

THE SCOTTISH BEAGLE CLUB

Single Breed Open Show

Saturday 13th June 2026

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the society for this special invitation and experience of judging my first Beagle breed show. Thank you to all exhibitors for the privilege of assessing your beautiful dogs; I had a super quality entry of 54 dogs.

The venue was very suitable but I always say I would prefer to judge hounds outdoors to observe more natural movement. Some hounds with their scenting instincts were very 'busy' moving on the mats but that said I was delighted with my winners. Many exhibits made me smile and one day I will love to have a Beagle on my sofa.

Class 1 Minor Puppy Dog 3 (2)

- 1) Hardisty's Blunderhall Gunpowder Guy. Promising 7 months broken tri displaying an overall impression of quality. Balanced head with soft expression and well set on ears. Arched neck, smooth shoulder, level topline, sturdy and compact. Admired his bone, feet, bend of stifle and width of thigh. Would prefer more width moving away but true coming towards and nice and free in profile. **BPD.**

Class 2 Puppy Dog 1 (0)

- 1) Kilgour's Gempeni Heartbeat Of Kilmorbeag. 9 months broken tri, masculine boy but not course in any way. Nice head proportions however for me his eyes are a bit too prominent for that desired soft expression. Has time to mature and develop more spring of rib. Good bone, feet and bend of stifle. Moved enthusiastically. In the puppy challenge I preferred the compact outline of the MP.

Class 3 Junior Dog 3 (1)

- 1) Havard's Annavah Top Notch. Broken tri, just out of puppy and maturing well. Preferred his compactness and sturdiness compared to 2 both standing and moving. Quality head and mild expression, long and low leathers. Admired his tail set and round bone down to his feet. Correct top and underline. Being very picky I would prefer a bit more length of leg. Sound moving but would love to see him on grass and on a loose lead to show off his low and long stride. Considered in the challenge.
- 2) Stewart's Dughalimor Iceman. Broken tri of a different size and shape to 1 but displaying a balanced outline. Typical head and kind expression. Sufficient neck, firm level topline, standing and moving, hocks well let down. Would prefer more bone and substance for size. Moving a bit erratically today but nice picture in profile and again would like to see him extend outdoors.

Class 4 Graduate Dog 1(0)

- 1) Kilgour's Gempeni Heartbeat Of Kilmorbeag. 1st in PD.

Class 5 Post Graduate Dog 2(0)

- 1) Findlay's & Christie's Rhiconich Midas Touch JW. Tan and White houndy and handsome yearling. Beautiful head with soft expression. Admired his forequarters, level topline, strong round bone and compact feet. Perhaps a tad bit long but lots of substance and presented in super muscular condition. True moving and free in profile.
- 2) Butters & Theobald Evalux Druid of Breskar (IMP) It. 5 years broken tri who was very naughty on the table for his sympathetic handler today therefore difficult to fully assess. Nice head proportions and compact outline. Shoulders rather overloaded. Much happier moving displaying energy and drive.

Class 6 Limit Dog 4(0)

- 1) Fallon's Molesend Jackpot JW. Tan & White upstanding male who won here on his overall qualities and sound movement with a super free stride. Of a taller mould but very well balanced. Well angulated quarters, smooth shoulders, firm topline and correct underline. Lovely head and expression with correct ear set. I see he is very well bred out of two dogs I have much admired ringside. A very nice example who was unlucky in the challenge.
- 2) Diamond's Kelcardi All Fired Up. Broken tri who performed well to be placed 2nd in a lovely class. Much of the same attributes as 1 but preferred the length of leg and bone of 1. Nice outline and strong hindquarters. Moved well from all angles.
- 3) Lewis Fallowfield Charming Boy.

Class 7 Open Dog 3(0)

- 1) Jone's Clairedale Fusilier. 4 years tri, so typey and handsome with a text book head and melting expression. Very well presented and enjoying showing off his many qualities. Stood out in the challenge for his overall compact shape and balanced proportions. Good reach of neck, excellent depth throughout with a strong stern, correct bone, pasterns and feet. Very sturdy standing and moving, holding his topline and correct tail set at all times. Elbows well tucked in and straight moving coming towards, could have more width moving away. Used his well angulated hindquarters to display free driving action. A credit to his owner/breeder and very pleased to award him **Best Dog**, beating his older kennel mate. Happy car journey home!
- 2) Taylor's Rosanka O'Neal By Deaconfield. Interesting to see 1 and 2 have same sire and many of the same attributes. Well balanced and compact but not the topline of 1 and would prefer elbows to be more tucked in. Lovely headpiece and expression. Moved out well.
- 3) Murphy's Bayard Seal of Approval at Rhosyndu JW

Class 8 Veteran Dog (4)

- 1) Jones Ch Newlin Preston to Clairedale JW. Broken tri, nearing his 9th year and defying his age. My notes say 'what a showman'! A worthy champion who was a delight to judge and I honestly thought he would be my best dog having completed the male classes. Displaying so much energy standing and moving, he could work all day and he definitely puts the meaning into 'merry'. Excellent headpiece, good for bone, substance and angulation. Longer than

desired but his overall qualities shine through. In the challenge and with a change in handler, I just felt he lost his shape and was narrowly beaten by his younger kennel mate.

