

CRUFTS 8th March 2026
English Springer Spaniel - Judge: Mrs Sue Aston (Tasa)

May I thank the Royal Kennel Club Committee for the invitation to judge at Crufts. I felt really honoured and delighted and enjoyed the day tremendously. I must thank my excellent stewards who were so good at keeping things running efficiently. Of course mostly I would like to thank all the exhibitors who brought their dogs for me to go over, all of which were presented beautifully and a credit to their owners.

Dog Challenge Certificate

Sh Ch Meadowdale Daisydale Lightning Bolt (Mr S & Mrs J Eyeington)

Reserve Dog Challenge Certificate:

More Than Amazing Wanna Be A Gangster at Spuffing JW (Imp Bel) (Mrs J Weyman)

Bitch Challenge Certificate:

Sh Ch Melverly Iridescent (Mr R J Smith)

Reserve Bitch Challenge Certificate:

Sh Ch Elazlan Coronation Day JW (Miss E Chandler)

Best Of Breed: Sh Ch Meadowdale Daisydale Lightning Bolt (Mr S & Mrs J Eyeington)

Best Puppy: Petranella Strike It Lucky (Ms C P Savell)

Best Veteran: Sh Ch Potrail Turns The Swag On for Pinereoch (Ms L & Mrs A H Wilson & Connor)

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Dog Entries: 4 Absentees: 0

1st - Cobhay Dashing Dandelion JW (Mrs J, Mrs D & Miss P Williams & Toublic)

Nicely balanced dog with masculine head and good expression from correct shape dark eye. Well placed shoulders and deep chest. Strong body with good bone and adequate bend of stifle well let down. Moved well around the ring.

2nd - Eastfalla Sherlockholmes (Mrs H Warrener)

Handsome headed dog with correct proportions, dark eyes and pleasing expression deep chest and well angulated hindquarters which he used well on the move

3rd - Peasblossom Eros (Miss P Watts) Reserve

4th - Pinhays Pie in The Sky (Mr C Kibby)

Minor Puppy Dog Entries: 2 Absentees: 0

1st Eastriding Night Walker to Pinereoch (Ms L & Mrs A & Mrs K Wilson & Connor & Jenkinson)

Promising outline with strong bone. Well proportioned head with dark eyes. arched neck into well placed shoulders. Deep chest, straight front. Good bend of stifle. Quite mature for 8 month old puppy.

2nd - Bumblecorn Quest (Mrs L & Mr P Stevens)

Another nice puppy with mature body, These two could change places quite easily on another day, Masculine well balanced head with pleasing expression, Correct angulated shoulders and rear quarters. Moved well.

Puppy Dog Entries: 3 Absentees: 0

1st - Petranella Strike It Lucky (Ms C P Savell)

Mature young man with masculine head and beautiful expression Super overall outline Good ,strong length of neck into well placed shoulders. Nice spring of rib and level topline. Rear angulation not overdone .with good width of thigh. Steady on move and extremely pleased to award BEST PUPPY in breed

2nd - Dexbenella One Last Time (Miss M Knapp)

As they stood together these two dogs were of different type and he didn't quite have the flow of 1.However he has a mature body with deep chest, good bone and lovely bend of stifle. Good eye colour and expression

3rd - Favours Joy Ride to Baudelaire (Imp Swe) (Miss H Field-Enticott)

Class 3057. Junior Dog Entries: 4 Absentees: 1

1st - Peasblossom Eros (Miss P Watts)

Balanced outline in profile with well proportioned head , dark eyes and pleasing expression. Adequate neck into well placed shoulders. Well turned bend of stifle. Moved steadily.

2nd Karlos Spotted with Charm Pol Jch (Mrs N Gorska)

Smartly presented youngster..Slighter all over than 1. Very nice head shape with defined stop and deep flews Adequate angulation front and rear. Moved with pace around the ring.

3rd - Peasblossom Daredevil for Tiverstone (Mrs J V Shovel)

Class 3058. Yearling Dog Entries: 6 Absentees: 0

1st - Dexbenella Livin The Dream (Mr S P & Mrs W M Walker)

Just loved the all round strength of this youngster and coupled with excellent bone he was all male which is just what I like.Balanced head with deep flews and good stop with eye colour and shape just right.. Neck and shoulder placement good with deep chest and straight front,Lovely width of thigh and bend of stifle, Moved steadily and one to watch.

