULLEN & ATKIN - COVARNEY LIL'TIPPLE AT JACINGA

Class 193 GRADUATE DOG Entries: 13, Absentees

1st 917 MRS J E HOLLEY - WYNJILL WINNER TAKES ALL

Super dog very typy shown and presented in lovey coat very striking outline balanced all through refined head with lovely soft expression kind dark eyes low set ears, correct neck length leading into well laid shoulders good front and feet well sprung ribs and depth of chest good tail set stifles well let down short hocks which he used on the move.

2nd 861 MR H O & MRS A J HUTCHINGS - COVARNEY EVERYONE KNOWS

Lovely dog standing over a lot of ground good type super outline shown in good coat bit strong in head for me, but liked his dark eyes and expression good neck and shoulders straight front and neat feet ribs and quarters balanced short hocks lashing tail action moved well with drive.

3rd 875 MRS L J DEWAR - GWENDARIFF HERE I COME

Smaller dog balanced and shown in gleaming coat striking outline refined head with enough stop and raised brows good neck shoulders front and feet, enough rib and depth moved close behind.

Res 973 MESDAMES I & J MCNEIL & BOYD-MCNEIL - GWENDARIFF GONNAGO FOR GOLD AT GLENNLOKHEN

Class 194 POST GRADUATE DOG Entries 10, Absentees 0

1st 900 MISS J GREENAN - ANLORY AIDAN JW

What a super dog excels in type and quality shown in super condition very striking outline balanced all through lovely head having enough stop nice kind eyes low set ears good reach of neck leading into well laid shoulders good depth of forechest straight front small feet, ample ribs correct tail set and depth of chest adequate quarters moved really well.

2nd 988 MRS L & MRS G MUIR & O'CONNOR - GWENDARIFF I'M COMIN OUT JW

2 lovely dogs unlucky to meet 1st very close decision shown to perfection in full coat, lovely head with kind expression dark eyes low ear set moderate length of neck good shoulders deep forechest straight front neat feet, good spring of rib tail set and quarters short hocks moved really well.

3rd 859 MR G T & MRS K E B CONDRON - GWENDARIFF D'YA FANCY A FLING WITH COVARNEY

Smaller dog very nice type shown and handled well, bit strong in head for me he has a dark kind eye and raised brow correct ear set, strong neck good forechest front and feet well laid shoulders good ribs tail set quarters and short hocks moved well.

Res 1032 MR J E & MRS C A SHARMAN & JENNINGS-SHARMAN - KERRIMERE INDISCREET

Class 195 MID LIMIT DOG Entries: 14, Absentees 2

1st 910 MR & MRS HILL-DECOSTER - VICARY'S PART TIME LOVER BELG
J CH [ATC AU01729BEL]

An eye catching dog lovey type shown and handled in lovely coat strong topline lovey refined head with expressive eyes low set ears good reach of neck and depth of forechest straight legs neat feet well sprung ribs and depth strong quarters short hocks. Moved well fore and aft with ease

2nd 874 MR P & MRS F DAVIS - PAWSWORD PRAIRIE WIND WITH ALANASETT JW

Lovely type striking outline shown in good coat lovely shape good head showing plenty of stop raised brows and soft expression good ear placement neck shoulders depth of forechest ample ribs and depth nice tail set well muscled quarters moved well with style.

3rd 993 MR & MISS NAYLOR & MORRISSON ANLORY KELTIC BLUE SKY JW

Another lovey dog not in his best coat very typey good topline well balanced refined head lovely expression with kind dark eyes low set ears moderate neck well laid shoulders good forechest straight front legs and neat feet, well sprung ribs and depth good strong hindquarters short hocks nice tail set moved really well with drive.

Res 862 MR & MRS & MR & MISS CONDRON, PULLEN & ATKIN -
COVARNEY FLAPJACK

Class 196 LIMIT DOG Entries: 18, Absentees 3

1st 882 MRS S E EDWARDS - GWENDARIFF PS I LOVE YOU BONHOMIE JW

What a super class full of quality which gave me a lot to think about, eventually this dog was my first place lovely type oozing in quality shown to perfection in top form super outline standing over plenty of ground possesses a lovey head with no coarseness refined skull showing enough stop raised brows and that solefull expression typical for an Irish, low ear set and finish to foreface. Good reach of neck into well placed shoulders deep forechest straight front assembly neat feet good ribcage and depth correct tail set strong quarters short hocks moved around the ring with drive and purpose. Very close decision for top honours. RCC

2nd 983 MRS D & MR J, MRS A & MR W MILLIGAN-BOTT & LAUWERS NUCKY OF
MCBIRDY LUXJCH, BENELUX JW

Rangier dog than 1st shown in super condition lovely type good coat and topline refined skull lovely expression with raised brows kind dark eyes correct ear set nicely arched neck leading into well placed shoulders deep forechest straight front neat feet, well ribbed and deep chest strong quarters short hocks nice tail set moved with drive.