Reserve Best Dog and Best Veteran.

- 2) Taylor's Ch Deaconfield Kingcraft. Another very worthy champion, I feel lucky to have judged and needs no introduction from me. The joy of not judging your own breed is later reviewing the catalogue and breeding; I see that this beautiful example of the breed is also a successful sire and figures in many of my awards. Very close to 1 and could swap places as I preferred his compactness however on the day, he lost out to the energetic and driving movement of the winner. At the risk of repeating myself I would love to see this boy on grass.
- 3) Fallon's Newlin Rambler

Class 9 Baby Puppy Dog or Bitch 4 (3)

- 1) Goldberg's Mackhovie Astraea at Molesend. 4 months tan & white cute feminine baby with a sweet head and expression. Well balanced and angulated with correct tailset and substance for age. Her temperament and puppy movement made me smile.

Class 10 Minor Puppy Bitch 3(1)

- 1) Leader's Davricard Artemis. Very promising female who was altogether more mature than 2 and steadier moving. Up to size but well balanced with good substance, bone and correct angulation. Lovely head, expression and temperament. Admired her width for and aft on the move. Unlucky to meet the BP winner today.
- 2) Cuthill's Divinebrae Truth or Dutch. Tan & White sweet puppy who is very much a baby, loving her moment in the ring but difficult to assess on the move as a bit erratic today. Lovely feminine head with kind expression. Promising with nice breed attributes and should do well as she matures.

Class 11 Puppy Bitch 2(1)

- 1) Havard's Annavah Crème Caramel. 11 months tan & white female of exquisite type and quality. She filled my eye with her beautiful head piece, soft expression, dark make up and perfect long ears and set. Very feminine and glamorous. So well balanced and constructed with good substance for age. Super outline standing and moving with thick tail and correct set. Excelled for bone down to her compact feet with slightly sloping pasterns. Long crested neck into smooth and well laid shoulders. Moderate angulation, correct bend of stifle and excellent width of thigh. Sound moving with great width coming and going. Still a baby so not perfectly schooled but I would like the handler to give her more freedom on the move as she can and does extend well in profile. Will look forward to following her progress and see her stride out on grass. She was the one I wanted to take home, loved her. **Best In Show and Best Puppy In Show.**

Class 12 Junior Bitch 2(0)

- 1) Goldberg's Molesend Linnet. Quality feminine tan & white female who should have a promising career. Loved her temperament, head proportions and kind expression. Good for bone, pasterns and feet. Well balanced outline and her impressive free stand showed off her correct construction. Lacked concentration at times moving today but is very sound and would love to see her perform outdoors.

- 2) Arden's Madika Shine On JW. Broken tri who was very close to 1 and so much to admire with similar attributes. Lovely compact shape and on the move has a super low energetic stride. Preferred the shoulders and quarters of 1 but a very nice female who could swap places.

Class 13 Graduate Bitch 4(3)

- 1) Arden's Madika Shine On JW. 2nd in JB.

Class 14 Post Graduate Bitch 2(2)

Class 15 Limit Bitch 5(1)

- 1) Lewis Fallowfield Chatty. Broken tri female who won this class on movement. Super width coming and going with driving profile action. Loved her head and super soft expression. Good top and underlines, bone and substance. Displaying well balanced proportions. Really nice type who was stood out well in the challenge and unlucky on the day.
- 2) Jones Clairdale Galatea. Tan & White lady of lovely type and quality. Scores well for shape, substance, bone, feet and quarters. Beautiful head and expression. Lost out to 1 on rear movement however displayed correct free profile action. Another nice example from this kennel.
- 3) Lennard's Butterow Unity.

Class 16 Open Bitch 8(4)

- 1) Dean's Ch Gempeni Cornflower Shcex. Very difficult to fault tri female who exudes breed type and was a joy a judge. So much to admire; well balanced proportions, super bone and substance, level topline, correct tailset and great width standing and moving. Gorgeous head and soft expression. The best mover in this class, so true and displaying extension and drive. A beautiful champion and my **Reserve Best Female**.
- 2) Arden's Annavah Star Above Madika Aw(G). Lovely female of super type and temperament; she really made me smile and was unlucky to meet 1 today. Typical head with soft expression. Good shape with a firm level topline and well constructed quarters. Excellent bone down to her compact feet. Correct thick tail and set. Moved well with energy and drive.
- 3) Murphy's Felinoak Gossip at Rhosyndu (A.I.).

Class 17 Veteran Bitch 2(1)

- 1) Lennard's Butterow Rumba. 8 years mottle who was enjoying her day out and not just the sausages! Her tail never stopped wagging and her energy was displayed perfectly on the move. Well made throughout, balanced with good substance and presented in excellent condition. Super head proportions with beautiful expression. Defying her age and representing her breed very well.

Class 18 Brace 2(0). Both of these brace teams are a credit to the breed and exhibitors.

- 1) Kilgour
- 2) Arden