

HAMPSHIRE GUNDOG SOCIETY
PREMIER OPEN SHOW, August 2026
Judge, Sue Graves

Thank you to the Hampshire Gundog Society committee for the kind invitation to judge at this very popular Premier Open show and to all the exhibitors for your support and allowing me the privilege of going over their dogs, and special thanks to my hard working stewards, Vanessa and Adam, who kept the ring running smoothly.

Field Spaniels

Puppy (1,0) 1st James' Bleiddiaid Annie Power. 9 m liver girl. Stood alone but worthy of her 1st place. A very nice youngster developing well with good Field qualities and type. Balanced head shape with a decent width of skull. Hazel eye giving a gentle expression, moderate depth of flews and chiselling to cheek. Low set ears nicely feathered. Good length of neck set into well angulated shoulders, good width of chest, flat bone to short straight front legs, with a nicely sprung rib. Very steady on the move holding her topline. Moderate bend of stifle with short straight hocks giving a nicely balanced movement all round. Shown in good coat and condition.

Special Yearling (2,0) 1st Murray & Hird's Sonnetend Money For Nothing. 15 m liver girl. Feminine head developing well, good width and length of muzzle, moderate flews, clean hazel eye giving a gentle expression. Moderate length of neck set into well placed shoulders, flat bone to straight front legs, level topline. Good bend of stifle and short straight hocks, nicely muscled rear quarters. A lively youngster, lovely temperament, had lots of energy in the ring. She moved well holding her topline. Shown in good coat and condition. Her overall side profile gave her 1st place.

2nd James' Bleiddiaid Dawn Run. 9 m stylish liver girl, litter sister to puppy class winner, she is of good Field type. Pretty feminine noble head of good proportions. Long lean muzzle and good depth of flews. Lean under hazel eye with a pleasing expression as is expected in this breed. Low set nicely feathered ears finish off the head with a pleasing appearance. Muscular lean neck set into well placed shoulders. Flat bone to straight front legs and muscle in all the right places for a young puppy. Side profile giving a pleasing overall balance and shape. Shown in lovely coat and condition. She stood proud for her owner. Her overall balance and movement gave her BPIB.

Post Graduate (2,0) 1st Young & Nunn's Brynnyth Elysian. 2 years 2 m old strong, sturdy liver dog of good Field type. Masculine head of good dimensions, nicely developed skull. Well chiselled cheeks, nice and lean under eye as is required for this breed. Dark liver pigment to wide open nostrils, head and expression full of Field spaniel character. Nicely feathered low set ears. Strong neck set into well laid back sloping shoulders, good depth and width of chest, and well sprung rib. Strong flat bone to front legs and good upper arm. Stood firm with a straight front, level topline with a moderate width of loin and good bend of stifle. Nicely muscled 1st and 2nd thigh, short strong hocks with substance giving him a steady rear movement. A sound and well balanced dog all round, noble in appearance. Superb side profile. Shown in excellent coat and condition. BOB

2nd Murray & Hird's Sonnetend Money For Nothing – Repeat

Open (5,3) 1st Shipton's BEL CH Heartwood Mishules All Is Possible With Calico (Imp USA) JW BW24. 3 years 3 m Black & Tan girl. Typical Field Spaniel feminine head, nicely sculptured facial features, nicely marked tan muzzle and eye dots, noble in appearance. Clean dark eye giving a kind gentle expression, well feathered low set ears, head of good proportion and balance. Long muscular neck set into well angulated shoulders. Strong bone to straight front legs, good depth and width of chest. Well sprung rib, level topline with strong muscular back and good width of loin, well

muscled 1st and 2nd thigh. Good bend of stifle and short strong hocks completed the picture giving a balanced side profile. Sound and sturdy, she moved steadily round the ring. Shown in shiny black coat and condition and nicely presented for the showing. An eye catching black and tan girl. RBOB

2nd James' Kingsmist Golden Future For Bleiddiaid JW. 4 year old black coated girl. Smaller in frame than 1st place. Strong, sturdy, nicely constructed and sound in all quarters. Pretty feminine head, clean dark eye giving a kind expression. Neat chiselling to cheeks, good length of muzzle with moderate stop, clean dark hazel eye giving a kind gentle expression. Well feathered low set ears. Good depth and width of chest with nicely sprung rib. Muscular rear quarters, moderate bend of stifle and strong hocks gave good all round sound movement. Shown in excellent black shiny coat and condition.