2nd - Eastriding Royal Gold (Mrs K Jenkinson)

Well up to size dog and slightly shorter in body than one. Strong in head with pleasing eye. Front shoulder placement good and deep enough chest.Good bend of stifle and short hocks.Moved swiftly round the ring

3rd Karlos Spotted with Charm Pol Jch (Mrs N Gorska)

Reserve Forgespring Tomfoolery (Mrs C E & Mr P J Turrell)

Very Highly Commended - Daenerys Playing with Fire (Mrs K Allery)

Class 3059. Post Graduate Dog Entries: 6 Absentees: 1

1st Teignvalley New Beginnings JW (Mrs C Hill)

I really liked the whole picture of this dog as he came into the ring. Compact dog he just flowed from head to tail. Masculine head with dark eyes and appealing expression.

Adequate angulation front and rear and level topline. Moved well

2nd - Gleadbury Whataboy at Mujascal JW (Miss J A Such)

Another really nice dog with good bone . Strong head with deep flew and dark eye Strong neck into well placed shoulders. Deep chest and good width of thigh .Presented beautifully Moved round ring well and with purpose.

3rd - Gleadbury Mad About The Boy JW (Mrs C A House)

Reserve - Daenerys Playing with Fire (Mrs K Allery)

Very Highly Commended - Russell at Cumani (Imp Ita) (Mrs L & Miss L Fugle & Cook)

Class 3060. Limit Dog Entries: 9 Absentees: 1

1st - More Than Amazing Wanna Be A Gangster at Spuffing JW (Imp Bel) (Mrs J Weyman)

Striking l/w/t who took my eye . Head just full of character and his colour enhanced the work in his head . Lovely eye colour and expression. Balanced outline with really nice strong

neck which flowed into well placed shoulders. Deep chest and well sprung ribs .Good width of thigh well angulated stifle. Moved soundly around ring with drive.. Delighted to award
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2nd 17872 - Gleadbury It Is Destiny for Anacapa ShCEX (Mrs H Merry)

lovely outline with strong bone standing four square. Masculine head with dark eye and kind expression. Strong neck and into well placed shoulders with well rounded ribcage. Strong hindquarters with short hocks. deep chest Moved well front and aft.

Reserve - Beresford Stand N' Stare JW (Mrs T E Topliss)

Very Highly Commended - Pinereoch Mischief Maker (Dr B & Dr E Scorgie & Mcnicol)

Class 3061. Open Dog Entries: 12 Absentees: 3

1st 17830 - Sh Ch Meadowdale Daisydale Lightning Bolt (Mr S & Mrs J Eyeington)

What a treat to go over this fabulous ESS. Just oozes quality from nose to tail. Nothing exaggerated and put down to perfection. Outline so well balanced. His head is masculine with mesmerising dark eyes and melting expression. Square muzzle, and good bite.

Muscled neck into well placed shoulders. Good spring of rib and depth of chest

.Hindquarters well angulated with neat pasterns. Moved round the ring keeping his topline and with such presence I was delighted to award him DCC and BOB

2nd - Sh Ch Elazlan Billy Kimber (Mrs C Darling)

Another very smart striking dog in lovely condition. Pleasing masculine head with correct eye shape and colour. Strong neck flowing into nicely angulated shoulders . Deep chest with good spring of rib. Nice bend of stifle and also neat pasterns ensuring good movement around the ring.

3rd - Sh Ch Cherishym Dofida (Mr P & Mrs Y Richardson & Terry-Richardson)

Reserve - Sh Ch Pinereoch No Stunts Larrie (Ms L & Mrs A H Wilson & Connor)

Very Highly Commended - Bg/ks/rom Ch Lordsett Born to Be Yours (Mrs H Danailova)

Class 3062. Field Trial Dog Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

1st 17817 - Cuandor Superstition Wgc Ftaw (Dr A Mccarthy)

Although standing alone he showed all the enthusiastic traits of our working ESS, Shown in such hard condition his shape although smaller was balanced and in proportion. His head was just full of quality and excited expression. Lovely to go over and moved well round ring

Special Working Gundog Dog Entries: 2 Absentees: 0

1st 17837 - Quicegrove Firecracker of Purpleplumes (Mrs N Filler)

Compact balanced outline.with pleasing head and biddable expression.

