

THE EASTERN SAINT BERNARD CLUB
Championship Show 18th November 2023
Judge Mr Glynn Payne (Fearnought)

A big thank you to The Eastern Saint Bernard Club Committee for inviting me to award my first set of CC's. I first judged this wonderful breed in 1999 for the English Saint Bernard Club and since then they have a special place in my heart. They are a Breed I am very passionate about. Having bred some of England's top Mastiffs I am quite aware how hard it is to breed and rear giant puppies. When I judge I am looking for the 3 S's and 2 T's they are Size, Substance and Soundness and Type and Temperament. And I must say my main winners had all these in abundance, so congratulations to you fantastic breeders and keep up the good work. Thank you to all the exhibitors for how you presented your dogs in atrocious weather all your dogs Spotless you all are a credit to your Breed. Lastly thank you to my wonderful ring stewards for making sure everything went smoothly.

Veteran Dog 1-0Ab.

1st Forrest & Thomas's. CH Tombears Who Dares Wins over Philandros. This veteran is a credit to its breeder and owners. I enjoyed examining him, he has a great body shape with correct height to length of body with good front and rear angulations. He has a good top-line both static and on the move. Good depth and curvature of the ribcage, correct tail-set with a well feathered tail. He has a delightful head with the ratio's I was looking for. Maybe the ears could be a touch higher set but that is me being very critical. He has clear dark eyes and good dentition. I was pleased to award him the Reserve Dog CC and Best Veteran in Show.

PuppyDog 2-0Ab.

1st Kimberly's. Towerviewsaints Rec Mist (Imp) (taf). At just 6-months-old this young dog performed really well. His head is developing well with good ear and eye positions, he also has good dentition. He has a well-constructed body with good front and rear angulations and this helped to provide such sound movement. Pleased to award Best Puppy Dog.

2nd Fisher's. Just Like Phoenix Wielkopolski Bernardyn at Saranbeck (taf). At 11-months-old this puppy has a nice head with good ratios viewed from both the front and the side. Body-wise he is very rangy at the moment and I would have liked more width and depth of fore-chest and more bone. He has a good top-line and tail-set, but I would have liked more width to the first and second thighs. Movement was a touch erratic.

Junior Dog 1-0Ab.

1st Spencer-Grey & Forster's. Chandlimore Boys Night In. Back in 2008 I awarded Poolsway Big and Bold at Chandlimore Best in Show at the South of England Saint Bernard Club Open Show which I believe was his first and I said this is a special dog who will go places, but this young 14-month-old male is even better. In fact, I would say he's one of the best dogs of any breed that I have had the privilege to judge. At this stage he is a bit raw but he will improve with every show. I loved his head ratios, his ears and eyes are the right size and in the right position. Good dentition finished off a beautiful head. But having a stunning head is not all that is required you have to have a stunning body to match and that body has to provide

sound movement and this is where this dog took my breath away. From his muscular arched neck into excellent forequarters with good bone and tidy feet. To a superb body with a deep and wide chest and well- rounded ribs and an excellent top-line. He has a nice dense coat and a well feathered tail. He has fantastic hindquarters with excellent width of 1st & 2nd thighs which were well muscled. This young dog's movement once settled was spine tingling with reach in front and drive from that superb rear end. I can't wait to see this dog in the Crufts big ring as he will own it with his fantastic free flowing easy ground covering movement. I was delighted to award the Dog CC and ultimately Best in Show.

Yearling Dog. 1-0Ab.

1st Ball's. Beausaints Dark N Stormy. I liked the size and substance of this 17-month-old. Good width of skull and the muzzle but I would have liked a touch longer muzzle to finish off a nice head. Strong neck into a nice front assembly, good depth and spring of rib with a good top-line. Muscular hindquarters but I would have liked a touch more angulation. Although the movement was sound he was close behind.

Post graduate Dog 1-0Ab

1st Williams Rockylodge Satchmo. This 2-year-old lacks the substance and bone I was looking for but he is well constructed with good front and rear angulations. His top-line is good both static and on the move. I would have liked more width and depth to the head but the eyes were good as was dentition. Movement was very sound and fluent as you would expect from a lighter built dog.

Limit Dog 2-1Ab

1st Kimberley's Chedham Boys Are Best. This 3-year-old looked very nice stacked up with everything in the right place. He has a nice head, strong neck and a well-constructed body. What let him down was his movement, he paced most of the time and his movement was a touch uncoordinated.