Irish Red and White Setters

Puppy (1,0) 1st Clark's Aislingwood Amber Fields. 9m old very stylish youngster. Stood alone, but a very worthy winner. Feminine head of good proportions developing well. Kind dark eye giving a gentle expression. Moderate depth of flews, ears set well back and nicely feathered. Good length of neck set into well angulated shoulders, straight well boned front legs, front quarters developing well. Good shape to body with a strong level topline. Balanced body with nicely muscled rear quarters and short strong hocks gave sound rear drive. She held her topline on the move using her tail to show a balanced movement. A young puppy girl with all the IR&W qualities and of good construction. A lively stylish puppy, she was very happy in the ring. Nicely marked red patches. Shown in excellent coat and condition. RBOB, BP.

Special Yearling – No entries

Post Grad – No entries

Open (1,0) 1st McDonald's SH CH Roanjora Cremant D'Alsace JW. 3 years 2m very stylish sturdy girl but feminine with it. A showstopper, she stood out when entering the ring showing style and quality. Strong, sturdy and sound in all areas. Impressive feminine head, clean dark eye giving a kind expression. Muscular, strong, good length of neck into well angulated shoulders. Strong bone to straight front legs with firm tight feet. Straight level topline, muscular good width of loin, well muscled 1st and 2nd thigh with well bent stifle and strong hocks gave an all round free and powerful movement, good rear drive. Good depth of body, she displayed a balanced side profile. Nicely marked red patches. Very well presented in excellent coat and condition.. BOB. She later went on to take RBIS

English Setters

Puppy – No entries

Special Yearling (2,0) 1st Thacker's Peritye Follow The Sun. 1 year 7m dog of quality and type. He is very stylish and elegant with good overall balance and conformation. Masculine head developing well of good proportions. Good stop and pronounced occiput, moderate depth of flews, clean eye with a soft expression. This youngster was nicely developed in shoulders, with a good width and depth of chest. Straight well boned front legs. Elbows nicely positioned close to body. Body developing well in depth of body and spring of rib. Rear quarters nicely muscled, muscular 1st and 2nd thigh, short strong hocks and tight feet carried this youngster smoothly and gracefully round the ring. His movement, balance and energy is typical for the breed. Rear drive free and easy in

style. A very pleasing youngster all round. Shown in excellent silky coat and condition. BOB

2nd Cooksley's Ashgrovesett Sweet Divine. 13 m very stylish elegant youngster of good type and ES qualities. Feminine head of good proportions developing well, kind eye with a very pleasing expression. Nicely muscled slightly arched neck set into well laid back shoulders, good depth of chest, straight front, nicely boned straight forearms, elbows close to body. Side profile showing well muscled 1st and 2nd thigh, short strong hocks and tight feet, using her tail she was very graceful in movement with good rear drive, conformation and balance. A quality young bitch nicely balanced and of good construction. Shown in excellent coat and condition. RBOB

Post Graduate – No entries

Open – No entries

Gordon Setters

Puppy – No entries

Special Yearling (1,0) 1st Jones' Rhiwgerrig Sonatina. Very stylish 19 month old youngster. Stood alone, but a very worthy winner. Super profile to head, developing well and of good proportions. Neat clear tan dots above eye, moderate depth of muzzle, with clear tan markings. Dark eye giving a keen expression. Lean muscular neck set into well angulated shoulders allowing for good reach of forward movement. Flat well boned front legs, strong upright pasterns. She carried her topline well on the move. Nicely muscled rear quarters developing well. Good bend of stifle, good muscle to 1st and 2nd thigh, short strong hocks. Shown in excellent coat and condition. Nicely balanced all round Gordon setter youngster. Happy and confident on the move. Her overall movement and energy won her RBOB.

Post Graduate (6,2) 1st Whiting's Locksheath April In Paris. 4 years 4 m old. Very striking Gordon full of breed type and quality. Feminine head of good dimension. Good width of skull slightly rounded from ear to ear, defined stop, stop to occiput of good proportions. Clear tan marks above dark eye giving a kind gentle expression, good length of muzzle, large black open nostrils. Strong lean nicely muscled neck set into well placed sloping shoulders, good front angulation, depth and width of chest all of which gave a sound forward movement. Straight front with ample bone to legs. Well sprung rib, level topline held well on the move, muscular good width of loin and well muscled 1st and 2nd thigh, moderate bend of stifle, short strong hocks, tail carried nicely horizontal on the move. Nicely balanced and symmetrical in conformation. Shown in excellent coat and condition. Her overall symmetrical movement and style won her 1st place and BOB.

2nd Clark's DJ Bee Black Ivy (Imp Pol). Stylish 2 year old quality girl of typical Gordon features. Beautiful head displaying a balanced side profile of good proportions. Good width of skull, and length of muzzle with moderate depth of flews all of good dimensions. Dark eye giving a kind dignified Gordon expression, gentle and keen. Strong, lean muscular neck set into well placed sloping shoulders. Good depth and width of chest. Flat bone to forelegs, elbows close to body enabling a steady free forward movement, nicely carried topline. Strong muscular width of loin, good muscle and substance to 1st and 2nd thigh, well bent stifles. Short strong hocks giving free and energetic rear drive, she covered the ground well. Good conformation and balance all round. Shown in excellent shiny coat and condition.

