

DARLINGTON - 2025

SPANIEL - ENGLISH SPRINGER

On the 14th of September 2025, a day arrived which I never thought would happen, I got to judge English Springer Spaniels, a breed I have shown for over forty years. Thank you to all the hard-working committee of Darlington Dog Show Society and, of course, all the lovely dogs that were entered. MPD: 1. Eastriding Devotion. Although he stood alone, he was more than worthy of his first place. Head perfectly balanced, well chiselled, deep and square in flew, eyes hazel, going darker which is good for eight months, with such a soft, mischievous expression, complete scissor bite. Neck of nice length, strong and slightly arched, leading to well-laid shoulders, straight forelegs, well boned, strong flexible pasterns, chest deep, well-sprung ribs, body muscular but needs time to mature. Rear correct angulation, moved covering the ground. JD (5,1): 1. House, Gleadbury Mad About The Boy, a very handsome boy; he is compact in build, skull medium length, broad, slightly rounded, giving a stop and fluting. Cheeks flat, with proportionate length to skull, dark hazel eyes giving a kind expression, complete scissor bite, strong, slightly arched clean throat. Straight front, sloping shoulders, elbows set close to body, chest deep and developed, good spring of rib, well-muscled throughout body, well-let-down stifles and hocks moderately bent, which gave the drive. Moved with a good springer movement covering the ground. 2. Tolladay, Chanangel Yorkshire Ale with Bethersden, another one of great quality, balanced head with dark hazel eye giving a soft expression, perfect scissor bite, firmly muscular body throughout, reach and return from front and drive from rear, moved with purpose. 3. Jenkinson, Eastriding Royal Gold. PGD (2,1): 1. Such, Gleadbury Ehataboy at Mujascal JW, another beautiful young dog; head medium length, fairly broad, rounded, rising from foreface to brow divided by fluting; cheeks flat in proportion with skull, almond-shaped dark hazel eye, soft kind expression, nicely laid shoulders, straight front, deep chest, spring of rib, well-muscled throughout body, correct rear assembly, moved with drive. LD (3): 1. Merry, Gleadbury It Is Destiny for Anacapa, he entered the ring as if he owned it, such presence; well chiselled occiput, defined raised eyebrows, eyes dark hazel with the kindest expression, scissor bite, neck muscular and strong, leading to long sloping laid-back shoulders, straight front, deep in chest as in body, back and loin well-muscled, also kept level topline on the move, nice bend of stifles, hocks well let down, along effortless stride with good drive, tight round feet, nicely trimmed, beautifully turned out. 2. Warrener, Eastfalla Sherlockholmes, well presented, head balanced in width and length, chiselled, dark eyes almond-shaped, kind expression, correct dentition, ears set low and well feathered, good length of neck to deep chest, well-sprung ribs, shoulder laid back, straight front, back

and loin level and muscular, correct rear assembly, moved with reach and drive. 3. Weyman, More Than Amazing Wanna Be a Gangster at Spuffing (Imp Bel). OD: 1. Darling, Elazian Billy Kimber, masculine head conveys the high breeding character of nobility, nicely chiselled, raised eyebrows, lovely dark eyes showing no haw, gentle expression, perfect scissor bite, long well-muscled neck going to sloping shoulders laid back, well-boned straight front, tight rounded feet with full pads, beautifully put together in body, so well balanced, rear assembly correct, moved covering the ground. R.C.C. 2. Tracz, Beresford On My Way with Acregate, slightly bigger in build than one, but still of great quality, lovely dark eye, softest of expression, well chiselled and in proportion, deep and square in flew, well-developed nostrils, a handsome chap, good length of neck with a gentle arch, shoulders sloping, elbows close to body, straight forelegs, strong flexible pasterns, strong, well-developed in body and rear assembly, moved with purpose. 3. Corbett, Dk Ch Trimere Time Traveller.

PB: 1. Calvert, Elazian Elle for Leather, oh, what a beauty! This young lady has everything: symmetrically built, compact, strong, with a dark hazel eye showing no haw, expression to melt your heart, ears set in line with eye, dentition correct, neck of good length with a slight arch into well-laid shoulders, elbows close to body, plenty of bone, straight front, chest deep, body nicely developing, rear assembly correct, the whole of this bitch is so balanced, moved with drive and purpose. BP.