3rd 852 MISS E S CIECHONSKA - RIVERBRUE ALTISSIMO AT AOIBHEANNE JW

Smaller than the first two placings but a lovely boy balanced from head to toe super shape gleaming coat flowing topline correct tail set gorgeous refined head with enough stop soft expression kind dark eyes low set ears good reach of neck well laid shoulders and depth of forechest straight front well ribbed strong quarters moved really well.

Res 960 MR K & MRS LR MACAULAY - CASKEYS MISCHIEF OF STYLERSETTS JW

Class 197 OPEN DOG Entries: 20, Absentees 3

1st 977 MRS D & MR J N MILLIGAN-BOTT & BOTT - SH CH THENDARA
COMMITMENT JW

Another super quality class could have done with 2 sets of cards 1st pushed the 2nd hard to win the class. A joy to go over everything in the right place standing he looked the part handled to perfection at one with his handler flowing topline in fantastic coat super refined head chiseled with enough stop showing that solefull expression from dark kind eyes low ear set strong neck correct well laid shoulders deep forechest good front assembly well sprung ribs giving plenty of heart room strong over the loin well bent stifles short hocks good tail set moved around the ring with ease drive and purpose such a showman. Dog CC and best of breed on the referee's decision

2nd 1037 MR A & MISS D STEWART & RITCHIE-SMITH - SH CH/IR SH CH
GWENDARIFF WHIPPERSNAPPER JW CW'15

A very close decision handled so well as always shorter coupled than 1st super outline shown in super condition in full coat well balanced from all angles possesses refined head showing raised brows kind eyes and soft expression low set ears good finish to foreface moderate neck leading to correct shoulder placement deep forechest good front neat feet well sprung ribs and depth giving heart room strong quarters short hocks correct tail set moved freely around the ring with drive and flare.

3rd 984 MRS D & MR J, MRS A & MR W MILLIGAN-BOTT, BOTT & L INT/MULTI CH
PARIS MATCH THENDARA

A worthy champion as were many in this class, taller dog but everything in the right place handled well showed in super coat and condition lovely chiseled head with soft expression kind eyes low set ears strong neck good shoulder placement straight front neat feet well sprung ribs and deep chest strong quarters with good width correct tail set moved with drive.

Res 956 MESDAMES LONGBOTTOM & STEWART-RITCHIE - SH CH GWENDARIFF
UNKNOWN SOLDIER JW

Class 198 FIELD TRIAL DOG Entries: 0 Absentees 0

Class 199 WORKING GUNDOG DOG Entries: 2 Absentees 0

1st 1066 MRS ZIELINSKA - INT CH/MULTI CH I'M CJ SZMARAGD MADRA RUA [ATC
AS02330POL]

Tall and rangy dog nice shape good topline in full coat lean head lovely expression dark eyes low set ears good neck and shoulder placement well ribbed strong quarters short hocks correct tail set moved.

2nd 1053 J VIKTORIKOVA - EARNEST ENTHUSIAST EVERDENE [ATC AU02336CZE

Smaller dog and finer could do with more weight nice shape in good coat refined head lovely expression dark eyes lacked rib and depth moved close behind.

Class 200 GOOD CITIZEN DOG Entries: 13, Absentees 0

1st 921 MISS B HOSKINS - SANDSTREAM JUST A BREEZE WITH RALPHSKI

Nice type in good coat good topline nice head shape soft expression low set ears well laid shoulders good straight front ribs and quarters moved well.

2nd 908 MRS D G HEPPELL - DEEVONVILLE SANTANA SHCM

Tall dog in good coat lovely outline correct tail set nice head and expression dark eye deep chest straight front ample ribs good quarters moved well.

3rd 1048 MISS S & MISS N A TUPPER & ROSIE - STARATLANTA ELLIOTT
SHCM

Similar in type but longer in good coat and condition strong topline correct tail set lovely refined head with soft expression dark eyes good neck and shoulders ample ribs and depth moved well.

Res 848 MISS J M CHILDS - TREDURA VAL VERDI

Maureen Savage

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