**Crufts Dalmatians**

To judge my breed at Crufts! I have been looking forward to this appointment for a long time. Thank you to the committee for asking me to judge, thank you to my stewards who were a tremendous help, and a big thank you to the exhibitors for giving me the opportunity to go over their Dalmatians.

Veteran Dog

Entries: 12 Absentees: 1

1ST Edens Dalens Hot Gossip JW ShCM VW. 10 years old black dog shown in good hard condition. Good make and shape. Correct front, straight forelegs and good tight feet. Topline level and held on the move. His sound movement won him this class. A pleasure to later award him Best Veteran in Breed.

2ND Christie’s Ch Sophtspot Gold Dust JW. A younger veteran that I have always admired. He is balanced with an excellent head and expression. Carries himself with pride although did not project himself as much as the first.

3RD Frandsen Ch/intch/nordch/multi Ch Skvaa Luxury Item Ww18, Wjw14

Minor Puppy Dog

Entries: 2 Absentees: 0

1ST Porter’s Cotterspot Sir Wensleydale. 8 months Nicely proportioned head with dark eyes. Deep chest, strong loin. Well set and carried tail. Moved out well once settled.

2ND Bridge, Meyer & Britton’s Akoni Athos Comte De La Fere. 8 month old black dog, pleasing head, nice expression with good eye colouring. Well up for size, just needs time to mature and his coat to clear.

Puppy Dog

Entries: 4 Absentees: 1

1ST Wilkins Gloriandus Petersburg at Salvadorada NAF (Imp Rus) Lightly spotted young male, pleasing head and eye colour, good reach of neck with sound body, good tight feet. Well muscled rear enabled him win this class with steady movement.

2ND Smith’s Rapanooey Sugar Donut. Well presented black spotted male with lovely dark eyes giving gentle expression. Head of good proportions with well developed muzzle, level topline. Good deep chest and strength over loin. Sound movement.

3RD Fahey’s Tamilanda Continental Gibs

Junior Dog

Entries: 15 Absentees: 3

1ST Crookes Dalberry The Starburst. A sound young dog correct for size. Has a masculine head with correct ear carriage and dark eyes. Looks balanced, good depth of brisket and has very good rear angulations with nice bend of stifle. Level topline and good tail set and carriage. Positive on the move with a good long stride.

2ND Van Den Elsen’s Puntinato Ballante Tic Tac Terror. Nicely proportioned head with dark eyes. Deep chest, strong loin. Well set and carried tail. Moved out well once settled.

3RD Sims Koroyza Hrafna Floki for Snowpeeder

Yearling Dog

Entries: 8 Absentees: 2

1ST Barrett’s Dalamanti Caesars Palace. A sound young dog that has a masculine head with correct ear carriage. Looks balanced and has very good rear angulations. Level topline and good tail set and carriage. Steady on the move with a good long stride and strong drive

2ND Croft’s Sophtspot Midas Touch for Koroyza. A nicely decorated young dog of a good colour. Head of good proportions with dark eyes and well carried ears. Nice make and shape and shown in good condition. Needs to settle on the move.

3RD Hill’s Dalstorm Incan Mission

Post Graduate Dog

Entries: 13 Absentees: 0

1ST Szymikowski & Lockhart’s Kenynten Gladion. Good make and shape. Nice eye colour, Correct front, straight forelegs and good tight feet. Topline level and held on the move. His sound movement won him this class

2ND Boughen & Humby’s Rapanooey Rudbeckia. Plenty of bone and substance. Masculine head, ears carried well. Deep chest and strong over back. Steady movement.

3RD Mather’s Taliory Saddleside Legend JW

Limit Dog

Entries: 17 Absentees: 0

1ST Sampson’s Dalstorm Golden Guinea JW. Well presented black spotted male with lovely dark eyes giving gentle expression. Head of good proportions with well developed muzzle, reachy neck and defined wither, level topline with correctly placed tail. Good deep chest and strength over loin. Sound movement

2ND Townson & Pardoe’s Kaytoni Oh What A Night at Daymadals. Ideal size and lovely make and shape. Black spotting of good colour. Masculine head. Good bone and plenty of substance. Did not stride out as well as the first.

3RD Green Perdita's Almirez

Open Dog

Entries: 11 Absentees: 0

1ST Emmett & Simons Ch Ellemstra Against All Odds JW. Quality black spotted dog of correct size. Excellent head with correct ear carriage. Good dark eye. Reachy neck into correct shoulders. Clearly defined withers and level, firm topline. Correct tail placement and carriage. Well placed hocks which he used to drive around the ring. Shown in perfect clean condition pleased to award him the CC & BOB. Thrilled later to watch him perform in the Utility Group and take Group 3.

2ND Neath-Duggan & Baker’s Ch Buffrey Incognito by Dalleaf JW. Another black quality dog unlucky to meet the winner today. Pleasing head with correct ear placement and carriage, dark eyes giving kind expression. Sound front with deep chest, level back, correct tail set and carriage, good width of thigh, nicely rounded croup, strong hocks enabled him to move with purpose and drive.