JB (5): 1. Calvert & Calvert, Chanangel Yorkshire Honey, from the same kennel as the puppy, a more mature bitch than her kennel mate. Head medium length, fairly broad, making a stop with fluting between eyes, flat in foreface, proportionate length to skull, eyes almond in shape and dark, soft expression, strong muscular neck, good length, tapering towards head, shoulders laid back, straight, well-boned front, body well developed, deep in chest, nice spring of rib, rear legs well let down, stifles well-muscled thighs. Moved with reach and drive, covering the ground with ease. 2. Howard, Annabah Ablaze, head well proportioned, kind dark eye, correct scissor bite, good length of neck into well-laid shoulders, elbows set well to body, straight front, body deep as is chest, well-sprung ribs, loin strong with slight arch, well coupled, rear assembly correct, thighs broad and muscular, tight rounded full pads, moved covering the ground. 3. Brown & Topliss, Beresford Stand on Ceremony.

PGB (8,2): 1. Brown & Topliss, Shersona I Believe in Angels at Beresford, of a good size with clean lines, head well proportioned, cheeks flat, nicely chiselled, deep and square in flew, eyes dark hazel, soft expression, lobular ears set close to head in line with eye, correct scissor bite, clean throat, long slightly arched, well-muscled neck leading to sloping shoulders, straight front, elbows close to body, which is strong, well-muscled, chest deep, good spring

of rib, well coupled, correct let-down stifles, hocks moderately bent, thighs broad, well developed, covering the ground in true Springer style. 2. Harris, Melverly Betsy Trotwood with Coastalgloves, head balanced throughout, with the gentlest of expressions, good dentition, nice length of neck, shoulder laid back, front straight, strong in pastern, deep chest and body, nicely sprung rib, well coupled, feet rounded, full pads, correct rear assembly, moved with drive. 3. Glendinning, Plaiglen One Last Time.

LB: 1. Corbett, Sleger's See Eye to Eye with Trimere (Imp Duk), beautifully turned out, as are all from this kennel, compact in build, skull medium length, broad, slightly rounded, rising from forehead making a stop, well chiselled below eyes, deep square jaw, complete scissor bite, dark eyes, ears close to head level with eyes, soft happy expression, lovely length of neck that's muscular and free from throatiness, leading to well-laid shoulders, straight front, flexible pasterns, deep chest, well-sprung rib, loin strong, slight arch, well coupled, rear assembly correct, moved effectively round the ring. 2. Savell, Petranella Tipping the Wink JW, head of good proportions, correct bite, lovely soft happy expression, adequate length neck going to sloping shoulders, straight well-boned front, flexible pasterns, deep chest, good spring of rib, back strong and well coupled, rear assembly correct, moved with reach and return. 3. Harris, Melverly Amy Dorrit with Coastalgloves.

OB: 1. Calvert & Calvert, Sh Ch Calvdale Flutter JW, very feminine, well proportioned, nicely chiselled under eyes, softest of expressions, neck slightly arched and well-muscled, free from throatiness, leading to strong, well-laid shoulders, deep chest, good spring of rib, forelegs straight, sufficient bone, body firm, muscular and well coupled, tail set low with wag, full pads rounded, correct rear assembly, which showed on the move, free and easy effortless front action with purposeful drive from rear. A pleasure to watch. BOB, BCC. 2. Corbett, Sh Ch Trimere Time Fly's, lovely head with happy, friendly, kind expression, dark eye of almond shape, medium length, fairly broad, rounded skull making a brow split by fluting between eyes, cheeks flat, of proportionate length to skull, well chiselled below eyes. Strong muscular neck of nice length into well-angled shoulders, straight front, elbows set close to body, which is well developed, rear stifles and hocks moderately bent, thighs broad and muscular, moved with a positive, sound movement. R.C.C. Best of Breed 5273, Best Puppy 5275. A big thank you for all making my day so perfect.

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