

COMMENTO DI CHRISTINE CASLING GIUDICE DEL RADUNO DI CALCI 15 OTTOBRE 2017

It was a great honour to be asked to Judge the Rough Collies at the Club Show and to meet such kind friendly people and their dogs.

With regard to my opinion of the dogs presented to me I found them to be of very good quality as is always the case, you wish at times you had more higher places to hand out in some classes.

I was very pleased with my Best of Breed her shape and conformation was fantastic and not only could she stand and show, she also moved perfectly. The Best Male had a super head and expression but just lost out to the bitch on overall performance.

I found it hard to find many faults on the conformation of the collies presented and my main criticism was that there were quite a few whose ears did not face forward but more to the side, which just spoils the expression a little.

Presentation was excellent but a couple of handlers would insist on stringing their dogs up instead of presenting them on a loose leash. I was always taught when first exhibiting to train my dog to stand straight on a loose leash, should the dog move a leg into the wrong position just take a step backwards and the dog will correct itself, much better than placing the dogs legs as this usually means especially, at the rear, that you place them in the wrong position for the dog to be comfortable.

One or two exhibitors let their selves down by not having trained their dog to stand and show.

I think on reflection that you have some wonderful dogs of which you have every right to feel proud. I think the breed should have a bright future.

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