

The Irish Setter Club of Victoria Inc.
48th Championship Show
Critique
By Judge Linda Millman

First, let me thank you for allowing me to judge your Specialty. I found the quality of the exhibits to be very high. It was so much fun judging so many lovely dogs. A special thanks to my ring steward and photographer. Finally, thank you for the gift of lovely photo book of Australia, it has a prominent place on my coffee table

Baby Puppy Dog Class

1st Place – No.22 Eireannmada Paradise Lost (AI)

This puppy excelled in breed type, style and outline. He had a lovely balanced head, nice neck into shoulders, and firm top line. His well laid back shoulder balanced his well let down stifle. He moved very well and had excellent reach and drive. I was very impressed with this young fellow. I would love to see him in a few years as I believe he will be a show stopper. I really loved this puppy.

2nd Place – No.2 Eireannmada Richard Thomas

This boy was also a lovely puppy. His head was clean with nice planes. He had a nice outline, good top line and nice bend of stifle. His shoulder placement was not as well laid back as the first place puppy. He moved well and had nice style. I think this puppy will be a lovely adult.

3rd Place – No.5 Gwyndara New Sensation

This puppy was balanced in outline and was also of good type. He was nicely proportioned and was fairly sound. His head planes were not as level nor as balanced as the first and second place puppies but his head was pleasing.

Minor Puppy Dog Class

1st Place – No.7 Eirean Pure Vagabond (AI)

This puppy had nice balance and moved fairly well. His head was pleasing and had good ear placement. His upper arm was a bit short placing his front assembly more forward which shortened his reach.

Puppy Dog Class

1st Place – No.8 Eirean Pure Genius (AI)

This puppy dog had a nicely balanced head and good ear placement. He had a fairly good front with good pro sternum. He was a bit high in croup and could use a stronger thigh and more bend of stifle. He moved soundly.

Junior Dog Class

1st Place – No.9 Brodruggan Outback Jack

This young males head was balanced with fairly good head planes. His shoulder was upright but he has a fairly good let down of stifle. I found he was long in body with a rounded in croup

Intermediate Dog Class

1st Place – No.10 Solasdas Copper Field

I found this dog to have a good pro sternum, lovely mahogany coat that was in excellent condition. His head was fairly balanced with good ear placement but could use a little more muzzle. His rear angulation was moderate and good tail placement. I found him upright in shoulder and long in body.

Australian Bred Dog Class

1st Place – No.11 Eirean Frozen Dream (AI)

This dog was overall nicely balanced. He had a very pleasing head with good plains and nice ear placement. His shoulder was fairly well laid back and had moderate bend of stifle. He moved well and held a firm top

2nd Place – No.13 Ch. Brodruggan Rogue Trader

This dog had a lovely head, balanced with very nice planes and correct ear placement. He had a good strong top line. His well let down stifle and good thigh showed in his movement. His shoulder placement was upright and front a bit forward which restricted his reach a bit. I also found him a little long in body but he was overall a very pretty dog.

Open Dog Class

This was a lovely class of dogs

1st Place – No.14 Aust. Grand Ch. Shelomith Vice Regent

My first place dog has a lovely overall outline. His head was balanced and masculine. Good neck into shoulder and a strong top line. His shoulder laid back and front assembly well under himself. He had correct tail placement, strong thigh and nice let down of stifle which balanced his correct front. When he moved he did so with ease of motion with good reach and drive. He has lovely overall breed type.

2nd Place – No.18 Ch. Cairncross Concierge With Tullane (Imp USA)

My second place dog was also a lovely male. His head was lean and balanced with no depth of skull and correct ear placement and was a little more refined than the first place dog. His neck into shoulder was not as smooth as the first place dog as he was a bit upright in shoulder. He has a firm top line and correct tail placement and carriage. He has a strong rear with good let down of stifle. On the move he covered ground well but did not have the reach of the first place dog. This dog is stylish and a wonderful example of the breed.

