

## Irish Setter Breeders Club Dogs 7/12/24

I would like to express my thanks to the hard working committee of The Irish Setter Breeders Club for inviting me to judge dogs at their fabulously well run Christmas Show and for looking after both myself and my co-judge so well. From arriving at the hotel, having a lovely dinner then being looked after with such a wonderful lunch at the show nothing was too much trouble. Thinking back to 1990 the ISBC show was the very first one that my mother and I attended in England so who would have thought that 34 years later I would be standing centre stage. It is such a privilege to be asked to award CCs in our beautiful breed but doing so at a breed club show is truly an honour and as this was my second breed club show appointment I feel truly blessed. The entry overall wasn't huge (51 dogs) but then again it's December and getting close on to Christmas so I can imagine exhibitors have other things going on in their lives but I do thank all those that entered under me, braved the elements of Storm Darragh and accepted my decisions with grace. Even though the entry wasn't huge I was very pleased with the quality of dogs, their presentation and muscular condition.

MPD (5,1a) 1. Harris' Fairhaven Young Soul (Imp Swe) TAF, NAF, having just turned 6 months old this puppy caught my attention the moment he entered the ring and going over him I was not disappointed, his head is already taking shape with a nicely defined occiput, a kind dark eye and quizzical expression with good chiselling to foreface, ears low set, standing on strong well boned legs and tight feet, nicely tucked in at the elbows, arched neck leading to correct shoulder placement, well bodied for his age, he possesses a strong top-line and tail carriage, his rear quarters have already got muscle tone and his stifles are well bent, for such a young puppy he moved true and steady around the ring to easily win this class, he is well coated for his age and presented in lovely condition, BPD, 2. Ashley-Turners Riverbrue The Joker, another nice puppy of almost 8 months old, he possesses a handsome head with good stop, his eye is dark and well shaped, ears well set on, another with nice tight feet and good bone, well bodied throughout, his top-line is good but he does have a tendency to drop it slightly when standing but I feel that's because he was a getting a little fed up, he has well muscled rear quarters which are well angulated, another who moved true and steady to win his place, presented in excellent coat and condition, 3. Pym's Marzanne Trigger Happy By Thendara

PD (5,1a) 1. Harris' Fairhaven Young Soul (Imp Swe) TAF, NAF 2. Pym's Marzanne Trigger Happy By Thendara, a well made puppy of 8 months, he is quite a handsome young man with a masculine head yet retaining such a soft melting expression, dark eye and well set ears, he possesses a super sternum and depth of body, well placed shoulders leading to a gentle sloping top-line, well muscled throughout, his coat is lovely and the shine off it was amazing, his has strong rear quarters which are well angulated, he has a good length of stride and was more steady on the move in this class, 3. Abbott & Milligan-Bott's Thendara Haribo

JD (5,) 1. Lorrimer's Gwendariff Disco Dazzler (IKC), young man of 13 months old, not a big boy by any means but well balanced throughout, dark expressive eyes which are well shaped, nicely boned and standing on straight front legs and tight feet, good width to fore-chest, he is so well bodied and mature for his age, moderate length of neck, well angulated front and rear, top-line gently sloping and tail-set good, this young man is such a happy chap and his tail never stopped wagging, such a happy mover, in lovely coat and condition, 2. Jacobs & Bernard's Forfarian Fancy Footwork, a handsome lad of 14 months and one I have admired from the ringside before, he is well off for bone and standing on a straight strong front, at the moment he is a little stronger in head but feel that will refine down in time however he has such a sweet melting expression with kind dark eyes which are well shaped, moderate length of neck leading to well placed shoulders, his top-line is good and held well on the move, his movement is true and steady and he strides out well, he has a lovely dark coat which was well presented, I feel he needs a little more weight at this present time to complete the picture, 3. Murray's Henaleas Maximilian With Derrydore JW

