

Labrador Retriever Club of Ontario

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Thank you for allowing me the pleasure of judging your Labradors. There have not been many occasions when I have looked out over a group of dogs who individually on their own are all in the competition for the major awards. The judge who had judged the previous day, Cecelia Hernandez and I discussed following my assignment, the surprising absence of dogs of a lesser quality. The dogs in the specialty were consistently of a superior quality, the majority a reflection of our standard. Front ends have greatly been improved in the dogs presented to me.

The two classes that shrieked of quality were the Junior female class and the specials class. But many of the other classes had good depth as well, just overshadowed by the aforementioned classes.

Junior Puppy Male

1 - 642 - Shalane's Strangers In The Knight - very complete puppy at this age. Pleasing head with a soft expression. Firm coat with nice texture and depth. Topline extends from back of skull in a flowing line to end of tail without a break. Moves freely coming and going stands square.

2 - 039 - Very close in type to #1 Slightly larger but in command of himself. Typey black with good coat. Angles front and back make for a very balanced complete picture.

12 - 18 Month Dog

1 - 658 - Cawarra's Yee Haw - nicely balanced yellow boy. Nice forechest and front end assembly which he uses to his best advantage. Good moving dog. Has a very pretty head with good pigment which highlights his nice expression.

2 - 334 - Fargoridge's Made To Order - Nicely balanced dog, compact with good angles which makes for a lovely picture. Also carries a good head and typical Labrador expression. Good front with nice layback in shoulder.

Open Black Dog

1 - 050 - Saddlehill's Late Knight Scramble - Lovely typey black male who dominated the ring. Possessing good bone and substance, in balance with the rest of the body. Coat is crisp and dense to touch. Tremendous second thigh dropping to powerful short hocks and nice tight feet. Classic head piece for a dog of this type with a kind expression. Personifies the word balance and type. Movement was free and effortless despite his larger size.

2 - 728 - Briarwood's I Want To Be A Rockstar - Lovely dog in his own rights. Unfortunately, overpowered in this class by a much older, mature dog. He also possesses very good type with correct angles. Lovely head and expression on a good neck which flowed into nice shoulder placement. Moves with great confidence for a dog of his age.

Open Chocolate

1 - 040 - Chablais Omar - Typey chocolate male with a good coat. Balanced head with correct eye color. Nice set of shoulders with good layback and upper arm.

Winners Dog - #050

Reserve Winners Dog - #040

Veteran Dog

1 - 025 - Ch Tabatha's Renegade - Truly a great gentleman - very typey and full of himself. Looks wonderful for 10 years of age. Movement is crisp and clean. Makes a complete picture with an attitude thrown in.

Jr Puppy Bitch Class

AWESOME - This class was the strongest of the day in numbers and in depth of quality. Truly wonderful futures await many of these lovely youngsters. Very close class where personal preference for certain traits is all that separated the placements.

1 - 640 - Shalane Knightingail - beautiful young black bitch carrying a lovely head with sweet expression. Good depth of coat. Nice front with correct layback. Topline runs smoothly from the back of the skull to tip of tail with no breaks. Moves true front and back. Nice bone for a puppy of this age.

2 - 038 - Chablais Brume - pushing #1 very closely. A slightly larger girl but no less typey. Pretty headpiece with good labrador expression. Lovely shoulder placement with good forechest. Nice confident movement. Should also expect a good future as this girl develops.

Canadian Bred Bitch

1 - 657 - Oaksill April Fools at Cawarra - Nicely balanced black girl with a bit lighter in coat. She has a good reach of neck flowing into correct shoulders. Nice turn of stifle with a good second thigh.

2 - 268 - Bralex's Bella Breeze - Nicely put together yellow with a good turn of stifle and nice short hocks. Very pretty headpiece with wonderful pigment.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch

1 - 026 - Wayfield Oaksill Knight Moves - Pretty black bitch who unfortunately today was not totally interested in showing off. Nicely balanced with a good crisp coat.

Winners Bitch - #640

Reserve Winners Bitch - #038

Best of Breed

A strong class of very good dogs. It wouldn't have been difficult to close your eyes and just picked a dog. Such depth of class, no single dog would have been incorrect. I selected my winners by personal preferences and could have spent much longer agonizing over the dogs that I was unable to award a ribbon to! They each will have another day. Congratulations to the owners of such a fine group of dogs.

Best of Breed - #41 - Ch Chablais Chouchou - a wonderfully typey bitch of superb quality. She literally demanded the ribbon. Her attitude sparkled and she just kept on giving more to her handler. Movement was flawless - smooth and unhindered. Lovely forechest and shoulders with sufficient keel. A smooth line from skull to tail. Her face and expression - pure labrador, alert and soft. Happy, happy attitude. Nicely balanced rear, good second thigh with nicely turned stifle, short hocks into nice feet. A specimen to be proud of who truly deserved the win.

Best of Opposite, Best of Winners - #50- Saddlehill's Late Knight Scramble - My Winners Dog who commanded the ring through the classes. Mature male who very much complimented my Best of Breed Winner. Very little to fault with this great boy. I understood later that he has done extremely well and so he should. Wonderful dog!

Best Puppy in Breed - #642 - Shalane Knightingail - My delightful Winners Bitch. She was beginning to tire at the end of the day but type remained and she was more than deserving of this win.

Award of Merit - #647 - Ch Fallriver Chika Boom - I would loved to have given more of these awards out but as I was limited to one I chose this lovely typey bitch with all the right labrador attributes. Lovely head and expression. Good coat. Nicely balance. In good company with my other major winners.

Respectfully

Joyce Love