Strong neck into good shoulders and firm body with well-muscled rear quarters. Keen movement and willing to please as he. moved round the ring well,

2nd 17817 - Cuandor Superstition Wgc Ftaw (Dr A Mccarthy)

Veteran Dog Entries: 4 Absentees: 0

1st - Crackerjanne Court Jester (Mrs C M Woodbridge)

What an honest typy boy he is. Lovely size and balanced confirmation. Classic head with lovely eye and expression and deep muzzle. Adequate length of neck into good layback of shoulder. Deep chest and good bend of stifle. Moved well round ring keeping his topline
An excellent example of a 10 year old!

2nd Peasblossom Valentino (Mrs S Graham)

Another dog looking well for 9 year old. Taller dog than my winner but with masculine head and pleasing eye shape and colour. Good length of neck and straight front, Deep chest and well angulated in rear.Moved well and in good coat.

3rd- Int/lux/sui/fr Ch Moliere Du Clos De La Pouillette (Mrs Pg Floremont Godenir)

Reserve - Int/multi Ch Tira Vento Absolutely Crazy Man (Miss K Plewka)

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bitch Entries: 8 Absentees: 0

1st Cobhay Fancy Phlox (Mrs J, Mrs D & Miss P Williams & Toublic)

I think first and second could change places at any time but today my winner just pipped it. Balanced outline standing with good bone. Feminine head with dark eyes and soft expression, strong neck with correct shoulder placement. Deep chest/. Moved happily around ring.

2nd Trimere Taylor Maid at Pinhays JW ShCEX OSW (Mrs J I Kibby)

Compact outline and very feminine. Pretty head with lovely expression from dark eyes, Correct ear placement and good length of neck. Angulation front and rear ample with level topline which she kept on the move,

3rd - Petranella Perfick Bliss at Blissenbea (Mrs M Proctor)

Reserve - Seaspring Windcatcher at Chipewyan (Mrs P Strover)

Very Highly Commended - Allenies Lady Marmalade (Miss J A Unwin)

Minor Puppy Bitch Entries: 0 Absentees: 0

Puppy Bitch Entries: 3 Absentees: 2

1st - Sieger's Touch Too Much at Cuandor (Imp Dnk) (Miss A Mccarthy)

Promising young girl with all the right attributes.. Her outline was superb and I loved her for size and balance. Good head shape and pleasing expression, Moderate front and rear angulation and deep chest. Moved well for puppy.

Junior Bitch Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

1st - Peasblossom Emotions with Teignvalley (Mrs C Hill)

Stood alone but quite impressive balanced outline with strong bone. Mature head with plenty of character. Lovely dark eyes, correct shape and deep flews. Strong neck into well placed shoulders and deep chest. Good bend of stifle with short hocks. Moved steadily round ring

Yearling Bitch Entries: 12 Absentees: 0

1st - Eastriding Royal Style (Mrs K Jenkinson)

Very elegant looking bitch with really good reach of neck into well laid shoulders. She had depth of chest and level topline with good spring of rib. Well bent stifles with neat hocks. Pleasing feminine head with endearing expression, Covered the ground well round the ring

2nd - Annavah Ablaze (Miss L & Mrs P & Mrs A Havard & Havard & Corbett)

Nice size bitch with good construction. Really feminine head with soft expression. Nice length of neck into well placed shoulders and well rounded body. Level topline which she kept on the move.

3rd Chanangel Yorkshire Honey JW (Mr & Mrs M Calvert)

Reserve - Meonstoke Wild Cherry at Harvancourt (Miss T & Mrs J Turvey & Murray)

Very Highly Commended - Dexbenella Believin Dreams at Derrindee (Miss D De Carteret).

Post Graduate Bitch Entries: 11 Absentees: 6

1st Spuffing Bellini JW (Mrs J Weyman)

What a picture she is. Everything in proportion viewed in profile and coat and finish just lovely. Attractive head not exaggerated with pleasing eye set and colour. Adequate length of neck into well placed shoulders. Good bone and well bent stifle with good width of thigh. Moved with drive.