YD (2) 1. Miller's Alolfrana I Gotta Feeling of Millthyme, a 20 month old handsome boy who stands on quite a big strong frame however there is nothing course about him, he has a lovely head which is nicely chiselled, eyes dark and expressive, he has plenty of bone with a straight front and good sternum, well bodied with excellent depth to chest and spring of rib, he does have a good length of neck but had a tendency to pull back on his handler making him look like he was short in neck, front and rear angulations well balanced, top-line gently sloping and leading to good tail-set which was carried well on the move, strong muscular rear quarters which allowed him to power around the ring with a happy lashing tail, very well coated and presented in lovely condition, 2. Robinson Slater's Kerryfair Misty Morning TAF, boy of almost 2 years old who is built on a smaller frame and slightly finer lines but well balanced throughout, pleasing head, eyes well shaped, dark and

expressive, neck of good length and leading to good shoulder placement, ribs well sprung with good depth of chest, movement not as steady as my winner, he has a good coat which was presented in excellent condition

MD (2, 2 w/d)

ND (2, 1a, 1 w/d)

UGD, (1) 1. Lorrimer's Gwendariff Disco Dazzler (IKC)

GD (4,1) 1. Corless' Swiftlark Invincible JW quite a strongly built masculine young man of 3 years who looks impressive on the stand, he possesses a most handsome head which is nicely chiselled with kind expressive dark eyes, he stands on well boned straight front legs, powerful well arched neck which is moderate in length, excellent depth to body, correct amount of rear angulations with well muscled hindquarters which he used to advantage as he strode around the ring with drive, his coat is rich and dark and well presented, 2. Rorke's Zakhan's Diamond Jack JW, another young man of almost 3 years, somewhat different in type to my winner but still well built and masculine throughout, nice head with well shaped dark eye, ears low set, he is well off for bone, standing on strong legs, neck strong and muscular and well arched, shoulders well placed, super depth to chest, correct angulations fore and aft, his hindquarters are wide and powerful, good length of stride on the move, well coated with plenty of feathering, shown in lovely condition, 3. Bentley's Penclippin Jubilee Flame JW

PGD (7, 1a) 1. Corless' Swiftlark Spellbinder, this 5 year old boy is so handsome, strong and well balanced throughout yet retaining a race outline, he caught my eye the moment he entered the ring as he presents a pleasing picture to the eye, he has a most handsome head with plenty of chiselling, eyes that are dark and melting, another that stands on strong well boned legs, excellent width to fore-chest and sternum, well bodied throughout, strong through back which leads to muscular loin, nicely angulated fore and aft, his hindquarters are well muscled and powerful and these enabled him to stride with positive driving action around the ring, another with a rich dark coat with ample amount of feathering and turned out in excellent condition, he could not denied the Res CC, I have to mention that having given this exhibitor the GD class with her other boy it was pleasing to see a breeder that is producing the same type in her dogs, 2. Desmond's Clannrú Cu Chulainn (ATC AY0914482), there's no denying that this 4 year old boy is completely different in type to most that were shown today. He is built on a slightly smaller frame but his straight, steady and driving action won him his place, his head is different to what I would normally go for but he has an Irish mischievous glint in his dark, well shaped eyes, ears nicely set on, neck powerful and well arched, well off for bone and standing on straight front legs with well arched feet, nicely bodied throughout, shoulders well placed and leading to good top-line which he held on the move, good rear angulations and hindquarters which are well muscled, he possesses a rich dark coat although he does seem to be going through a slight coat change at the present time hence the lack of some furnishings, 3. Kolbach's Kerryfair Zoom In on Pawsword

MLD (8,1a) 1. Hadfield's Staratlanta Get A Wiggle On To Marzanne, a 7 year old boy well built on a slightly more rangy frame but still retains the required raciness for the breed, he possesses a most handsome head with plenty of work, dark eyes that are nicely shaped and has a sweet melting expression, neck of good length which is muscular and well arched and leading to correct shoulder placement and front angulations, he has plenty of bone, standing on straight front legs with a nice width to fore-chest and plenty of sternum, super depth to chest with nice tuck up and strong muscular loin, excels in top-line which is held well on the move and carries his tail correctly, he moved around the ring with reach and drive on well muscled hindquarters, well off for coat and feathering which was well presented and in excellent condition, 2. Desmond's Clannrú Cu Chulainn (ATC AY0914482) 3. McCulloch's Shenanigan Oh Oh Seven

