Raduno Pastore Scozzese Pelo Lungo Erba 13th Dec. 2015

Many thanks to the exhibitors for a lovely entry of 44 entries with 40 dogs present.

On the whole quality was good with excellent presentation but there is one aspect which i dont like to see is long hair on the hocks. I believe the hocks should be cut neatly. A judge will always see the rear movement whether the hair is long or short.

There were a few exhibitors with unsettled character which were penalized, but on the whole characters were good. There were a number with weak feet which exhibitors should take note. Movement on the whole was quite reasonable but there is always room for improvement particulary in certain young exhibits. All the collies were well presented and well groomed but one aspect which should concern breeders and exhibitors alike was the weight of some exhibites. Some I considered to be overweight and there were others which were at the limit. In some breeds they can support a little excess weight but i think in the collie because of its structure and the nature of its character it is always important to control the weight particulary on the shoulder, which in turn should help the movement if sufficient roadwork is done at home to develop good muscles and ligaments which in turn assist the structure of the collies.

My BEST IN SHOW was Fire and Ice di Paradise Collies, a lovely tri of good size, lovely shape standing with excellant reach of neck presented in excellent form, strong movement but i would prefer if she moved a little slower. A close run battle with the 2nd in her class.

BEST MALE: lovely upstanding male of excellent size, lovely head, eye and expression, showed well, sound in movement, but i think a little more work on the prensentation could have been done.

DOG CAC TORRINO KNOCK-OUT

Half brother to my best dog, a little different in type, lovely head, eye and expression, good ears, showed well, sufficent neck, presented in good order, moved soundly. I would have liked a little more size and neck but a nicely balanced male. Worthy of his title.

Res. DOG CAC PENSIERO STUPENDO DELLA BUC DELLE FATE

An outstanding young blue merle male one which carries your eye, lovely balanced head, lovely eye and expression, good ears, showed well, lovely shape standing, excellent reach of neck. Coat of lovely colour, well broken, movement sound but i would have preferred his construction and movement a little more solid on the day, but i am sure this one has a bright future and one i would be happy to take home with me.

BITCH CAC MARY POPPINS DELLA BUCA DELLE FATE

Lovely bitch of instant appeal, showed off all her qualities. Very femmine head, eye and expression, neat ears, lovely shape standing, excellent reach of neck, would have preferred a more length of body but is nicely balanced all the same. Presented in excellent coat condition of lovely colour, moved sound but could have been a little more positive. A worthy winner.

Res.CAC ULTRA FANTASY DELL ISOLA DEI COLLIES

Lovely type, very femmine with balanced head, good stop, flat skull and well filled muscle, sweet eye and expression, neat ears, showed well, good overall shape shown in good show condition. Would like a little less weight for a young bitch (at limit) Movement sound but could be more positive.

OTHER WINNERS JUNIOR DOG

Lovely type a good size for age. Appealing shape with good reach of neck, pleasing head, eye and expression, neat ears, good bone and substance covered with coat density. Movement solid but room for improvement.

BABY DOG

Very appealing baby with a lovely happy charcter, lovely type with lovely head and eye, good ears, good bone and substance for age, moved ok for his first show. There will be a need to pay attention to weight and plenty of road work with this type of puppy.

JUNIOR BITCH

VA DOVE TI PORTA IL CUORE AT GIULY'S DREAM DELL ISOLA COLLIES

Best Junior. Lovely youngster, very femmine type, appealing balanced head, lovely eye and expression, neat ears, good body propotions with good bone and substance in good coat condition.

JUNIORES FEMALE

All three in this class were awarded VERY PROMISING. For type i prefered the 2nd. I feel if you intend to exhibit your dogs it is necessary to do some lead work at home before bringing them to show, so when the dogs are in there they get a more positive experience. My winner: QUOTE ABOUT LOVE IN BLACK DELLA VERDE SCOZIA had done some work at home moving quite well, needs to improve in rear movement, femmine type with pleasing head and eyes of dark colour, nice overall shape, sufficient bone and substance, coat of good black colour.