

PRLRC BACK TO BACK SPECILATY – SEPTEMBER 2009
JUDGE: CLARE SENFEILD

“It was an honor to judge your show. I was thrilled with my winners, and was especially impressed with the 12-18 month bitch class. Before my critique, I would like to mention a couple of things I feel should be improved. Front movement was a problem in many of the exhibits; when coming toward me, I could often see the back legs through the front, reflecting incorrect shoulder conformation. A good shoulder should be comprised of a long, sloping scapula, a well angled long upper arm and roofing. (For those who aren't familiar with this term let me explain: the peak of the roof is where the scapulas meet at the withers. The narrower the space between the two, the better the slope of the roof down to the elbows.) Most common was lack of length and angle of upper arm, restricting reach and causing crabbing or hackney movement. Rear angle and movement was better on the whole, although I did see quite a few lacking in drive, and one or two who moved wide in the rear. As far as type goes, I was pleased to see improvement in this regard. Although coat was lacking in some cases, these were pretty good in general. Tails, on the other hand, need to be improved. I saw a lot of feathering, one or two “bottle brushes”, and quite a few that were low-set. There were several with high tail carriage which spoiled the outline. Heads were pleasing on the whole, but there were some that were atypical of the breed, being either too broad, with pendulous jowls and necks that were anything but clean, or else lacking in width, giving the appearance of a Flatcoat head.

Having said all that, I don't want to appear over-critical. The overall quality was very good, and positives certainly outweighed the negatives. However, I feel that exhibitors appreciate not just the favorable comments, but also those which point out areas needing improvement.”

6 - 9 mo. Puppy Dogs

1. #107- Stonecrest's Nathaniel Bowditch
Pleasing chocolate with good topline and tail set. Nice head and expression. Coat a bit lacking in undercoat, so tail a bit thin today.
2. #137 - Nightwind One Hot Ticket
Yellow with coat of correct texture, but tail lacking fullness. Came second due to wide front movement.

9 -12 mo. Puppy Dogs

1. #15- Bellwether's Thunderbird Via Lobuff
Lovely well balanced yellow. Good head and nice dark eye and excellent pigment. In good coat, though I would prefer a more closely wrapped tail.
2. #21 Kimleigh's New Moon Rising
Attractive yellow with good head, coat and topline. Nicely angled in rear. A bit short in upper arm.

12-18 mo. Junior Dogs

1. #35 Boradors I Spy Agent Howard
Such an attractive young black dog. Properly angled, with lovely reach of neck. Sweet head, not overdone. Topline and tail set good. Coat correctly texture, but a bit lacking in undercoat today.
2. #33 Snowden Hill's As Time Goes By
Promising yellow. Well angled rear, but a little short in upper arm. Attractive head and expression. Not quite the maturity of the winner.

Novice Dog

1. #151 Graycrofts Samuel of Wade Point
Black dog with good coat. Nice head and expression. Rather high on leg and lacked balance. Did not move well.
2. #53 Sir Harry Winston
This boy had some good qualities, but not enough type for me. Lacked coat and substance. Nice rear angles, but a bit straight in the shoulder. Better movement than #1.

Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs

1. #41 Shadowbrook's McSteamy
Beautifully balanced black, oozing with type. Gorgeous coat of excellent texture. Lovely topline. Tail well set on and carried correctly. Could be more closely wrapped. Very nice movement. A well deserved Reserve Winners.
2. #37 Blackdux Easy on the Eyes
Another very good black. Excellent coat and tail and pleasing head. Made a very attractive outline. Showed well. Did not move quite as well as #1.

American Bred Dogs

1. #147 Liddle Pirate's Doolish Brew
Very nice black with good coat and tail. Lots of type with sweet expression. Good on the move.
2. #121 Maritime Hyspire Smokin' Aces

Slightly different style from #1, but full of type with correct coat. Moderately angled and a little feathering in the tail. Not quite as good moving as the winner

Open Black Dogs

1. #69 Waifin's Fly Cabot to Torngat
This lovely dog caught my eye the minute he entered the ring. Beautifully balanced, with all the right angles and terrific reach of neck. In full coat, with well coated otter tail. Head and expression second to none today. To top it off his movement was effortless. He was my Winners Dog, Best of Winners and Best of Breed.
2. #167 Cedarbrooks Herbie the Love Dog
A well balanced, typey dog who showed well. Very good head and kind expression. Proper topline and tail carriage. Undercoat a bit lacking today, so tail not quite achieving that otter quality. However, overall, a very nice boy.

