

**The Eastern St Bernard Club Single Breed Championship Show**  
**18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - Stakes Classes**

I would like to thank the officers and committee for the invitation to judge the Stakes classes at their Championship Show and also the exhibitors for their entries and allowing me to go over their dogs. The show had a lovely atmosphere and I thoroughly enjoyed my day. I would like to say a big thank you to my ring stewards Andi Horwood and Gordon Booth for keeping things running smoothly.

**Stakes 1 – The Eastern Puppy Stakes (4) (1 Abs)**

1<sup>st</sup>. Grainger & Blurton, Samhaven Full Of Heart lovely 8 mth old bitch who once settled was a pleasure to watch. Lovely feminine head with a good stop and correct dentition. Good depth of chest and good angulation behind. Nicely balanced top line with a good flowing movement. I believe it was the handlers first time in the ring. Well done.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Macdonald, Chedham Bring Me Sunshine an 11 mth old male with a broad muzzle, good stop and correct bite. I feel he needs to strengthen up a little behind and mature. Holds a good top line on the move.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Howard-Sadler, Chandlimore Griffindor This 6 mth old male unfortunately left the ring before I could complete my critique however he is a nice young dog just on the day came up against 1 and 2.

**Stakes 2 – The Eastern Post Graduate Stakes (7) (0 Abs)**

1<sup>st</sup>. Thomas, Tombears Save the Last Dance a 20 mth old rough coat bitch. A lovely well balanced young girl full of quality, with a lovely feminine head and benevolent expression. Correct dentition and good stop, good reach of neck and well placed shoulders, good bone with lovely tight feet and well set tail. Held a good top line on the move, flowing movement with good drive. Challenged strongly for best of stakes.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Birkinshaw, Amardapark Hera Spring Call. Another lovely bitch full of quality with a good movement. Very nice head with well set ears, good stop, dentition and eyes. Slightly weaker behind than 1.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Lindsay, Saintlinbern Alaladfar Loved this young bitch, very nice head with a good stop, dentition, eyes and benevolent expression. Good deep chest and good angulation behind. Top 3 all lovely types very strong class.

**Stakes 3 – The Eastern Open Stakes (3) (0 Abs)**

1<sup>st</sup>, Bell and Jeffries, Bellfries Smooth Jazz. Lovely big smooth bitch who oozes quality. Very nice head with good width well set ears, good stop and good bite. Good depth of chest with well sprung ribs and strong hindquarters. Moved well with good drive holding her top line. Pleased to award her The Best In Stakes.

2<sup>nd</sup>, Macdonald, Chedham Bear Necessities A big strong male with a good masculine head and lovely benevolent expression. Good stop, dentition and eye. Good reach of neck with good shoulders and well off for bone. Good movement but just lacking a little muscle behind. Nice upstanding male.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Smith, Bellfries Lady Lolamonroe Slightly narrower head but with good dentition. Preferred the movement of 1 and 2 but this bitch has a lovely strong back and holds her top line. Good angulation, well muscled a little over weight today.

**Best of Stakes - Belfries Smooth Jazz**

**Penny Forrest  
(Philandros)**