

BRITISH GORDON SETTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2 – 12 OCTOBER 2025

Firstly I would like to thank the Members for voting for me for this appointment as I consider it a great honour to judge a Breed Club Ch Sh; I would also like to thank my very able stewards for keeping the ring moving so efficiently. Overall, I only found 3 incorrect bites and no perceivable health issues in any of my exhibits. Please remember that Gordons have a height standard of 26 ins for dogs and 24 1/2 ins for bitches which was exceeded by several exhibits and worryingly in some puppies which still have a lot of growing to do. Some heads were not always as per the breed standard which states length from occiput to stop slightly longer than from stop to nose giving what the late Jose Baddeley referred to as a 'brick on brick' head. Hind movement was a little erratic in several exhibits due to lack of muscle tone; to be fit for function a Gordon should be capable of working a grouse moor all day. However I was thrilled with the quality of my winners and am grateful for their owners allowing me to judge such quality exhibits.

BITCHES

Special Vintage (2,1 abs)

1. Gray BIRNIEHILL HIGH FLYER. 11 yrs. Feminine head, dark eyes, level topline, shining coat, moved freely.

Veteran (1)

1. Tong BENBUIE ROSE QUARTZ WITH KELLIZLOT. 9 yrs. Correct head proportions, good reach of neck and forechest, in lovely coat and condition, moved well.

Minor Puppy (1)

1. Sandiford HERNWOOD SUPERSTITION. 8 ½ months. Sweet expression, dark eyes, rich clear tan, good reach of neck, level topline, good bend of stifle, moved with animation.

Puppy (2)

1. Sweryda WASELEY HAZY DAYZ. 10 months. Classic head proportions, dark eyes, clear tan, level topline, good bend of stifle, correct tail set, well muscled hindquarters which enabled her to move freely with drive. Best Puppy Bitch.
2. Sandiford HERNWOOD SUPERSTITION

Junior (7)

1. Marsh KILNRAE BACK OT THE FUTURE JW. 17 months. Maturing nicely, classic brick on brick head, dark eyes, clear tan, good reach of neck, level topline, correct tailset and bend of stifle, moved well, and just needs a full coat to complete the picture.
2. Bryant LAURELACH LOTUS WITH MUCKYPUPS. Compact girl, dark eyes, clear tan, correct tailset, moved well but a little unsettled.
3. Bell, Millar & Bell LAURELHACH MERCEDES AT BLAIRBELLES.
4. Andrews KEWSTOKE SANDY SALTY KISSES
5. Miller-Webb KEWSTOKE OCEAN HORSE

Yearling (6, 1 abs)

1. Rance LANGSTRUMPF POLLYANNA. Feminine head, dark eyes, level topline, good lay of shoulder and bend of stifle, moved with drive.
2. Ackerley-Kemp HARLEY MANON LESCAUT YENNADON. I thought this girl would be my winner, but she would not co-operate with her handler. Dark eyes, level topline, correct tailset, excellent bend of stifle.
3. Bell, Millar & Bell LAURELHACH MERCEDES AT BLAIRBELLES
4. Hardy CAFOTALIENA ALL EYES ON ME
5. Collyer COTTONSTONES DAYBREAK

Novice (2)

1. Williams LONGROW RUBY TUESDAY. Not too happy on the stand, dark eyes, shiny coat, correct tailset, moved a little close behind.
2. Miller-Webb KEWSTOKE OCEAN HORSE. Smaller bitch, again not happy in the ring. Well planed head, shiny coat, moved wide at the front.

Graduate (8, 2 abs)

1. Lines FLAXHEATH CENTREFOLD. Lovely young lady, feminine expression, dark eyes, good reach of neck, level topline, correct tailset, good bend of stifle, moved with drive.
2. Nagaty MARLBECK MADDALENA. Taller bitch, classic head proportions, level topline, good bend of stifle, moved with animation.
3. Gray KATTANDALE BLAC HAWKES BAY AT BIRNIEHILL
4. Speed RONALDSBILL MAGIC STARS OF NANNSETER
5. Williams LONGROW RUBY TUESDAY

Post Graduate (6, 3 abs)

1. Hardy CAFOTALIENA HELLO MY LOVE. Classic Gordon head, soft expression, dark eyes, good reach of neck, level topline, correct tailset and length, good bend of stifle, shown in lovely coat and condition, muscular hind quarters demonstrating driving movement. Pushed hard for RCC.
2. Bishop GLENMURANGI AURORA OF LOCHDORA. Close decision, lovely head, good forechest, clear tan, correct bend of stifle, just not as positive on hind movement as 1 today.
3. Green BALNAKEIL CREAG RAINICH JW.

