

Thank you to the officers and committee of the Czech Republic Bearded Collie Club for inviting me to judge this excellent show in conjunction with the World Show.

On the whole I found the dogs presented to me to be of good quality, nothing worrying came to my attention. One or two could have been prepared cleaner and likewise training for showing could have been better, these points can decide a placing when you have dogs of equal merit. Dog showing is like production of a play, once you are entered you become part of that play, so getting it right is so important not just for the dog, for the handler that is leading that performance.

My ring steward, Katarina was just the best, keeping me right with the afternoons proceedings and I thank her for that.

Baby Puppy. For Magic Moments Anarinya, smart young puppy, I liked his body proportions, his shape, super dark eye and he moved very well.

Junior. 1, Baldslow Jubilee Diamond, well grown slate, with a good head and dark eye, well developed in body, coat and condition is very good. On the move he needs to settle as his enthusiasm can make him throw his chances.

2. Breath of Highland Tullibeardie, not quite the maturity as the winner but this will come but has a very good head, dark eye and pigment.

Intermediate. 1, Breaksea Rocket Man, a very nice boy who has the ability to have a bright future, very good head and dark eye, good angles front and behind, straight topline, correct body proportions, moves with a long easy stride.

Open. 1, Corimist the Sun King, top class male not yet in his prime. He is in superb coat and condition, good strong head with a dark eye, plenty of depth and width to his muzzle, firm muscular neck leading into very well laid back shoulders. Proportions of rib and loin are fine, good strong topline, with correct angulation front and rear, moves as his construction would suggest. He has such a rapport with his owner, it was lovely to see. Best Dog & Best in Show.

2, Angus Mckay Tullibeardie, not quite as masculine as number 1 but with a little time, I'm sure he will mature to compete with the best.

3, Forest Gamp Ligoretto, presents a good shape standing and on the move, moved well.

4, Greg Z Knizecich Sadu, all this dog needs is training, he is a good dog and could do much better.

Working. 1, My Dream Mascotte Z Domu Enty, a very nice type of beardie, good shape, would like a slightly darker eye for his coat colour, firm topline, just toed in slightly on the move.

Winners. 1, Kaedwwn Emiel Regis, this dog to me had nothing to hide, not over-done in anyway, he has a classic shilloett with a figure hugging coat of correct texture, solid top-line with correct rib and loin, toning eye colour, a good honest mover.

2, Alistairs Dressed to the Nines, for me, this dog could have less coat, what he has is very correct but it makes him look stuffy, which he isn't and I'm sure it will settle in time. Moves well and his construction is very good.

3, Memorylane Undercover Flash, this dog is in super condition with a good textured coat, very nice shape, gorgeous dark eye, moves well.

4, Quickwater Ocean of Love, nothing to hide great condition and texture of coat, moved well.

Veteran. 1, Albert Einstein Monachristie, I've often see pictures of this boy and admired the, today I got the chance to see him and he didn't disappoint. He oozes breed type, everything balanced, in fabulous coat and condition, beautiful head and eye, which toned with his coat, showed that he could still move, one to be proud of.

2, TV Vanilka, another lad in super condition he is balanced throughout, with correct construction, I would like just a little more effort into his performance.

3, Hobbits Joy Drogo Z Domu Enty, paler slate, good type of dog, with a nice head and construction, his movement was rather erratic, which made him untidy going away.

4, Ace of Hearts Queriss, I did like this dog but trimming was apparent and unforgivable.

Bitches, Junior. 1, Aqua Black Princess Moravian Furry Beardie, loved this girl, does need some training but she has great potential at this age, good length of back which comes from her ribs, a gorgeous head and eye, balanced proportions, moved correctly when settled.

2, Farmarens High Expectations, slightly taller bitch, again super construction, moves very well, was the most mature out of the class, plenty of substance and bone, I think she has time and will finish well.

3, Memorylane Living is Believin, dark slate puppy with a gorgeous dark eye at this age, very feminine girl, she needs time to develop further.

4, Milva Barring Emiel Regis, good shape, nice head, moves well, needs training.

Intermediate

1, British Spirit Tullibeardie, what a little treasure this girl is. I loved everything about her, nothing exaggerated just honest and quite lovely. Jet black coat with dark eye and pigment, classic head, clean lines, her angulation gives her the ability to move with very little effort but ground covering, I could watch this movement all day. Best Bitch and Best opposite sex.

2, Nobility Happy Angel, another nice youngster, super coat and shape moves very well, just preferred the front of 1.

3, Black Velvet Tullibeardie, litter sister to winner and shares many of her attributes, however she is carrying too much weight and this does show in her movement.

4, Prague Roxy De Chester, this bitch will always catch your eye, her coat is beautiful as is her construction but she loses her top line which some road work will help. On the move she just goes no go.

Open. 1, Memorylane Back to Black Flirt, in super condition, beautiful head and eye colour, presents a super shape, correct throughout, moves beautifully.

2, Carrie Kofinela, nice shape to this girl, correct coat and condition, very feminine throughout, totally balanced, moved really well.

3, Memorylane Say Wow Right Now, a super bitch with everything right about her and so like 1st and 2nd but she is her worst enemy fidgeting but she moves well.

4, First Lady Kasiterit, a larger and longer type, would like a longer rib but she is in great condition and moves well.

Winners Bitch, 1 Memorylane Shezall That glitters. Super outline, good flow from the back of her neck to her croup, coat in A1 condition, handled to perfection, gorgeous head and dark eye, moved with precision and little effort.

2, Larkangens Get Your Shine On. Very similar to 1, has a good outline, everything in balance, head correct and great eye colour, depth and rib shape are correct, strong loin and well angulated. Moved with very little effort at all.

3, Memorylane Devilicious Dot Com, this girl was again very similar in shape and construction to the above, very feminine, moved with reach and drive.

4, Diamond Rose Anarinya, another one I liked but could loose some weight to her advantage. Lovely type.

Veteran. 1, Citronella Maly Vousacek, brown of 12 years. I was amazed at her condition and still had all her teeth, a credit to her owner. Moves steady but soundly, correct coat texture, sweet expression from gorgeous Amber eyes.

2, Cassie Is My Wish Anarinya, a nice girl who tended to drop her head too low on the move which spoilt her movement, she has lots of breed type in good condition.

3, Demmi's Darling Old Tapis, smaller girl with a well kept coat in good condition and gave the impression of being stuffy over the shoulders.