

English Setter Association

Open Show 5th July 2026

BIS: Neath's Albadora Total Madness JW

RBIS & BOS Felton Blyth's Wansleydale Sky Angel At Felsett

BPIS: Tucker's Walshaw Takes To The Stage

RBPIS: Adams' Alolfrana Xclusive Party

BVIS: Taylor's Sh Ch Wansleydale Margarita

BSB: Hingley's Wansleydale Bee Quick

Many thanks to the ESA for inviting me to judge today, and their fabulous hospitality, and to the exhibitors who were kind enough to enter under me. The good weather meant judging was outside, thankfully there was plenty of shade round the ring.

Overall the quality was stronger in the bitch classes. Mouths were mostly fine, there were quite a few dogs that were a bit proud of their tails but still it was a minority. The most worrying thing for me was fronts, especially in the males where many lacked forechest.

Also many thanks to my top team of Stewards, Pat and Philip.

Minor Puppy Dog (2,0a)

1st Adams' Alolfrana Xclusive Party **BPD**

O/B 7mths Well made pup, has a lovely head, good neck, with a nice front, pleasing rear angulation, good feet. Well presented and handled, was very collected on the move.

2nd Corfield, Corfield & Derry's Balvenie Glen Douglas At Indibrooke

B/B/T 6mths. A promising pup who made his handler work hard. Has a lovely outline, is well angulated throughout. Was not as together on the move.

Puppy Dog (2,2a)

Veteran Dog (1,1a)

Junior Dog (4,0a)

1st Lawson's Summerseve Cezanne

B/B/T 12mths A very promising youngster. Good head, lovely eye and expression. Pleasing outline, he's so balanced throughout. Well bodied, with a excellent spring of rib and good forechest. Nice feet. Good tail carriage. Good positive movement.

2nd Thacker's Peritye Follow The Sun

O/B 17mths Has a lovely expression. Scored well for his good front, well off for bone, nice feet. Moved steadily.

3rd McDowell's Byedales Inspector Clueso

Yearling Dog (8,0a)

1st Neath's Albadora Total Madness JW **BD**

B/B 22mths. A very stylish, eye catching, mature male. He has the softest of expressions, plenty in front, very well balanced throughout, well angulated fore and aft. Super body, with lovely spring of rib. Good feet. Moved with plenty of drive.

2nd Beasley's Latjeata Jack's The Lad JW

B/B 23mths, not quite the maturity and finish of 1 but lots to like. He's well made and maturing nicely. Has a good front, level top line and well angulated throughout. Moves well.

3rd Lawson's Summerseve Cezanne, 1st in junior – giving away a lot in maturity in this highly competitive class.

Novice Dog (1,0a)

1st Stowell's Bondgate Overdramatic

B/B 12mths, this young man had settled nicely by this class. Good eye and expression, plenty to like. Is still very much a baby but plenty of time, after all showing an ES is a marathon not a sprint. Just starting to grow his coat. Moved well.

Graduate Dog (4,1a)

1st Stead's Ravensett Illusionist Of Settavista

B/B 24mths. He is the happiest of boys. Lovely head, with a beautiful expression. Well balanced throughout. Good spring of rib, level topline which he held on the move. Lovely coat, very well presented.

2nd Lawson's Summereve Cezanne

3rd Griffiths' Tawnymeade Moonshine

Postgraduate Dog (3,0a)

1st Hingley's Wansleydale Bee Quick **RBD**

B/B/T A stylish and happy boy. Has a lovely head and expression, well balanced throughout. Good spring of rib, level topline, and nice short back. Was shown in hard condition. Moved with drive.

2nd Carlin's Ennydloc Yorkshire Image

B/B Another lovely boy, longer cast than 1 and he does make life a little bit difficult for his handler at times. Good neck and front, well angulated throughout. Well muscled. Moved soundly and with style on a loose lead.

3rd Stead's Ravensett Illusionist of Settavista

Limit Dog (1,0a)

1st King's Sirius Blue Heaven at Grantastar

B/B/T Has a very pleasing outline, well balanced, lovely length of neck. Well bodied, nice feet. Maintains his topline on the move but was a bit reluctant movement wise in the heat.

Open Dog (3,1a)

1st Derry, Schoneville & Williamson's Hawklawn Hazzard County at Balvenie JW

B/B/T A well made boy, who is maturing nicely. Shown in super condition, which shows in his driving movement. Has a lovely, balanced outline. Plenty of forechest, elbows well tucked in. Pleasing angulation throughout. Good feet. Well presented. Just missed out on the top honours today.

2nd Wilkinson-Sargeant's Phenset Firestorm

O/B An attractive, mature male. Has the most beautiful of heads. Longer cast than 1, but still well balanced throughout. Was another one who was a bit reluctant on the move due to the heat.

Special Beginner's Dog (6,0a)

1st Hingley's Wansleydale Bee Quick

2nd Stead's Ravensett Illusionist Of Settavista

3rd Thacker's Peritye Follow The Sun

Minor Puppy Bitch (4,0a)

1st Danks, Swannell, Littlechild & Littlechild's Alolfrana All Night Party

B/B/T 7mths, such a confident, promising young lady. So pretty, lovely head and expression. Excelled in angulation fore and aft. Lovely spring of rib. Well presented and handled, moved steadily.