LD (12,1a) 1. Beresford's Jetsetter Wind of Dreams (Imp Rus), liked this boy from the moment he entered the ring, he is a 4 year old male of medium size and well balanced throughout, his head is well chiselled with good finish to fore-face, his eyes are dark and kind, muscular neck which is well arched and leading to good shoulder placement, well off for bone and standing on straight strong legs with nice neat feet, he excels in width of fore-chest and sternum, well bodied throughout, gentle slope to top-line leading to good set-on of tail which was carried well as he moved, good turn of stifle with well let down hocks, presented in excellent muscular condition which showed as he moved with drive around the ring, well coated and excellent presentation, 2. Clannrú Cu Chulainn (ATC AY0914482) 3. Pym & Bott & Milligan-Bott's Thendara Marshmello JW

OD (3,1a) 1. Milligan-Bott & Bott's Sh Ch Thendara Big Love, a 3 year old male who is quite rangy and impressive on the stand, his has a lovely well chiselled head and finish to fore-face, his eyes are dark and nicely shaped, neck of moderate length which is muscular and well arched, straight front and standing on well boned legs with neat feet, excellent width of fore-chest and super sternum, super depth of chest, excellent top-line leading a good croup and set-on of tail, well angulated front and rear, presented in super muscular condition which allowed him to move with drive around the ring although he was a little bouncy at times, such a pity he had a tendency to carry his tail a little high at times but this could be because he was over-exuberant in the ring, 2. Lorrimer's Sh Ch Kerrimere Classique JW, 8 year boy who is different in type to my winner and one who I have admired in the past, he is built on an elegant yet well made frame and a very nice boy to go over, his head is exquisite showing kind eyes which are dark, well shaped and appealing, he is nicely balanced throughout, he excels in front with good width to fore-chest, super depth to body with well sprung ribs, there is a gentle slope to his top-line which leads to a good set on of tail which is carried correctly on the move, good width to thigh and his hindquarters are well muscled, very well handled as he moved with ease around the ring constantly wagging his tail, nicely coated and presented in lovely condition.

VD (5,2a) 1. Greenan's Anlory Aidan JW, well what can I say, I come almost to the end of my day and I find my Star, I just cannot believe that he is 9 years old, his youthful looks and fantastic shiny coat belie his age, he possesses a most handsome head which says I am all male, lovely depth to muzzle with nice amount of work to fore-face, teeth still strong with correct bite, his eyes are dark well shaped giving him a soft melting expression, correct pigmentation around eyes and on nose, he is well boned and standing on a strong straight front with neat feet, excellent front assembly and he excels in sternum, muscular neck which is well arched and leading to correctly placed shoulders, gentle sloping top-line which is firm and held well on the move, he is well bodied with excellent depth to chest, strong in loin, one of the best tail-sets of the day which allowed him to have an excellent tail-carriage on the move, super width to first and second thigh, hocks are short and strong, his hindquarters are muscular and powerful allowing him to effortlessly move around the ring with precise footfall covering the ground with ease, his coat is dark and rich in colour and in excellent condition, lovely amount of feathering without being too overabundant, his presentation was outstanding, he just oozes quality and in my opinion definitely a dog from the top drawer, at one with his handler, I had no hesitation in awarding him the CC and on the referee's decision I was delighted to see him win B.I.S. 2. Murchison's Pawsword Paperback Writer For Corphin VW, a lovely veteran of almost 9 years, he stands on a well made frame and presents a pleasing picture when standing, his head is masculine with nice amount of chiselling, dark well shaped eyes with a soft expression, well off for bone, straight front, good width to fore-chest and a nice amount of sternum, excellent depth to body with a gentle sloping top-line, elbows well tucked in, he has well angulated front and rear assembly, moved true and steady covering the ground with ease, another well coated veteran presented in tip-top condition, 3 . Pym's Thendara The Watchmaker

Sp Beginners ((2, 1a) 1. Slater's Kerryfair Misty Morning TAF.

**Judge:**  
**Catherine M Loughlin**