

Southern Counties Canine Association

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Pyrenean Mountain Dog

Judge - Jay Thorne

It was an honour being asked to judge at Southern Counties for my first CC appointment and I would like to thank all those involved also to those who were kind enough to enter. It was an absolute pleasure to judge our lovely breed and being outside although cold for the time of year gave each dog the opportunity to show its movement. It was especially rewarding seeing my main winners doing so well in the groups, many congratulations to you all.

A special thanks to my two stewards for keeping things moving so efficiently, good stewards are critical to any show, and I always appreciate their dedication.

Special Beginners (6/6)

1st Harris's Febus Hardknot. - 3-year-old pretty girl, a head of good proportions all round that fitted the breed standard nicely. Well-constructed with medium angulation, moves out steadily and very well presented. Would prefer a little more height if critical. Many congratulations with SB GP4

2nd Challinor's Shanlimore Marvin. - A nice boy that is still developing but has it all there. Well presented with medium angulation, nice head piece and moved out well once settled.

3rd Stephens Aurvandill Freya's Thyra

Puppy Dog (2/2)

1st Bamford & Church's Pafaxen High In The Sky. - A tall boy with good bone and substance, heavier head type than 2nd Still needs to fill his body but that will come with time, medium angulation front and rear, moved out well and obviously enjoying himself.

2nd Barber's Kensesqui Kilimanjaro. - Lovely seeing younger people showing and enjoying themselves. A much younger puppy than above and still very much a baby, loved his head markings, nice dark eyes and head medium angulation, moved OK when settled. Keep up the good work!

Junior Dog (3/3)

1st Walters Nevot De Alba De Los Danzantes with Sketrick (Imp Esp). - I loved this boy from the moment he entered the ring, at just a year old he has a beautiful head with everything I would want in a Pyrenean, super pigment correct eye placement and shape completed by a lovely expression. Good bone and angulation front and

rear. Needs some more training to get the best out of him in the ring but moved well when settled and seriously considered for the RCC.

2nd Wilcock Dream Of Valyria Daemon Of Mysticelysium At Penelley (Imp Pol) - A lovely boy who has a pleasing head with good pigment. Tall in construction but with a good amount of bone to match. Well-presented and handled,

3rd Bamford & Church's Pafaxen High In The Sky

Post Graduate Dog (2/2)

1st Munson's Travis Bear Du Pyrdanti For Pyrbern (IMP FRA) - Nice masculine boy of good size, good dark eyes and a lovely headpiece. Good amount of chest with a good length of leg, good top-line. Moved out well with a good amount of reach and drive.

2nd Bamford & Church's Pafaxen High In The Sky

Limit Dog (2/2)

1st Challinor's Shanlimore Marvin as per special beginners above.

2nd Woolf's Sabre Golden Ticket Du Pyrdanti. - Lovely head with dark expressive eyes. Nicely constructed male with a good amount of bone and angulation. Not moving as well today as I have previously seen.

Open Dog (3/3)

A class of lovely dogs and all very worthy of top results.

1st Pollard & Maggs - Ch Gillandant Thief Of Hearts At Dewyche - A lovely male of good size and construction. Beautiful head with good eye colour and shape, neatly set ears and a lovely expression showing the Pyrenean smile. Well-built body with good depth of chest, nice length of loin, good bone, and height. Very well presented and well handled with a good amount of reach and drive on the move. DCC & BOB

2nd Kenyon & Ward's Ch. Charibere Simply The Sequel at Kaianna. - Another lovely boy that I have previously awarded top honours. Elegant with a lovely head piece, eyes and good pigmentation. Well-constructed with good bone and angulation beautifully presented and well handled. Just preferred the reach and drive of 1st RDCC

3rd |Baverstock's Kalkasi Just Because JW

Veteran Dog (6/3)

1st Reilly's Ch & Multi Ch Lisjovia Boris Bear At Darmaror JW ShCM ShCEx VW

A nice seven-year-old male that I have judged several times before. Such a showman and always performs to his advantage. Nice head with a lovely expression. Well built, good depth of chest and length of loin, moves

effortlessly with a good amount of reach and drive always at one with his handler. BVIB and pleased to see him shortlisted in the veteran group.

2nd Flounders Ch Sketrick Papagena At Lakamoni (AI) - A lovely seven year old bitch that I have placed well in the past, different in type than the above, tall elegant girl with a lovely head, well-constructed with medium angulation front and rear, unfortunately lacking a little enthusiasm on the move today.

3rd Barnes Kricarno Kornish Kaous At Patablanca

Puppy bitch (2/2)

1st Bamford & Church's Pafaxen A Million Dreams – A pretty feminine girl just starting to hit the teenage stage of growth. Good head with dark eyes and mischievous expression. Well-proportioned with a nice length of loin, bone and angulation. Moved to her advantage with a good amount of reach and drive. BPIB unfortunately unable to stay for the puppy group.

2nd Kennedy's Gamuvel Patou Valkyrie At Pircot – Very close decision between these two. Another beautiful bitch with a lovely head, good amount of bone, well-constructed front and rear with a beautiful tail plumage. Moved sound and steady for her age.

Junior Bitch (4/4)

1st Kenyon & Ward's Charibere Reason To Dream At Kaianna – A pretty girl of good size, elegant head, maturing nicely, medium angulation all in proportion with nothing overdone. Beautifully presented and moved freely around the ring at one with her handler. BJIB absolutely delighted to see this girl take Junior GP1 and then RBJIS – many congratulations.

2nd Baverstock's Kalkasi Super Special – Another pretty bitch of good size, just needs to mature but has it all there. Nicely constructed with a good head. Moved out well.

3rd Bamford & Church's Pafaxen A Million Dreams

Post Graduate Bitch (6/6)

1st Baverstock's Kalkasi Super Special

2nd Cole's Gillandant Jasmine. Lovely head and expression, excellent front assembly and medium angulation, presented well with a beautiful coat, moved out well although could benefit from a little more pace to show her reach.

3rd Bamford & Church's Pafaxen A Million Dreams

Limit Bitch (2/2)

1st Harris's Febus Hardknot – As per SB above

2nd Flounders Kalkasi Just Imperial At Lakamoni – Feminine head, dark eyes and well set ears. Good amount of bone for her size. Well-presented and moved out well. Would prefer a little more height and body.

Open Bitch (4/4)

1st Bowker and Gibson's Ch. Febus Anapeou JW - A very pretty girl with great ring presence. The head on this girl perfectly fits the standard and is competed with a cheeky expression. The body is well constructed that shows in her movement giving her a good amount of reach and drive. Beautifully presented as always and well handled. Pleased to award her BCC and pushed hard for BOB.

2nd Goodwin's Ch Lisjovia White Lady Avec Montmusique JW – Another lovely girl, lovely head with well set eyes and ears, lovely expression, nicely put together with a good length of loin. Well-presented and at one with her handler moving well around the ring. No hesitation in awarding her the RBCC.

3rd Baverstock's Kalkasi The Eternal Chase JW