

Lagotto Romagnolo Club of Great Britain
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First of all, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge the Lagotto Romagnolo Club of Great Britain open show; it really was an honour! Thank you to all the exhibitors who entered and took every decision with great sportsmanship. I must also thank my two hard-working and very efficient stewards. This breed is close to my heart and is filled with such uniqueness and it is important that correct breed type is awarded. It was pleasing to see that temperaments were good and this is down to the dedication and hard work of breeders and owners. Heads were good with many presenting strength and correct proportions. Coats, overall, were correct and presented in good condition although some were slightly short and or soft for the show ring. An area breeders, exhibitors and judges need to take care of is rear construction and subsequently rear movement. As a breed that is part of the gundog group and has a steep history in its working abilities, the lagotto should be fit for function and I cannot say that all exhibits showed this. That being said I was very pleased with my winners today, who showed true breed type alongside sound confirmation and being fit for function.

VD (1,0) 1. Nelson's Mizani Dioro Over Savio 8 year old brown roan. Lovely head with correct proportions with typical lagotto expression and ear set. Correct front assembly and good overall body proportions. Well-made rear, with typical curly coat covering his entire body. Maintains good topline both standing and on the move. Best Veteran Dog and Best Veteran in Show.

PD (1,0) 1. Whittick's Allsong Jelly Bean 7 and half month brown roan. Good head proportions and strength for one so young, nice dark eye to complement his coat colour with correct ear set and expression. Lovely length of leg and nice a compact in body with an excellent coat for his age. Moved well in side profile. Best Puppy Dog and Best Puppy in Show.

JD (2,0) 1. Cuddy, Cuddy & Norbury's Bedeslea Prada Paradoxe 17 and half month brown roan who was in excellent condition and oozed masculinity without being overdone. Classic rustic appearance with a lovely strong head with correct proportions and planes with good. Balanced throughout with no exaggerations. Slightly longer in cast than 2, but good length leg. Correct dense curly coat with an evident guard coat throughout. When behaving, moved with purpose into an easy free flowing trot. I liked this boy a lot and he has lots of potential. Best Dog and Reserve Best in Show 2. Wilson's Sikama Stargazing 12 month brown and white with excellent proportions. Very raw at the moment and needs time to mature and fill his frame. Lovely strong head and muzzle with correct ear set. Good angulation fore and aft. Free and easy mover in side profile. Coat needs time to develop.

ND (1,0) 1 Webb & Ferguson's Tigre Di Casa Ghini White/brown, with nice head type slightly longer in muzzle. Correct proportions with lovely narrowness through the front. Square in appearance and correct in size. Moderately angulated and slightly shorter in rib giving more tuck up than desired. Tail set slightly high which was more prominent on the move. Alert & happy, especially on move.

PGD (4,1) 1. Cuddy, Cuddy & Norbury's Bedeslea Prada Paradoxe Repeat from JD 2. Snowdon & Nelson's Rozebottel's Mario Tronti White and orange who is smaller in size. Short and compact in body with just enough leg- giving a square appearance. Good substance and depth to chest. Presented in slightly shorter coat but with good density, texture and curl. Not quite as tidy coming towards me. 3. Thomas & Thomas' Arcticbreeze On The Double

LD (1,0) 1. Willott's Arcticbreeze On Vacation 2 and half year old brown roan who smaller in size, compact in body and just enough leg. Nice head piece and correct ear set with a lovely lagotto expression. Balanced throughout and moderately angulated too. In excellent coat condition although would prefer less length as I feel this impacts his overall appearance. Moved with ease and harmoniously with his handler.

OD (3,0) 1. Whittick & Whittick's Arcticbreeze Turbulence At Allsong White and brown with the best proportions in the class. I preferred the overall balance of the male with nothing exaggerated. Excellent head with strength and correct proportions nice colour of eye and correct ear set and expression. Moved well. Presented & handled in excellent condition, coat texture, curl with whole body coverage. Reserve Best Dog 2. Arcticbreeze Jackpot Brown roan who was slightly longer in cast than 1. Both very similar in type and many of the same qualities. Nice head with correct length of neck. Moved with ease and drive. Lovely curly coat but slightly soft to touch. 3. Whitworth's Mad Max Madiba Of Freworth (Imp Ita)

VB (2,0) 1. Nelson's Nelbekio Almost An Angel Brown and white of 12 years of age. She was still in fine fettle and obviously enjoyed her time in the ring still. Lovely and narrow through the front. Petite in size

but everything in proportion. A feminine head with correct proportions but muzzle should be stronger. Moved with ease especially considering her age, but carrying her tail a bit high. 2. Whittick & Whittick's Moonreed Warbler At Allsong 7 year old white taller bitch who was longer in cast. Head longer in muzzle than I would prefer. She is sound and moved free and easy.

PB (6,1) 1. Nelbekio Loyal Leony Brown roan with the best proportions on the day. Lovely long legs and square appearance. A delightful character with a feminine head and balanced proportions. Needs time to settle especially on the move, but show lots of promise once settled. Best Puppy Bitch 2. Curlycriz Wildflower At Frommesbeck 6 month white and brown with excellent balance. Slightly longer in cast than 1 and moderately angulated throughout. Pretty head and lovely expression. Moved with drive and determination. Another promising puppy. 3. Shelanio In The Mood

JB (5,2) 1. Norbury's Bedeslea Pradasphere Brown roan with exceptional balance throughout. Square with correct amount of leg and narrowness through the front. A feminine head with correct proportions and lovely expression. Short neck and straight forelegs with good depth of chest, short strong loin, and level topline. Coat is dense, well-textured, and correctly curled once again showing typical rustic appearance. Moved effortlessly and with drive. Pleased to award Best Bitch and Best in Show a thoroughly deserving winner. 2. Bishop & Bishop's Bedeslea Prada Linea Rossa Litter sister to 1 and shares many of the same qualities although slightly longer in cast. For me the best coat of the day; dense, curly and with excellent texture. A nice easy confident mover, but would prefer slightly slower in pace to show off her near perfect footfall. 3. Wilson's Sikama Starlight

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LB (6,2) I found this a difficult class as all present were very different in type. 1. Bell's Il Granaio Dei Malatesta Valeria Brown roan with nice overall balance. Strong bone throughout, although slightly heavier today. Nice head with correct eye although slightly longer in muzzle. Best angulation in the class holding firm topline on the move. Compact in body, but would prefer a little more leg. Lovely dense woolly coat, which was presented in great condition. Moved well from all angles. 2. Lillicrap's Mizani Sebio lola Feminine brown bitch who presented a lovely picture on the stand with her square outline. Pretty head with lovely typical expression. Correct neck and lay of shoulder with good depth to chest. Well-muscled top-line, good loin and correct tail set. Moved effortlessly. 3. Wilson's Emmroche Dancer Of Sikama

OB (3,1) 1. Mort's Arcticbreeze One And Only Smart feminine bitch with substance, balance and outline. Pleasing to the eye with pretty head and expression. Good depth of rib to short filled loin. Moved freely and with ease. Reserve Best Bitch 2. Nelson's Nelbekio Just The Ticket Nice outlined bitch with good size and proportions. A very nice head with correct length and good ear set. Narrow through the front with good depth of chest and angulations fore and aft. Did not show her best on the move today.

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