

Report on The Lagotto Romagnolo Club of Great Britain's Open Show  
held in conjunction with Midland Counties Championship Show  
on 25th October 2019 at Stafford

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My thanks to the hospitable Committee and Officers of the club for their invitation and welcome on the day of the show. I enjoyed meeting your lively and charming breed. I found difficulty in finding dogs who completely fitted the standard consequently some places were compromises, but this is always so with a new breed. Many exhibits had typical heads and double coats, but there were many dogs who were rather short on the leg which affected their shape and outline. Temperaments were excellent and most dogs moved soundly but not always with the typical light gait. I tried to test for webbed feet which the standard says is important but this upset the dogs so much I desisted.

### **VETERAN DOG (2)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> MISS J NELSON'S GAESTEN ZIPPY ZINGO AT NELBEKIO ShCM RL4:** A typical masculine exhibit with a curly double coat who moved soundly with a light gait. A beautiful male head with dark brown eyes to tone in with his coat, square in body with a spring in the middle ribs and a firm short loin, a more balanced dog than the second. A little more length of leg and height at withers would complete the picture. BV & BIS.

**2<sup>ND</sup> MR D H LIGHTFOOT'S GAESTEN JUST JAGO AT JOYDON:** A heavier dog all over but in proportion. Coat double and woolly. Longer in the loin and wider in the head than the first dog. Square in body, straight front and moved soundly.

### **PUPPY DOG (3)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> MRS L FERGUSON'S DARIO DELLA CAVEJA NAF:** This immature pup shows such promise. He has the correct extra length of his front legs which gives him the distinct elegant outline of the breed and helps him to move in the light effortless way. He was well clothed, for a puppy, in a curly coat and although his chest needs to fill out in rib, it is already deep enough. Excellent straight front and enough bend behind to ensure that he moved as the breed should. Head with correct angulation with round dark eyes. When he matures he should prove an asset to the breed as he possesses the one attribute that many lack i.e. more length on the leg as per the standard. BPD & BP & RBIS.

**2<sup>ND</sup> K & MARK DOUDICAN'S NELBEKIO ELITE EMARDO:** An older more mature puppy, also with a good coat who moved well. Pleasing masculine head but shorter in the leg and longer in body and less balanced than the winner.

**3<sup>RD</sup> H WARDLE-SPENCELEY'S BRANSBUBBLE ST FRANCIS**

### **JUNIOR DOG (1)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> MISS J NELSON'S IL GRANAIO DEI MALATESTA RICHARD AT NELBEKIO:** A balanced young dog who moves very well. Woolly double coat, covering the body. A very good topline and tailset, tight webbed feet, a square body, attractive head of correct proportions with appealing dark eyes.

### **NOVICE DOG (1)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> K & MARK DOUDICAN'S NELBEKIO ELITE EMARDO (2<sup>nd</sup> in Puppy Dog)**

### **POST GRADUATE DOG (4, 2AB)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> MISS J BULLEN'S KARBENI NUA NEMO:** An off-white dog with more length on the leg giving a balanced outline. Pleasing male head, straight front with matching angles producing a free ground covering movement. Neat webbed feet and a curly coat of correct texture.

**2<sup>ND</sup> MR S, MR J & MRS A WALKER'S EUONIA BLUEBELL BOY:** This exhibit seemed unsettled but he had a typical coat and an attractive masculine head. He moved fluidly on strong hocks.

### **LIMIT DOG (2)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> MRS L ADAMO'S MIKETTE MARIO MILLIONAIRE AT ZAKRO:** A balanced dog with a good double woolly coat. A pleasing square body with short neck, sprung middle ribs and a short strong loin which produced a free flowing, light movement.

**2<sup>ND</sup> MR T GRANTHAM'S MIZANI DOROCCO RAFFAELE:** Sadly this dog had no coat and was a little heavy in body, with well angulated shoulders which should have been a little steeper to fit the standard. Heavy in head, but a happy dog.