2nd Corfield's Indibrooke Freya

B/B/T 8mths Not the confidence of 1 yet. Sweet headed girl, with good bone. Lovely outline, and length of neck. Moved well, once settled.

3rd Corfield's Indibrooke Frida

Puppy Bitch (4,1a)

1st Tucker's Walshaw Takes To The Stage **BPB**

B/B 9mths. Caught my eye straight away, very well made and so balanced, of good size. Short back, well ribbed, good level topline. Well angulated throughout. Has the prettiest of heads and expression. Feminine but she has substance. Moved very well, with drive. One to watch.

2nd Tucker's Walshaw Stage Struck

B/B 9mths. Litter sister to winner, not quite the substance of 1, still very nicely made, pleasing outline and balance. Moved well once settled.

3rd Cooksley's Ashgrovesett Sweet Devine

Veteran Bitch (4,1a)

1st Taylor's Sh Ch Wansleydale Margarita **BVB**

O/B 11 years. A bitch I have admired for years, and she doesn't disappoint. Has the most wonderful head and expression. Still has a solid, level topline, well bodied, super angulation throughout. Presented in lovely condition. Moves with drive and style.

2nd Beasley's Wansleydale Amaretto At Latjeata JW

B/B/T 9 years. Was unlucky to be against her mother today. She is another well made lady, excels in rear angulation, lovely head and expression. Beautifully presented, moved well.

3rd Wilkinson's Victoriaview Red Hot Poker

12 years, lovely lady, nicely made, just struggled a bit with the heat

Junior Bitch (8,3a)

1st Reid's Diersett Moon Of The Skies

O/B 17mths, not a flashy girl but she's really well made. Feminine with substance. Very nicely balanced, well angulated throughout. Lovely head and eye. Moved steadily with drive.

2nd Stead's Bondgate Miss Melodramatic Of Settavista

B/B 12 mths Giving a lot away maturity wise in this class, another promising youngster. Very balanced throughout, well off for bone. Has such a pretty head and expression. Moved well, well presented.

3rd McDowall's Byedales Agatha Christie

Yearling Bitch (7,2a)

1st Watkin's Albadora Totally Yours For Valsett JW **RBB**

O/B 22mths Such a lovely, top quality bitch, was seriously considered for Best Bitch. Another girl that is feminine but has substance. Beautiful head and expression, low set ears, plenty of forechest, so well balance throughout. Presented in lovely coat and condition. Moves soundly with drive.

2nd Beasley's Latjeata Cup Of Kindness JW

O/B 23mths Another pretty, well made girl. Unlucky to meet 1. Nice neck, into good shoulders. Well balanced. Bodying up nicely. Moved well, just not quite the accurate footfall of 1. Has a real cheeky air about her.

3rd Reid's Diersett Moon Of The Skies

Novice Bitch (3,1a)

1st Tucker's Walshaw Star Struck

2Nd in Puppy Bitch.

2nd Cooksley's Ashgrovesett Sweet Devine

B/B/T 11mths, pretty little bitch, well off for bone, good shape, particularly liked her front.

Post Graduate Bitch (2,1a)

1st Owen's Marwesett Ysobel Enigma At Cornsett JW

O/B. A very appealing girl. Nice head and expression. Has such a pleasing outline. Lovely neck into well placed shoulders. Well balanced, lovely bend of stifle. Moved well with drive.

Limit Bitch (4,1a)

This was the class of the day, three top quality bitches of differing types.

1st Felton Blyth's Wansleydale Sky Angel At Felsett **BB**

B/B 6 years. I really fell for this girl, she's the finished article. Did so well to win this class. Nothing is overdone, she's a masterclass in moderation and balance. She was just my type. Beautiful head and expression. Built on flowing lines, elegant neck, super front, so well angulated throughout. Moved true and with drive. Well presented and handled.

2nd Danks, Littlechild & Littlechild's Ravensett Allegra With Alolfrana

B/B 2 yrs, currently not quite the maturity and finish of 1, but still full of quality. Well balanced and angulated throughout, lovely head, good ear set. Moves with drive.

3rd Stephenson's Bournehouse In Dreams At Steeplow

Again another quality girl, presented in beautiful coat, she just appeared to be feeling the heat on the move.

Open Bitch (3,2a)

1st Dennis, Harris & Morgan's Mariglen Unwrapped JW

B/B/T 5 years. An elegant bitch of good type. Lovely head and expression, well balanced with great angulation, good bone and level topline. Lacked a bit of sparkle on the move today in the heat, but was steady with accurate footfall.

Special Beginners Bitch (5,2a)

1st Stead's Bondgate Miss Melodramatic Of Settavista

2nd Cooksley's Ashgrovesett Sweet Devine

3rd White's Paduan Frankincense

Judge Mhairi A Vallance (Rowanmyle)