Mid Limit (5, 2 abs)

1. Thomas CHARTAN MAPLE MAYHEM. Dark eyes, clear tan, feminine classic head, strong neck, level topline, correct tailset, excellent bend of stifle, positive mover.
2. Williams LONGROW LOVE OF MY LIFE. Feminine head, level topline, good bend of stifle, just not quite the front movement of 1.
3. Beddall DWENSANTINIS DORA OF ARTIIYO.

Limit (5, 1 abs)

1. Thomas GLENDERYS MOONSTONE. Dark eyes, clear tan, good forechest, strong neck, level topline, correct tailset, excellent bend of stifle, moved well, shown in lovely coat and condition.
2. Hardy COTTONSTONES EVERGREEN WITH CAFOTALIENA. Smaller bitch, very pretty and feminine, not holding her topline today and flying her tail, good bend of stifle.
3. Jones ROYDACK THE DUCHESS.
4. Walker LIGNUM LADY OF THE LAKE.

Open (6)

1. Burke CH BEECHLAKE HEY JUDE SGWC. Very close decision between 2 lovely ladies. Classic well planed head, dark eyes, clear tan, level topline, lovely lay of shoulder and bend of stifle, correct tailset, very well presented in lovely condition, moved with animation and drive. **CC and Reserve Best in Show.**
2. Roberts SH CH MOONGLADE LILY MAE MAGIC. Smaller bitch, but so pretty and compact, sweet head and expression, level topline, good bend of stifle, moved well, shown in lovely coat and condition. **RCC.**
3. Upton-Lovett ROYDACK PORTRAIT OF A LADY
4. Green BENBUIE TRUE COLOURS AT MALOCOMI
5. O'Kelly & Hancock CARADALIS SPARKS WILL FLY JW

Special Beginners (6, 2 abs)

1. Bishop GLENMURANGI AURORA OF LOCHDORA. 2nd in Post Graduate
2. Collyer COTTONSTONES DAYBREAK. Rather tall and long in body, deep muzzle, good bend of stifle, moved OK.
3. Miller-Webb KEWSTOKE OCEAN SEAHORSE
4. Clark DJ BEE BLACK IVY

Champion (1)

1. Sandiford & Lewis HERNWOOD GIN FIZZ. Very worthy Sh Ch, dark eyes, clear tan, strong neck, level topline, correct tailset and a good bend of stifle. A joy to watch on the move, pushed hard for top honours.

Field Trial (4)

1. Ackerley-Kemp YENNADON HIGHLAND HEIDI. A lovely example of a truly dual purpose bitch, Feminine head, sweet expression, dark eyes, clear tan, lovely lay of shoulder, level topline, super bend of stifle, moved with drive and purpose.

DOGS

Special Vintage (1)

1. Halliday YENNADON REISS SGWC. 11 yrs old and though he has a few grey hairs on his muzzle, his movement belies his age. Classic masculine Gordon head, level topline, correct tailset, lovely bend of stifle. **Best Vintage in Show.**

Veteran (3)

1. Sandiford & Lewis SH CH HERNWOOD NEPTUNE SEA. 8 ½ yrs. Classic Gordon male head, super reach of neck, level topline, excellent forechest and bend of stifle, moves with drive, in excellent coat and condition. **Best Veteran in Show.**
2. Norman & Robertson YENNADON KYLACHY SGWC. Smaller dog, pleasing head, level topline, clear tan, unfortunately left his coat at home, moved OK.
3. McCarthy HERNWOOD BOSTON HIGH FLYER

Minor Puppy (3)

1. Sandiford HERNWOOD MASTER BLASTER. 8 months. Masculine head, dark eyes, clear tan, level topline, would prefer more bend of stifle, but that should come with maturity, moved well, in good coat.
2. Hall RHIWGERRIG CARACTACUS BY MELVIEW. Smaller dog, preferred his head to 1, just dropping his topline today, moved freely and with drive, just needs more time.
3. Hartley HARTENZIEL VALAIS

Puppy (2)

1. Macaulay WASELEY LAZY DAYS AT STYERSETTS. 10 months. Lovely dark eyes, well planed head, kind expression, clear tan, good lay of shoulder, level topline, in good coat and condition, moved well. **Best Puppy in Show.**
2. Sandiford HERNWOOD MASTER BLASTER.