3rd Place – No.20 Ch. Brodruggan Temptation

My third place dog also had a nice overall outline. His head was balanced with nice back skull and good ear placement. His shoulder and upper arm were well laid back. He was shorter in back but top line was firm with good tail set. He also a very nice dog overall.

Veteran Dog 7 years and under the age 10 years

1st Place – No. 12 Ch. Glengary Wyndchimer

This veteran dog was in very good condition for his age. His head was balanced and masculine. He has an overall balanced outline. His front was well under himself and he has a strong thigh and nice let down of stifle.

Challenge Dog – from the open class No14

Aust. Grand Ch. Shelomith Vice Regent

Reserve Challenge Dog – From the open class No 18

Ch. Cairncross Concierge With Tullane (Imp USA)

Both of these dogs were very worthy of a Challenge Certificate.

Baby Puppy Bitch Class

1st Place – No.25 Gwyndara Joint Venture

This puppy has a lovely outline, nice shoulder placement, very pretty head and nice let down of stifle, nice topline and moves well. She is a lovely puppy.

2nd Place – No.23 Gwyndara Beautiful Girl

This puppy was also a very nice puppy. She too had a lovely head, nice let down of stifle and moved fairly well. She was not as good in front as the first place puppy.

Minor Puppy Bitch Class

1st Place – No.26 Eirean Pure Elegance (AI)

This bitch has a very pretty feminine head, nice neck into shoulder, well balanced with a good outline. Her rear is sound and has nice let down of stifle. Overall I liked the balance of this young bitch.

2nd Place – No.27 Brodruggan Maple Doll

This puppy was a nice bitch as well. She had a nice outline, pretty head and moved well. Her topline was not as firm as the 1st place bitch but was a good representative of the breed.

Junior Bitch Class

1st Place – No.29 Eireannmada Queen of Rock

This bitch had a lovely outline and was very feminine. Her head was clean and balanced with nice planes. She had a nice neck into shoulder. Her shoulder placement was good and top line firm. She had a nice thigh and good let down of stifle. She moved soundly.

2nd Place – No.30 Brodruggan Red Desert

This bitch also had a lovely head, well balanced with good planes. She was overall balanced but did not have as good a shoulder as the first place bitch. She moved soundly and had a firm top

3rd Place – No.28 Brodruggan Red Scenter

This bitch was fairly well balanced and was feminine. Her head was not as balanced as the first two bitches. Her foreface was longer than her back skull. She had a nice outline, nice neck into shoulder and good top line.

Intermediate Bitch Class

1st Place – No. 35 Eireannmada Alouetta

The first place bitch has a very pretty head, nicely balanced with good planes. She has a nice outline, strong top line and is balanced and very moderate. Her front is well under her and balanced with a strong rear. She moved soundly and had good reach and drive.

2nd Place – No.34 Nauvoo At Sienna

This bitch was very stylish and feminine. Her head was pleasing however it was longer in foreface and not as balanced as the first place bitch. She had a fairly good shoulder nice rear assembly, good thigh and let down of stifle. She moved well.

3rd Place – No.32 Pendoric Playn Wiv Thyme

This bitch has a very pretty feminine head, nice planes and good ear placement. Her upper arm is a bit short giving her the impression of having a short neck. She has lovely setter type. Her stifle is well let down and she has a good thigh. I found her to be long in body which gives her the appearance of being short on leg.

Australian Bred Bitch Class

What a lovely class of bitches to assess. They were all worthy.

1st Place – No.36 Aust. Ch. Eireannmada Callothewind (AI)

This bitch has a lovely outline, nice layback of shoulder, lovely breed type feminine and moderate. She has a very feminine head with nice planes. She has good reach and drive and covered ground with ease.

