

### **East Anglian Gundog 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026**

East Anglian Gundog is my local gundog society and I have spent many happy days attending the club's shows since its very beginning. The society is very well run by a hard working committee who do all they can to support exhibitors – thank you for the kind invitation to judge at this show.

I have enjoyed watching or competing in best in show/ best puppy in show at the club's shows many times and have always been impressed with the quality of dogs that we have in this area attending the show. Today was my chance to get my hands on the best of breed and best puppy in breed exhibits sent forward by their respective breed judges and I have to say they did not disappoint. For best in show in particular I was spoilt for choice with some top quality dogs to choose from. I decided to shortlist eight (English Setter, Gordon Setter, Irish Setter, Labrador, Irish Water Spaniel, Curly Coated Retriever, Cocker Spaniel and Pointer) but others considered for the final cut included a beautiful American Cocker, just 12 months old and giving away much in age, a lovely Irish Red and White Setter and a very nice Welsh Springer.

Best In Show 1 – Watkin's Albadora Totally Yours for Valsett JW, a 19 month old orange belton bitch who I have admired from the ringside since she was a young puppy and was thrilled to get the opportunity to go over. A top quality bitch with a beautiful, elegant outline. She has a lovely head with a beautiful expression. Moves soundly and with drive from her strong hindquarters. Presented in beautiful coat and condition. Although still young she shone over her competitors to take the top award. I will continue to follow her progress with great interest as I am sure she will go on to achieve greater awards.

Best In Show 2 – Latheron & Trenchard's Sh Ch Fynder Reacher ShCEX, one of my favourite breeds and for me this quality dog meets the general characteristics as described in the breed standard "smart, upstanding, strongly built and compact" but he also has such sound movement, a masculine head and is presented in lovely coat and condition.

Best In Show 3 – Bott, Allen & Morgan's Quensha Joker And The Queen, such a beautiful bitch and another I have admired since she was a puppy, she has the most lovely head, outline and overall construction. She moved out with style today to earn her place in the final line up.

Best in Show 4 – Watkins Lakewinds Benchmark (Imp Aus) an upstanding young dog, just turned three, who presents a very eye catching outline and really moved round the ring with style.

Best Puppy In Show 1 – Phillips & Watkins Empyrean Desert Tempest at Glenmaurangi (Imp Can) – This young bitch owned the ring from the moment she entered it! Top quality she is beautifully made, of lovely shape and with stylish sound movement. I think she has the wow factor and she was an easy choice for best puppy in show. I will follow her progress with great interest.

Best Puppy In Show 2 – Cruttwell's Ashbyglen to Honour You, a beautifully made puppy, another with an eye catching outline who moved out well. Presented in super coat and condition.

Best Puppy In Show 3 – Siddle, Siddle, Bailey & Bailey's Wilchrimane Tunaverse, a lovely promising puppy dog, strong but graceful outline and moved out well.

Best Puppy In Show 4 – Sladdern's Canemamans Final Blow, promising puppy, strongly built but still feminine.

#### AV Gundog Veteran Stakes Dog

1<sup>st</sup> Donaldson's Zorrazo Alter Bridge at Prizelands (Imp HRV), Spanish Water Dog, a lovely seven year old dog with super movement. Deep chest and well sprung ribs. Loved his handsome face and expression. Presented in good coat and condition.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sladden's Tyrbechgyn Believe You Will at Canemamans JW ShCEx OSW VW, Bracco Italiano, a strong made dog, handsome head, sound movement with powerful hindquarters.

#### AV Gundog Veteran Stakes Bitch

1<sup>st</sup> Hush's Benrowan Espirit, Golden Retriever, classic outline, with good depth of chest and spring of rib. Balanced head with pretty expression and dark eyes. Presented in lovely coat and condition and moved with drive. Best Veteran.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bougen's Sh Ch Gwendariff Hot Ticket JW, Irish Setter, a great favourite of mine and thoroughly enjoying her day out. Super make and shape and a lovely head and expression, turned out in top condition.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ganney's Allenies Tampa Bay D'Orta For Darrabol, Labrador

#### AV Gundog Post Graduate

1<sup>st</sup> Watkin's Albadora Totally Yours For Valsett JW, English Setter, critique above

2<sup>nd</sup> Parson's Quensha Woman In Love at Bransett, Irish Setter, a promising young bitch who is maturing very nicely, balanced outline with pretty head and expression. Super coat and condition.

3<sup>rd</sup> Falconer's Cheek To Cheek Unbridled Dreams for Siatham (Imp Fra) JW, Golden Retriever

#### AV Gundog Limit

1<sup>st</sup> Levine & Lewis' Quensha Remember The Name Valasarch, Irish Setter, an eye catching dog with a balanced racy outline, super front with good depth of chest, well arched neck, gently sloping topline and strong hindquarters. Handsome head and expression with lovely kind eyes.

2<sup>nd</sup> McDonald, Westwood & Westwood's Roanjora Cremant De Savoie Avec Eusanit JW, Irish Red and White Setter, a well made dog with a pleasing outline, good front and rear angulation, balanced head with nice eyes. Shown in lovely coat and condition.

3<sup>rd</sup> Suett's Silberliss Peckham Pouncer JW, Weimeraner

#### AV Gundog Open

1<sup>st</sup> Bougen's Sh Ch Gwendariff Hot Ticket JW, repeat

2<sup>nd</sup> Donaldson's Prizelands Tickled My Fancy JW, balanced bitch with pleasing outline, well made front and good depth of chest. Balanced head with pleasing expression.

#### AV Gundog Brace

1<sup>st</sup> McDonald's Irish Red and White Setters, well matched pair for size, make and shape, moved very well together.

2<sup>nd</sup> Romeo-Dieste's Flat Coated Retrievers, nicely matched pair, moved together well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Rice's Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers

Becky Box (Judge)