Junior (7, 1 abs)

1. Poynter AMSCOT ANGELS AND DEMONS. Dark eyes, clear tan, well planed head, good reach of neck, level topline, good bend of stifle, moved with drive.
2. Gregg CARADALIS FIACH DUBH. Close decision, lovely masculine head, level topline, correct tailset, moved well.
3. Robson KEWSTOKE OCEAN COMMANDER AT GLENDUDMOOR
4. Sinclair LAURELHACH BUGATTI AT SIOCHAIL
5. Reed KEWSTOKE MR SANDMAN

Yearling (6, 1 abs)

1. Cuthbertson LAINNIREACH STAR GAZER JW. Very typy masculine head, dark eyes, level topline, good bend of stifle and lay of shoulder, moved well.
2. Halliday HERO MAJESTIC MANON LESCAUT YENNADON. Slightly longer cast than 1, good head proportions, level topline, correct bend of stifle, moved well.
3. Robson KEWSTOKE OCEAN COMMANDER AT GLENDUDMOOR
4. Sinclair LAURELHACH BUGATTI AT SIOCHAIL
5. Horler HERNWOOD BLEU SPIRIT TO RACKENS JW

Novice (3, 1 abs)

1. Reed KEWSTOKE MR SANDMAN. Smaller dog, 5th in Junior, clear tan, moved OK
2. Hogg GAILIECH WIRNPA Rather throaty, level topline, down on front pasterns.

Graduate (3)

1. Halliday HERO MAJESTIC MANON LESCAUT YENNADON. 2nd in Yearling.
2. Burke COTTONSTONES DAZZLING LAD. 18 months, just at the rangy stage. Good head proportions, level topline, good bend of stifle, moved well, just needs time to mature.
3. Harrison-Street RONALDSBILL TRAIL BLAZER AT BRIDGEMERE

Post Graduate (8, 2 abs)

1. Michalak FORESTERS NORTHERN HUNTER OF DARKMOOR WITH GADIEBURN JW. Handsome boy, well planed head, strong neck, good forechest, level topline, correct bend of stifle, in super coat and condition, moved with animation and great rear drive. **RCC.**
2. Tye ROYDACK BLACK KNIGHT AT TYMORA. Taller dog, level topline, good bend of stifle, correct tailset, moved well. Close decision between 2 lovely dogs.
3. Ellington BEECHLAKE THE STORYTELLER OF FINNSFOLK
4. Williams LONGROW JEAN GENIE
5. McCarthy HERNWOOD WIZARD OF OZ JW

Mid Limit (3)

1. Morgan CARDALIS SKY ROCKET JW. Judged this boy as a youngster and he has matured into a rugged, typy male. Lovely head planes, level topline, good bend of stifle, in super coat and condition, moved with drive.
2. Parker-Smith & Tuer LIGNUM MONEY TALKS AT BRATTICUS. Unplaced in Post Graduate, dark eyes, level topline, moved OK.
3. Walker LIGNUM TELLER

Limit (7)

1. Smith GLENMURANGI APOLLO AT GLENKINCHIE. Masculine head, level topline, good bend of stifle, well presented, tended to fly his tail on the move.
2. Harrison-Street PARADISE PICLING PARSLEY AT BRIDGEMERE. Longer in muzzle than 2, level topline, moved OK.
3. Nagaty MARLBECK MALDINI
4. Ede BURROUGHTOF LOCH LEVEN AT GLENARDEN
5. Hogg GAILIECH NGALYOD

Open (5, 2 abs)

1. Mitchell SH CH CAFOTALIENA THIEF OF HEARTS BY BROBRUICK JW. Last time I judged this boy he was a yearling and I gave him the RCC and now he has matured into a super example of this breed. Rugged without any coarseness, masculine head, dark eyes, level topline, excellent bend of stifle, he did fly his tail slightly on the move but couldn't be denied the class, **CC and Best in Show** with such driving effortless movement.
2. Bell, Millar & Bell BALNAKEIL BEINN CORRADAIL OF BLAIRBELLES. Heavier dog all round than 1, good forechest, shown in good coat, moved OK.
3. Tait RO/SRB/BIH/FEB BIH CH/ BIH GCH FORESTERS NORTHERN LIGHT OF DARKMOOR JW

Special Beginners (2)

1. Robson KEWSTOKE OCEAN COMMANDER AT GLENDUDMOOR 3rd in Jnr. Well planed head, level topline, good bend of stifle, moved OK.
2. Reed KEWSTOKE MR SANDMAN.1ST in Novice.

Field Trial (2, 1 abs)

1. Halliday CH YENNADON BARRA JW SGWC. Masculine head with no sign of coarseness, good reach f neck, level topline, excellent bend of stifle, correct tailset and carriage, moved with drive.

Brace (4, 1 abs)

1. Halliday
2. Hardy
3. Walker

Team (2, 1 abs)

1. Halliday

Kay Reid (Diersett)