2nd Place – No.40 Ch. Rhiannon Irish Treasure

This too was a lovely bitch. She has a lovely feminine head and is very elegant. I found her short in upper arm which placed her front assembly more forward. She has a nice outline, nice thigh and let down of stifle. I found she was a bit cow hocked. Overall she was substantial but very feminine and of very good breed type.

3rd Place – No.37 Ch. Pendoric Red Angel

This bitch was also lovely. She has a very nice head; feminine lean and balanced has a bit of a sliding stop. I found her neck into shoulder not as smooth as the other two bitches because of her shoulder placement. She is nicely balanced and has a lovely top line and rear assembly. Her croup was a bit high.

Open Bitch Class

There were some outstanding bitches in this class

1st Place – No.50 Ch. Rhiannon Resplendence

This bitch in my opinion is just stunning. She is elegant and feminine with lovely breed type. She has an outstanding head, feminine, lean and clean with no depth nice stop and perfectly balanced plains. Her neck into shoulder was clean. She has a good lay back of shoulder and front assembly well under her. Her top line is firm. Her thigh was strong well muscled and she has a nice let down of stifle. She is so balanced. She moved so effortlessly and has great reach and drive. I could not take my eyes off her she gave me goose bumps.

2nd Place – No.49 – Ch. Cairncross Flirting With Tullane (Imp.USA)

This bitch was also very lovely. She has wonderful breed type. She is feminine and has a nice outline. Her head was nice, lean and clean and balanced. I found her back skull was not parallel as the first place bitch as it fell off a bit in back skull. She is very elegant. Her outline was lovely. She is a little forward in front however has a lovely rear assembly, with nice let down of stifle, good thigh and very sound. Her top line was firm and she has a good croup. She moved very well.

3rd Place – No.47 – Ch. Dunloe Original Sin

This bitch was nicely balanced and feminine. She has a nice head with good plains and nice ear placement. She has a nice front, good let down of stifle and firm top line. Her croup was not as smooth as the other two bitches. She moved well and has nice side gait.

Veteran Bitch 7 years and under 10

1st Place – No.51 Aust. Ch. Pendoric Fire Anythyme

This is a lovely feminine bitch in excellent condition. She has a lovely feminine head, very balanced, lean clean and lovely planes. Her neck into shoulder was smooth. She has a fairly nice shoulder and very good let down of stifle. Her overall outline was balanced. She moved well and had good reach and drive. She has very nice breed type.

Veteran Bitch 10 years and over

1st Place – No.52 Ch. Rhiannon Devorgilla

At age 10 this bitch still had style, elegance, and outline and is in great condition for her age. She has a beautiful head, wonderful plains, and soft expression. She has a nice neck into shoulder which was well laid back. Her rear was well let down with good thigh. Her age showed in her top line a bit but over all she was an outstanding old lady. She moved very well and had lovely reach and drive. She reminded me of my Challenge bitch winner and I was later to learn they have the same dam. She also has lovely breed type.

Challenge Bitch from the Open Class No50 Ch. Rhiannon Resplendence

Reserve Challenge Bitch from the Veteran class over 10 No52 Ch. Rhiannon Devorgilla

BEST IN SHOW

Ch. Rhiannon Resplendence

My best in Specialty was such a wonderful representative of the breed. She was balanced in every aspect. Her head is beautiful, lean, clean, and has that brick on brick outline that is so valued. She has a lovely neck into shoulder, nice firm topline, good croup and correct tail set. Her well laid back shoulder and upper arm placement gave her wonderful front reach. She has a nice brisket and sternum. Her thigh was firm and stifle well let down. She has style and elegance and is so typic. She moved with such ease with good reach and drive and covered ground with effortless ease. **She moved me.**

Runner up in Show

Ch. Rhiannon Devorgilla

This old girl just stole my heart, she was still elegant and beautiful at her age.

Best of Opposite Sex

Aust. Grand Ch. Shelomith Vice Regent

I would like to make an honourable mention to the Challenge Dog; he was a wonderful and outstanding representative of the breed and very worthy.