

Labrador Retriever Kennel Club

2nd Open Show 23rd July 2011

My thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge your second Open Show
And to the exhibitors for a lovely entry
I had some lovely exhibits
My main winners were of excellent type and quality
Fronts, forechest and length in upper arm are a worry
Lacking in forechest, means a short upperarm and upright shoulders, this prevents that wonderful front extension on the move
It has become a big problem the world over, as is tail carriage
I found in general tail carriages were good

Junior Dogs

Baby puppy

1st Rex owned By Vanessa.

He had the sweetest of heads, good front with forechest, correct coat and tail setting
He was a little loose on the move, but he is just a baby
He should have a good future Reserve junior Dog

2nd Tank owned by Jane

A super baby, showing like an old dog !! Everything in the right place for his age, he was beaten by an older puppy, he should grow on and do very well
I later gave him Best Head in show

Minor puppy Ben owned by Brenda

Unfortunately I was unable to assess him as neither his owner or handler could get him on to his feet
But what I did see of him. He had a pleasant head and good coat and colour

Puppy

1st Blacky owned by Birgit

Nicely made puppy, pleasing head, good bone front and feet. Ribs were well sprung and he had a good coat, moved well

2nd Caesar owned by Mercia

Quite a nice puppy, clean neck and shoulder placement ,balanced with good quarters, was shown well

I just preferred the forechest and movement of my winner

Graduate Dog George owned by Lauren

Overall a very nice young boy of lovely type all through , gentle head with kind expression, excellent in front with good bone and feet.

Good ribs, topline and hind quarters, I liked him a lot

Handler just needs to practice getting his head off of the ground

Best Junior Dog, and Reserve Best Junior In show

Junior bitches

Baby puppy Cherokee owned by Jane

She stood alone, but a lovely baby

Lovely head and expression

Balanced with good quarters and coat, moved nicely when at a slower pace, should have a bright future

Minor puppy

1st Shadow owned by Julie

Nicely made puppy with a pleasing head, she had a good front, bone and feet, ribs were well sprung, and she had a good coat, her young handler moved her well, Please mum ask her not to pull puppy up by her tail

2nd Yanymie owned by Jolande

Another nice puppy who showed well, balanced head with kind expression , clean through the neck with good shoulder placement , I just preferred the front of my class winner

Puppy

1st Carla Owned By Mercia

Promising puppy, nice head and expression, balanced throughout, clean in neck with well placed shoulders, ribs well sprung good quarters and coat, moved and showed very well

She could just improve in forechest to complete the picture

Best Puppy in Show

2nd Nyati owned by Jane

Another very nice puppy, sweetest of heads, very balanced with ribs well sprung, in super coat, she had well boned legs and good feet, firm in her topline

She is just a little narrow in front just now, but that will improve with maturity, she was not moving well for her handler

Junior Jo owned by Dean

Compact yellow of lovely type, feminine head, short coupled with strong hind quarters which she used to drive around the ring, she was strong in topline with good ribcage

She had good bone and lovely feet, (She won best feet in the show)

I think we are getting used to untypical feet open and flat

I liked her very much **Best junior in show**

Graduate

1st Jess Owned By Sheila

Balanced chocolate, sweet head and good coat colour,

I would like a little more substance overall, but she was of good type and moved well

2nd Cadbury Owned By Alexander

Very nice youngster, sweet head and expression, good in good coat, ribs well sprung

she had good forechest, bone and feet, shoulders were well laid
unfortunately her hind movement pegged her back

Limit Bitch

1st Nyati owned by Jane

I see she was entered in the puppy class and came 2nd
in this class her movement was much better than previously, a very nice girl

Senior Dogs

Veteran Charlie owned by Elaine

What a super Veteran, he had the kindest of head and expression,
super coat (He won best Coat) topline still strong, excellent tail and setting
steady movement with drive from his well let down hocks, He had good spring of rib,
he had forechest with length in upper arm,

I loved him, **Reserve Senior dog**

Open Maxim owned by Renier

Substantial boy of good type, forechest was good with clean neck going into well laid
shoulders

He was in good coat and he had strong hind quarters, just a little long in loin,

Champion Willem owned by Renier

What to say about this worthy Champion,

Super yellow of lovely type, typical head with nice expression, good spring of rib and
firm strong topline ,good quarters and body, loved his overall balance,
moved and showed well

Best Senior in show

Senior Bitches

Graduate Rebekka Owned by Renier

Pleasing Head ,good in forechest. strong neck into well laid shoulders,
Ribs well sprung, good coat ,strong in topline and good quarters. Which she used on
the move

Reserve Senior Bitch

SA Bred

1st Quill Owned by Jane

Kind Head and expression, well ribbed body, strong quarters , in good condition , not
in her best jacket

2nd Roxy owned by Sharon

Pleasant head, shoulders well laid, good bone and feet, I would prefer a better tail
Moved well

Veteran

1st Calypso owned by Jane

2nd Haifa owned by Jane

similar in type, balanced heads with pleasing expressions, good shoulder placement, strong bodies and quarters, both showed and moved well
Just preferred the topline of my winner, she also won Best tail

Open

1st Spice Owned By Jane

This bitch has so much quality , she has everything I look for in a Labrador, black of lovely type, Classic head with Sweet expression, super body and quarters, moved and showed well,

Best senior bitch

2nd Lizzie Owned By Renier

Another black of good type, feminine head, everything to like about her, pity she was not happy in the ring, she should get over it in time and would make a worthy Champion

Champion Purdy Owned By Jane

Well deserved of her title , Clean neck going through to well laid shoulders, strong in topline, good quarters which she used to advantage on the move, typical head and expression, good front with forechest

Pressed hard for **Reserve Best Senior Bitch**

Betty Howard, Judge