

The Lagotto Romagnolo Club of Great Britain

KC Open Single Breed Show

12 June 2016

Judge: Sig Gilberto Grandi (Italy)

CRITIQUE

On June 12th I had the pleasure to judge the Twentieth Anniversary Speciality Open Show of the Lagotto Romagnolo Club of Great Britain. I judged their Specialty several times and I am pleased to say that quality has improved over the years, particularly in legs length, topline, croup and rear movement. Almost all the heads were of the highest quality, as it was for the coat and trimming. Just remember to leave the eyes not covered by coat when you do it. I had a very nice day.

VETERAN DOG (4 Entries): **1** - Shepherd's Int Ir Ch Gaesten Razz 'n' Roll - 9y. Excellent head of correct proportions and profile. Lovely big nose, eyes, ear carriage & expression. Correctly angulated both ends. Exc. body proportions. Very sound & easy mover. **2** - Kemp's Ruffio del Grancanna – 9y. Very typical head, nose, eyes & ears. Excellent body proportions, moves well but not the reach & drive of 1. **3** - Beazant's Teamtot Tatler - 8y. Lovely head, should be higher on legs, he is a great mover.

PUPPY DOG (2 Entries): **1** - Bullen's Karbeni Nua Nemo - Excellent head with a lovely expression. Excellent big nose, eyes and ears. Nice body proportions in a compact body. Still a bit soft in topline. Moves well. BPD. **2** - Williams and Carless' Rumolboys Alban Eilir - Very nice head in any detail. Correctly high on legs, straighter topline, rather big in size. Looks to be in an in-between age.

JUNIOR DOG (4 Entries): **1** - Grantham's Mizani Dorocco Raffaele - He caught my eyes since he first stepped into the ring. Excellent head with big nose, dark eyes, well carried ears. He really has the right body proportions and length of legs. Excellent topline. Moves very well. He just needs some more beard and moustaches to complete the picture. RES BIS & BOS. **2** - Arakelian's Eggs Benedict - Lovely head in any detail. Short body on long legs. Moves well. **3** - Williams and Carless' Rumolboys Smart Spitfire - He has a beautiful head. Loin should be a bit shorter. Moves really very well.

NOVICE DOG (7 Entries): **1** - Shorthouse's Baroco Dulce Mungo - Excellent head with big nose, lovely eyes, well carried ears and excellent expression. Very correct body proportions and length of legs. Very sound mover. **2** - Karbeni Nua Nemo. **3** - Eggs Benedict.

POST GRADUATE DOG (3 Entries): **1** - Mizani Dorocco Raffaele. **2** - Baroco Dulce Mungo. **3** - Walker's Euonia Bluebell Boy.

LIMIT DOG (1 Entry): **1** - Nelson's Gaesten Zippy Zingo at Nelbekio - Beautiful head in any detail. He has excellent body proportions. Could have a higher tail set. Moves well, even if I would prefer some more drive behind.

OPEN DOG (7 Entries, 1 Absent): **1** – Mizani Dorocco Raffaele. **2** – Stenton's Ir Ch Gaesten Desirable Danny - A really lovely head with excellent big nose, eyes, ears and expression. Compact body on long legs. Sound mover. Would prefer a bit more drive behind. **3** - Kemp's Grancanna Maximus - Head of excellent proportions and profile. Could have longer coat on it. Excellent long legs and body proportions. Moves well covering enough ground.

VETERAN BITCH (7 Entries, 1 Absent): **1** – Beazant's Teamtot Tizwaz - 14y. Excellent head in any detail. Correct body proportions. She moves incredibly well. **2** – DeBlasi's Gaesten Leapin' Lottie at Mianatra - 10y. Superb head with big nose, excellent eyes and ears. Typical body proportions. She too moves very well, but she is rather fat. **3** – Kemp's Grancanna Bonni Bellezza – 9y. Lovely feminine head with excellent eyes & ears. Excellent body proportions but rather rounded croup. Sound mover.

PUPPY BITCH (2 Entries): **1** – Blunden's Fullforge Free Horizons con Mikette - Lovely feminine head with wonderful eyes, ears & expression. Well open nostrils. Nice body proportions and legs length. It is time to shave her puppy coat. Moves well. BP. **2** – Allanson's Mianatra Call me Cuckoo - Beautiful head. If she was thinner, her body proportions would improve. She too moves well.

NOVICE BITCH (4 Entries, 2 Absent): **1** – Ferguson's Mizani Duca Adora - Beautiful head in any detail. Front & rear well balanced. Correct body proportions. Tail is a bit too curled over the back. Moves well. **2** – Stenton's Gaesten Jicky's Jewel - Feminine head but her mouth is too pointed. Correct legs length. Topline should be straighter. Fair mover.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (10 Entries, 3 Absent): **3** – Nelson's Nelbekio Almost an Angel - Very nice feminine head, excellent nose, eyes & ears. Compact body of excellent proportions. Tail a bit too curled over the back. Moves very well. **2** – Ferguson's Mizani Jola Briar - Really excellent head with big nose, lovely eyes, ears & expression. Correct body proportions and legs length. Coat could be more even. An excellent mover. **3** – Billups' Iteru Riccia Barbera - Beautiful head in any detail. Shorter loin. Moves really well.

LIMIT BITCH (3 Entries): **1** – Stenton's Gaesten Touch of Genius - Beautiful head with very big nose, lovely eyes, ear carriage & expression. Correctly high on legs. Excellent body proportions. Moves well. **2** – Lilley's Yduns Blue Meliss Fullforge - Excellent head. Coat should be curlier on the face. Correct body proportions. Fair mover. **3** – Baxter's Gaesten Lucky Luci at Princhetts - Beautiful head. Too steep in croup.

OPEN BITCH (7 Entries, 3 Absent): **1** – Nelson's Gaesten Desirable Diva at Nelbekio - A very classic kind of Lagotto Romagnolo bitch. She has a beautiful feminine head & expression. Lovely body proportions and legs length. Moves with the correct drive and reach. BIS. **2** – Williams and Carless' Fullforge Floral Dancer - Another beautiful head. Eyes could be darker. Front & rear correctly balanced. Moves well. **3** – Teamtot Tizwaz.

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