2nd - Loxbourne Hustle and Bustle Ir Jch (Mrs M Hydon)

Heavier in head than 1 but in proportion. Good eye set and expression. Strong neck into well placed shoulders. Deep chest and good bend of stifle. Level topline on the move.

3rd Allenies Lady Marmalade (Miss J A Unwin)

Reserve 17841 - Cobhay Rosa Meg (Mrs E A Glass)

Very Highly Commended - Eastriding Love in Black with Cumani (Mrs L & Miss L Fugle & Cook)

Limit Bitch Entries: 13 Absentees: 0

1st Daenerys Moondancer to Cherishym (Mr P & Mrs Y Richardson & Terry-Richardson)
Very feminine bitch who held herself well going around the ring. Correct eye shape and good colour. Good length of neck into level topline. Correct conformation of shoulders and rear angulation. Moved steadily

2nd - Sieger's See Eye to Eye with Trimere (Imp Dk) NAF (Mrs A Corbett)

Classic head on this lovely bitch with dark eyes and pleasing expression. Nice angulation front and rear and good bend of stifle with short hocks. Moved purposefully round ring holding her topline.

3rd - Carlyquinn Winter Storm JW (Mrs H Cokell)

Reserve - Plaiglen One Last Time (Ms F Glendinning)

Very Highly Commended - Barecho Fame Queen at Eastriding (Imp Swe) (Mrs K Jenkinson)

Open Bitch Entries: 13 Absentees: 1

1st - Sh Ch Molverly Iridescent (Mr R J Smith)

What can I say about this lovely young bitch that hasn't been said before. Oozes quality and shows herself off with gusto. I love the flow of the outline from head to tail of this girl.

Gorgeous well balanced head with dark eyes and melting expression. Good bone but not overdone and deep chest with excellent shoulders. Well ribbed chest and muscular body. Lovely width of thigh with good bend of stifle. Moved true front and rear around the ring keeping her topline. Delighted to award her BCC

2nd Sh Ch Elazlan Coronation Day JW (Miss E Chandler)

Another quality bitch oozing femininity Very pretty head with good proportions and endearing expression from dark eyes. Lovely length of neck into excellent shoulders and deep chest, Well rounded ribs . Level topline kept on move and well angulated rear quarters. Presented to perfection. Well deserved RBCC

3rd -Ir Sh Ch Meltarose Madeleine at Meonstoke (Mrs K C Taubman)

Reserve - Sh Ch Dexbenella Double or Quit (Mr S P & Mrs W M Walker)

Very Highly Commended 17819 - Sh Ch Calvdale Flutter JW (Mr & Mrs M Calvert)

Field Trial Bitch Entries: 2 Absentees: 1

1st - Crockofgold Hudson Baby Oftaw (IKC) (Dr R Barton)

Well shaped head with dark eyes and keen expression. Good depth of chest and well rounded ribs..level topline and moderate bend of stifle.shown in firm condition and moved well.

Special Working Gundog Bitch Entries: 2 Absentees: 1

1st - Quincegrove Gunpowder Plot (Mrs V L Payne)

Well defined head with pleasing expression. Strong neck into well placed shoulders.adequate bend of stifle and nice tight feet. Really well muscled and moved well around the ring .enthusiastically.

Veteran Bitch Entries: 6 Absentees: 0

1st Sh Ch Potrail Turns The Swag On for Pinereoch (Ms L & Mrs A H Wilson & Connor)

Such a feminine elegant bitch in outline and to go over. Balanced head with kind melting expression. Good length of neck flowing into well placed shoulders. Deep chest and level topline. Good rear angulation. Moved soundly and happily around ring ..Best Veteran .

2nd Gleadbury Dynamite (Mrs C A House)

Another well constructed bitch and presented in lovely condition..Well proportion head with good eye shape and colour. Strong neck into nicely angulated shoulders .Good spring of rib and nice bend of stifle Moved well.

3rd - Cobhay Fancy Phlox (Mrs J, Mrs D & Miss P Williams & Toublic)

Reserve - Grosbreuil Abricot Regal (Mrs D West)

Very Highly Commended - Ir Sh Ch Clentonian Pandemonium JW ShCEx OSW VW (Mrs M Hydon)