### **OPEN DOG (1)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> MISS J NELSON, MRS L FERGUSON'S AND MRS M BARKER'S MIZANI DIORO OVER SAVIO:** A pale brown dog with slightly more length of leg and an excellent double, curled coat. He had a square body with a good topline and a strong short loin. A balanced dog who moved freely.

### **VETERAN BITCH (2, 1AB)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> MISS J NELSON'S GAESTEN DESIRABLE DIVA AT NELBEKIO CW13 CJW13 RL2:** An off-white bitch who seemed to be out of coat. She had a pretty head and expression, neat feet and a good topline. She moved soundly.

### **PUPPY BITCH (7, 4AB)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> MISS R DEBASI'S MARLEYDOWN DIMENSIONAL DOT AT MIANATRA:** An attractive puppy with a typical coat and beautiful dark eyes who moved freely and soundly. Typical in every way, but a little more length on the leg would finish the picture, I hope that she grows on. BPB & RBP IN SHOW

**2<sup>ND</sup> MISS J NELSON'S NELBEKIO ELITE EMILIA:** A pretty bitch with a good outline due to a square body and slightly longer length of leg, coat typical, pleasing head but a little straight in the stifle and she moved close behind.

**3<sup>RD</sup> MRS A KEMP'S GRANCANNA FORLI CESENA**

### **JUNIOR BITCH (3, 1AB)**

**1<sup>ST</sup>** MISS M, MISS M L, MRS K & MR B A BRANSBY'S MIKETTE MILLION DREAMS: A pleasing bitch with moderate front and rear angulations who moved very well. In excellent coat- curly and woolly. A pretty feminine head. She just moved slightly close behind.

**2<sup>ND</sup>** MR S MULHEARN & ANDREW HOBGEN'S MIZANI MOON SPICE: This bitch had a lovely head and expression with dark eyes. She was compact in body and moved soundly but her coat was a little sparse in places.

### **NOVICE BITCH (1)**

**1<sup>ST</sup>** MR P HAND'S MOONREED LILY: This bitch too had a very attractive head and good coat. She moved well but was a little close behind.

### **POST GRADUATE BITCH (6)**

**1<sup>ST</sup>** MR M LIGHT'S MOONREED BELLA: This bitch won the class because of her excellent double coat, typical head proportions and free ground-covering movement. She was slightly short on the leg.

**2<sup>ND</sup>** MR S & LYNN WHITTICK'S MOONREED WARBLER: This bitch was a little long in body but had a double weatherproof coat and moved well.

**3<sup>RD</sup>** MR S, MR J & MRS A WALKER'S CAMMINARE PIAFIN CIMONE

### **LIMIT BITCH (3,1AB)**

**1<sup>ST</sup>** MRS J & LAUREN BLUNDEN'S MIKETTE ONE IN A MILLION: A feminine bitch with a typical head with width over the top of the head, neat ears and looser curls on the head. A good body covering of curls and undercoat. Her topline was good. Moderate angulation fore and aft which resulted in free sound movement. BB.

**2<sup>ND</sup>** MRS C SNOWDON'S GAESTEN LUCKY LUNA: A bitch with less coat who was smaller but compact. She had a pretty head and moved well.

### **OPEN BITCH (3)**

**1<sup>ST</sup>** MR & MRS R E & S M & R E WILLS' TIMTAURN TRIBELLA WITH AQUALOOP: This bitch had the correct shoulder angulation with the narrowish front, a good spring of middle ribs, medium bend of stifle, firm topline resulting in sound movement. She had an excellent coat and typey head. RBB.

**2<sup>ND</sup>** MISS M, MRS K & MR B BRANSBY'S NELBEKIO BE IT BAMBALINA: A bitch with well laid shoulders and strong topline. Her head was pleasing but her coat was more open.

**3<sup>RD</sup>** MISS J NELSON'S NELBEKIO ALMOST AN ANGEL RL2

**EILEEN HUGHES – JUDGE 01-12-19**