3rd Whiting's Locksheath Fallen Acorn.

Res. Collyer's Cottonstones Daybreak

Open (3,0) 1st Jones' Roydack The Duchess. 6 years 10 month old mature girl of excellent Gordon qualities and style. Beautiful head, dark eye giving a keen expression with the perfect tan dots in place. Strong jawline with moderate depth of flews. Nicely balanced muscular well boned front quarters. Good length of neck set into well laid back shoulders, good length of upper arm with straight well boned front legs gave a sound forward movement. Sturdy muscular loin and thigh, good bend of stifle, nicely balanced rear quarters. Steady and free in movement, she held her topline on the move, carrying herself proudly round the ring. Shown in excellent coat and condition with clear tan markings. She stood proud and dignified for her owner. A stunning Gordon from all angles.

2nd Whiting's AM CH Munroc Edessa At Locksheath (Imp USA). 6 year old girl full of breed type and style. Feminine head, vibrant tan markings to muzzle, cheeks and eye dots. Pronounced stop, defined occiput, good width of skull showing plenty of brain room. low set well feathered ears, dark eye with a gentle dignified expression. Muscular neck set into well laid back shoulders. Good depth of chest, well sprung ribs, moderate length of body. Strong muscular firm width of loin, well muscled 1st and 2nd thigh, good bend of stifle and strong neat feet gave her a steady free movement, she covered the ground well in tune with her handler. Excellent shiny black coat with clear tan markings. A kindly natured dignified Gordon.

3rd Whiting's DT CH Locksheath Princess Tiana JW.

Irish Setters

Puppy (1,0) 1st Bryant's Dazycutter Crownedbyfire. 11 m girl of excellent type. Stood alone, but worthy of her 1st place. Nicely constructed in all quarters, gently sloping topline. Very pretty head of good dimensions developing well. Nose to stop and stop to occiput balanced in shape, good depth of muzzle, moderate depth of flews, low set ears all developing well giving a true balanced Irish Setter head. Dark eye giving a gentle kind expression. Strong muscular, good length of neck set into sloping shoulders, well boned strong straight front legs gave a good forward reach. Good width of well muscled loin, good bend of stifle and well muscled rear quarters gave her sound rear drive. Good tail set which she carried well. Shown in excellent coat and condition. Very happy, confident and full of energy in the ring, a very stylish, racy youngster. BP.

Special Yearling (1,0) 1st Prangle's Heathclare Faberge. 1 year 2 m very stylish quality young Irish Setter girl. Pretty feminine head developing well, nicely proportioned with moderate depth of flews. Dark eye giving a thoughtful, kind, gentle expression, she is so pretty. Good stop with prominent occiput and low set ears to complete the picture. Strong lean neck into well angulated shoulders, good width of chest, well boned straight front legs and neat feet. Hind quarters developing well, muscular 1st and 2nd thigh, moderate bend of stifle, strong sturdy hocks and tight feet, she moved freely with reach and drive using her tail for balance. Very racy and balanced in appearance, fine and feminine. Shown in super coat and condition. RBOB.

Post Graduate (3,2) 1st Harris's Fairhaven Young Soul For Konakakela JW (Imp Swe). 2 years 3 m sturdy young dog of quality and style. Handsome, masculine head of good dimensions, round dark eye giving a gentle pleasing expression. Black pigment to wide open nostrils, strong jaw, moderate depth of flews, low set ears nicely feathered to complete the picture. Good length of neck set into well angulated shoulders. Ample bone to front legs, good length of upper arm with muscular front quarters. Good width of loin and muscular 1st and 2nd thigh, short strong hocks all giving good rear drive. Deep in body, he has a gently sloping topline which he held on the move

and used his tail for added balance and conformation. Nicely balanced all round showing off an excellent side profile. A sturdy young dog with racy lines. Shown in good coat and condition. BOB

Open (1,0) 1st Rutherford & Prangle's Clonageera Take A Chance JW. 3 years 4 m mature stylish girl of quality and racy lines. Nicely balanced head of good dimensions, broad skull giving plenty of brain room. Clean round dark eye giving a pleasing expression. Strong jawline, low set ears well feathered lying close to body. Good depth and width of chest, sound in front quarters and good length of upper arm gave a good reach of forward movement. Deep in body with a slight slope to topline. Strong sturdy rear quarters in loin and hip gave a free and easy rear drive. She moved well striding out using her tail for balance. Shown in rich red coat and lovely condition.

It was a privilege and a joy to judge at this show, and I thoroughly enjoyed my day.

**Sue Graves,
Judge**