Open Yellow Dogs

1. # 175 Lochiel's Too Hot to Handle
Pleasing head with good pigment. Good tail well set on. Nice coat, but lacking otter tail. Nice sloping neck. Movement a bit lacking in rear drive.
2. #75 Buttonwood McIntosh
Good head and coat. Would like to see closer wrapped tail, but carriage and tail set were correct. Not quite as much substance as I would like.

Open Chocolate Dogs

1. #81 Wilcare's Always Ready to Party
Very well balanced, with good coat and tail. Pleasing head, though I would prefer a slightly darker eye. Well angulated and moved well.
2. #83 Venetian's Copy That
Not quite as balanced as the winner. Good coat of correct texture. Good head and neck with nice, deep brisket. Lacking the angles of #1.

Winners Dog #69

Reserve #41

6 – 9 mo. Puppy Bitch

1. #8 Bellwether Trendsetter
Lovely black with feminine head and sweet expression. Good coat and tail. Moderately angled, moved well.
2. #222 Lobuff Hollyridge Miss Independent
Another lovely puppy with excellent coat. Correct tail set and carriage. Preferred movement of #1.

9 – 12 mo. Puppy Bitch

1. #26 Maritime Hold On Tight To Your Dreams at Mijan
Well balanced black with good topline and proper coat and otter tail. Very good angles, reflected in her movement.
2. #236 Tanzy Moonsong Simply at Nycoma Way
Another nice black. Good head, nice properly textured coat. A little straighter in upper arm than the winner.

12 – 18 mo. Junior Bitch

1. #36 Talmadges Say It Ain't So
Lovely black bitch with lovely type and substance without being overdone. Nicely balanced with good topline. Showed well.
2. #240 Paradigm Start Splainin
Again, a lovely balanced black with very good coat. Tail set a little low, but overall a very good quality bitch and close to winner.

Novice Bitch

1. #266 Nightwind Painted Lady
Attractive black. Good top coat, although lacking in undercoat. Nice head.
2. #68 Beulah of Blackamore
Large black with nice coat and tail. Good topline and tail set. Not as balanced as #1, and moved wide in front.

Amateur Owner Handled Bitch

1. #72 Cabin's Sugar Behr Hawkins
Well coated black with nice dark eye. Well wrapped tail. Would prefer a cleaner neck.
2. #70 Brookstone Notoriety Nora of Troy
Attractive headed black with good topline and tail set. Preferred the type of #1.

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitch

1. #76 Blackdux Jenna
A beautiful yellow bitch with super coat and tail. Very well balanced, clean through the neck with good deep brisket and well sprung ribs. Lovely head and expression. Well angled front and rear. Hard to fault this girl. She went on to be my Winners Bitch.
2. #272 Lobuff Hollyridge Nat'l Treasure
Lovely balanced black with correct coat and otter tail. Loved her head and expression. A quality bitch. My first place moved better today.

American Bred Bitch

1. #102 Beechcroft Diva's Midnight Rose
Super black with excellent coat. Well balanced with lovely head and expression. Moved well. I really loved her, and she was my Reserve Winners.
2. #114 Lobuff Sirius Stuff @ Brookstone
Very typey black with feminine head and sweet expression. Nicely sloping scapular and good topline. Slightly short in upper arm.

Open Black Bitch

1. #308 Aquarius Black Pearl
Quality black with lovely neckline. Correct coat and otter tail. Pretty head with a nice dark eye. Moderate angles. Showed well.
2. #316 Kimleigh Paradigm Sitting Pretty
Close to my winner, and very similar in type. Good coat and tail. Nice head and

expression. Good spring of rib.

Open Yellow Bitch

1. #142 Sunset I Spy Agent 99
Nicely balanced girl with a feminine head, dark eye and good pigment. Good coat with correct texture.
2. #204 Nyroca's Castlegar Bewitched
Another nice yellow with correct coat and tail. Good reach of neck, topline and tail set. Good pigment. Preferred head type of #1.

Open Chocolate Bitch

1. #206 Skyfire's Southern Charm
Compact, nicely balanced bitch with excellent coat. Level topline and well set otter tail. Good angles front and rear. Moved well.
2. #154 Cabin's Solitary Sadie Hawkins
Nicely made chocolate with good head, although I would have preferred a darker eye. Moved well.

Winners Bitch: #76

Reserve: #102