Open Dog 3-0Ab

1st Lyons & Grubb's Snowfordhill Ninrod. Very nice 23-month-old who had slightly more substance than my 2nd place. Very nice head with every component in the right position. Good angulations front and rear with a nice body in between with good spring of rib and a good top-line. He moved very soundly but he did move a touch close behind.

2nd Forrest & Thomas's. Tombears Ready For Anything at Philandros. This 4-year-old like my winner has good head ratios but lost out on eyes and dentition. I preferred the fore-chest of this dog but felt that he could have done with more curvature of the ribs. Like my winner sound but moves close behind.

3rd Deuchar-Fawcett's. Sarenbeck One and Only.

Special Open Smooth Dog.2-0Ab

1st Deauchar-Fawcett's. Sarenbeck One and Only. This 4-year-old was placed 3rd in Open Dog. I would have liked more depth of stop to balance out the head ratios although the eyes and dentition were good. Good height to length of body but I would have liked a firmer

top-line. Movement was sound. He won this class on his size and substance. I was pleased to award Best Smooth Coat in Show.

2nd William's. Rockylodge Satchmo. Please see 1st in Post Graduate Dog.

Minor Puppy Bitch.1-0Ab

1st Millward's Saintdiamond U And Me in Paradise at Millvosi (imp Hun). At 8-months old I would have liked more substance on her. She is narrow all the way through from her head to her tail. Her height to length of body ratio is good as is her top-line. Her nails need to be cut and this will help to tidy up her feet and brig her up on her pasterns. Her movement was sound but a touch untidy in front due to her feet.

Puppy Bitch.2-0Ab

1st Philips. Surieval Draig Sisu. My notes said 2 very nice puppies. This 9-month -old was presented by a skilful and caring handler. This puppies head is developing nicely with every component in the right position and correct head ratios. Good length and strength of neck into a well-made front assembly. Correct height to length of body with a good top-line and good curvature of the ribs. Nice hindquarters provided drive on the move, and this young lady moved so soundly and effortlessly. I was pleased to award Best Puppy Bitch and then Best Puppy in Show.

2nd Thorpe & Meyrick's. Sofie Transylvania Giant (naf taf) This 8-month-old has a nice head with good ratios, she has well positioned ears and eyes and her bite was acceptable. I would have liked a bit more depth and width of her fore-chest at this stage of her development but that's me being very critical. She has good front and rear angulations. I was pleased to see another caring handler present this youngster, she presented and moved this puppy excellently.

Yearling Bitch.1-0Ab

1st Brennan's. Saintlyntree Queen Pebbles. A very nice 18-month-old who looked balanced viewed from any angle, she has a lovely head profile with a smashing expression. She has a well-constructed front assembly but I would have liked tighter feet. Good front and rear angulations and a nice body in between. Being critical I would have liked a higher tail set. Her movement was good with an easy flowing action.

Post Graduate Bitch 1-0Ab

1st Fisher's. Rockylodge Whisper. This 4-year-old looked very nice when viewed in side profile but when viewed from the front I would have liked more width to the back skull and more width to the muzzle, she has clear eyes and good dentition. She has a good front assembly with good bone and nice feet. She has a well-muscled body with strong hindquarters. Her skilful handler showed off her lovely movement which was so fluent with reach and drive.

Limit Bitch 1-0Ab

1st Salter's. Honey Androb Kennel (imp rom). I was impressed by this 4-year-old, looking at her from any angle she looked balanced. Strong in head with clear eyes and good dentition. Strong muscular neck into a well-made front with good bone and feet. Rock solid body full

of muscle excellent top-line both static and on the move. Movement was excellent so sound with a skilful handler guiding her.

Open Bitch 2-0Ab

1st Deegan & Grainger's. CH Chandlimore Heart Beat. This 3-year-old bitch stood out amongst all the bitch's present here today. She is so balanced and harmonious when viewed from any angle. This is partly due to her fantastic presentation, she was groomed to perfection. But under her coat is what counts and I found a fantastic body with correct front and rear angulations, a wide fore-chest, strong bone and neat feet, a massive ribcage and a level top-line finished by a correct tail set. She has a beautiful head with soul searching eyes and very good dentition. Movement was so fluent and positive. Thank you to a skilful handler for how she was presented. I was pleased to award the Bitch CC.

2nd Davies. Chandlimore Good Morning. Another quality 3-year-old who has size and substance. She has a strong head but keeps her femininity, well positioned ears and eyes and good dentition. Good front assembly with good bone, correct height to length of body and nice hindquarters Movement was sound but not as precise as my winner. I was pleased to award the Reserve Bitch CC.