

The Finnish Lapphund Club of Great Britain

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Special Award Classes

Thank you to the committee for the very kind invitation to judge these classes at the Championship show. The entry was superb both in terms of quality and quantity and I could easily have awarded the classes to a number of exhibits on the day.

Junior Dog / Bitch (7:2)

1. Small & Thompson's Ansalfrose Weikko JW; A 17-month-old Dog of excellent breed type. Correct sized throughout and everything in balance. Lovely masculine head with good balance of muzzle to skull, with erect ears. Confident youngster who projects himself well. Good shoulder angulation and a straight front with plenty of bone. Hindquarters are strong and hocks are parallel. Coat and body are developing nicely and are correct for a youngster. Very well handled and presented and moved with a smooth action carrying his tail well at all times.

2. Stanley's Ansalfrose Wivi; Litter sister to 1 and just a feminine version of him as she also has abundant quality. Seventeen-month-old bitch. She is compact and so well-proportioned and could easily change places with him on another day. Feminine head and expression, moderate neck, and good front assembly. Correct strong hindquarters and developing nicely in body. Moves well at all times and in reality, just lost out on maturity today as her brother looks slightly more finished. Loved them both.

3. Allison's Oberitz Sankaritar; A 10-month-old puppy bitch who was obviously less mature than the first two in this class. Feminine head, which is developing nicely, and she has a good neck & correct shoulder angulation. Enough body for her age and plenty of bone for her age. Took this place on her lovely movement. A very promising puppy.

Post Graduate Dog / Bitch (12:1)

A difficult class to judge as there was a "mix" of types.

1. Pelling's Tabanyaruu Aurora Ahkera; A 2-year-old Bitch who has improved considerably since I judged her as a very raw puppy. Pretty feminine head which is well balanced throughout and she has well used ears. Medium neck and moderate shoulder angulation. Good body shape and hindquarters which are strong with parallel hocks and enough bone for a bitch. Lacking some coat and finishings which makes her look a touch higher in leg, which she isn't, but today she was moving very smoothly with a well carried tail, and this just gave her the edge over 2 other nice bitches.

2. Forsey's Happy Lapp Rosy at Muzoku; A 19-month-old bitch. Different in style to the winner but still has quality throughout. Nice head and expression, moderate neck, and shoulder angulation. Well-developed body for her age, good rear angulation and well carried tail. Presented in lovely coat & condition and handled to show her to best advantage. Moved well, but just preferred the slightly stronger action and better reach of 1 today.

3. Allison's Oberitz Pilvilinna; A 2-year-old bitch with a typical head and feminine expression but would prefer slightly better ears. Front assembly is balanced, and she has enough bone. mature in body and has good coat which was presented in nice condition. Good rear quarters and correct angulation, with a well-set tail. Presents a lovely outline and although she took a little time to settle in this class, when she did she moved correctly with a brisk, easy action.

Open Dog / Bitch (10:2). A really lovely class with so many quality exhibits to judge.

1. Rudd's Infindigo Lintu Henkka; A 6 year old dog who showed really well today to hold off 2 lovely champions for top spot in this class. He has good breed type, and this starts with a masculine head with nice ears and a typical expression. Strong neck with moderate shoulder angles, correct depth of chest, with a firm back, medium croup and good tail set. Correct hindquarters completed the picture of a very nice male. He was presented in lovely coat and condition and carried his tail well. He was true in his movement and excelled on the move with a brisk smooth action. 2. Cooper & Critchlow's Ch. Pavoskas Aly Arttu JW Sh. CM Sh CEx VW; What a super veteran dog who is approaching 9 years of age but looks younger. Obviously presents a very mature shape and he is nicely balanced throughout. Typical strong masculine head with a dark eye and well used erect ears. Front assembly is correct, well developed in body and with a very profuse coat which was in excellent condition. All this was finished off with good rear angulation and well carried tail. Lovely on the move, but today just preferred the slightly cleaner profile of 1 when making the final decisions. 3. Graystone's Ch. Morval Helina Keiju; A 6 year old bitch that I have judged before and one that I like a lot. She has a well-proportioned head with a pretty feminine expression. Reasonable length of neck, and moderate angles to shoulders. Lovely body outline and moderate rear angles, with low set hocks. Plenty of bone throughout and presented in nice coat & condition. Moved and showed well in a very competitive class. Very little to choose between the first 3 today and all could win on another occasion.

Gary. R. Clarke (Judge)