3RD Locke-Mcfadzean Ch Caprillis Panache over Sassafras (Imp Usa)

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Dog

Entries: 7 Absentees: 0

1ST Edens Dalens Hot Gossip JW ShCM VW

2ND Szymikowski & Lockhart’s Kenynten Gladion

3RD Hill’s Dalstorm Incan Mission

Veteran Bitch

Entries: 16 Absentees: 0

1ST Pearson’s Int/ir/h/hr/ch Kelevra Classic Cliche JW ShCM. 8 year old black bitch of sound construction. Pleasing head with correct eye colour. Good overall shape and plenty of bone and substance. Strode out well.

2ND Patrick’s Spiral Desdemona ShCM. Well presented black spotted bitch shown and presented well in strong hard condition. Lovely head with dark eyes. Reachy neck into good shoulders. Level topline. Strode out well from strong hocks.

3RD Wareham’s Tamilanda Blue Water Lilly at Dotsadaisy ShCM

Minor Puppy Bitch

Entries: 1 Absentees: 0

1ST Newton & Newton-O'brien’s Cotterspot Nidderdale Lady of Chizzmic Stood alone but didn’t disappoint. A bold youngster of 8 months with plenty of substance. Ideal size. Looks balanced with good angulations. Lovely head with dark eyes, correctly placed ears. Good front, topline held on the move.

Puppy Bitch

Entries: 9 Absentees: 0

1ST Emmett & Simons Frankish Its A Sin at Ellemstra NAF TAF 11mths. Ideally sized liver spotted puppy. Looks balanced with good angulations. Lovely head with nice expression, correctly placed ears. Good front, topline held on the move. Nice tight feet. Won class on movement. Best Puppy

2ND Chattaway’s Buzzbrook Lily of The Valley Black spotted youngster of the correct size. Strong bones and well covered body. Feminine head with dark eye and correct ear carriage. Nicely arched neck into correct front. Firm topline and good hind quarters. Sound movement.

3RD Hughes Carodal Coast to Coast

Junior Bitch

Entries: 20 Absentees: 1

1ST Hopkin’s Dvojica Evangelista. Black spotted youngster of the correct size. Strong bones and well covered body. Feminine head with dark eye and correct ear carriage. Nicely arched neck into correct front. Firm topline and good hind quarters. Sound movement.

2ND Scott-Allen & Davis Dallydyl Code Breaker. Liver spotted bitch soundly constructed and balanced. Well proportioned head with good eye colour. Correct front and shoulders. Kept level topline. Moved with confidence.

3RD Saunders & David’s Dallydyl Honey Trap

Yearling Bitch

Entries: 13 Absentees: 1

1ST Whincup’s Ch Tamilanda Continental Gold Cw21. Ideally sized liver bitch with good make and shape. Stands four square. Presented well in hard condition. Deep chest with well sprung ribs and level topline. Firm over loin. Strong hocks. Moved with purpose.

2ND Hill’s Scampdal Vice Versa. Black spotted bitch soundly constructed and balanced. Well proportioned head with good dark eye colour. Correct front and shoulders. Kept level topline.

3RD Alcock’s Kayjule Amber Lady at Dalspartan

Post Graduate Bitch

Entries: 27 Absentees: 6

1ST Howard Riddle’s Shydally Star Attraction. Black spotted bitch of ideal size. Excellent head with good ear carriage and eye colour. Reachy neck into correct shoulders. Clearly defined withers and level, firm topline. Correct tail placement and carriage. Moved out with purpose.

2ND Burrows Ellemstra Tough Cookie at Shacarlu. Well presented black with deep pigment. Feminine head with correct ear placement. Good front with defined withers and level topline. Well sprung ribs and deep brisket. Strong loin and well muscled rear. Moved with firm positive action.

3RD Hartley & Griffiths Miragua Heart to Heart

Limit Bitch

Entries: 21 Absentees: 2

1ST Hobbs & Whiting’s Sophtspot Knockout at Rapanooey. Compact black bitch of excellent make and shape and shown in hard condition. Nicely shaped head with kind expression with a good dark eye. Soundly constructed with strong bone. Firm topline held well on the move.

2ND Richardson’s Mapplewell Limited Edition. Eye catching black of good proportions. Balanced and sound. Lots of animation. Moved well fore and aft. Close decision between one and two.

3RD Goodswen’s Alphadal Aint No Sunshine

Open Bitch

Entries: 19 Absentees: 4

1ST Watts & Jackson-Peatling’s Ch Tamilanda Continental Song JW. Quality black spotted bitch of ideal size. Excellent head with good ear carriage and dark eyes to give very feminine expression. Reachy neck into correct shoulders. Clearly defined withers and level, firm topline. Correct tail placement and carriage. Well placed hocks which she used to drive around the ring. Handled very well and pleased to award her the CC.

2ND Frandsen’s Dalstorm Future Faith. Eye catching Liver spotted bitch presented in strong hard condition. Feminine head with lovely dark eyes and well carried ears. Reachy neck into well laid shoulders. Firm over topline with strong hind quarters. Good sound movement.

Res. CC

3RD Neath-Duggan & Baker Ch Buffrey Hanky Panky by Dalleaf JW

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bitch

Entries: 11 Absentees: 0

1ST Hill’s Scampdal Vice Versa

2ND Edens Dalens A Spot of Trouble JW ShCM ShCEx . Bitch of sound quality and type. Pleasing head with lovely feminine expression. Reachy neck and sound front. Moves positively.

3RD Howard Riddle’s Shydally Wish Upon A Star (Mrs S L Howard Riddle)

Alan Cuthbertson.