Wickford Basildon & District Canine Society Open Show 14th May 2022

I would like to thank the committee for their kind invitation although it was a long time coming, due to the pandemic. But what a wonderful welcome awaited me, the weather was sunny and warm, and fantastic dogs, too.I was spoilt for choice in many of my classes, and the Gundog Group was a pleasure to judge. My Group winner went on to Best In Show, What a delight!

A.V.N.S.C. Gundog Puppy – 3 (1a)

1st Sladden's Valcor The Confessor At Canemamans, Bracco Italiano, 10 month old male, well put together, lovely head & expression, Well boned. Good rib, a little loose on the move. Clinced this class with his overall balance and breed type. Best Puppy.

2nd. Watts, Oakleaf Manor Bay of Oakmarsh (Imp Deu), Retriever (Chesapeake Bay), also 10 months, but was a little apprehensive on my first approach. Very feminine in head. good straight front, well off for bone and nice feet. Good in neck and topline with strong quarters, coat a bit on the turn.

Junior - 5 (1a)

1st. Latherton's Fynder Reacher, Spaniel (Irish Water), Super construction, head carriage and topped off with a happy outgoing personality, very much a showman in the making. Super head and eye, good length of neck, deep chest, in super coat and condition. Moved around the ring as if he owned it. A.V.N.S.C. Gundog Reserve Best of Breed. Later very pleased to award him Best Reserve Best of Breed Gundog.

2nd Sladden's Valcor The Confessor At Canemamans.

3rd. Watts' Oakleaf Manor Bay of Oakmarsh (Imp Deu)

Graduate – 10 (4a)

1st. Whittington's Juldeane Line Of Duty (AI) English Setter, Lovely head and melting expression, good in neck, topline lovely straight front, in lovely bloom, moved with drive on a good stride covering the ground with ease. He was giving his handler a hard time today as his mind I think was on the ladies.

2nd. Swainson's Afterglow O'Reilly For Sailorsville, Spaniel (American Cocker), Lovely head, & expression, with well set on neck. His black coat gleaming in the sun. Level back good balanced body proportions, with straight front, his tail never stopped wagging, moved around the ring with ease.

3rd. Watts' Oakmarsh Freedom Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)

Open – 7 (2a)

1st. Crouch's Trimere Timeless With Kasson Spaniel (English Springer), In superb bloom and condition, coat gleaming in the sun, well put together standing 4 square, when viewed from any direction. Lovely head and expression, strong topline, good depth of body with good bone. Moved around the ring as if he owned it. Best A.V.N.S.C. Gundog,

2nd Daniels' Ivcar Into The Woods, Spaniel (Sussex), 31/2 year old male, good red type, lovely head & expression, very happy disposition. Good in topline, rib and couplings. Moved well.

3rd. Sladden's Tyrbechgyn Believe You Will at Canemamans JW Bracco Italiano

Retriever (Flat Coated)

Puppy – 1

1st Knight & Jacobs' Gemswin Daydream Believer, This little girl's first show today and she breezed into the ring, taking everything in her stride. Very feminine, in super coat and condition. A good mover covering the ground with an easy stride. Balanced body with straight forelegs, good depth and spring of rib. With a good bed of strifle. Best Puppy.

Junior 1 (1a)

Graduate 2 (1a)

1st Beeson's Esined Double Delght, Pretty 19 month old girl, nice head & expression, lovely length of neck and straight front. Good depth of chest and rib. Stands 4 square in lovely coat and condition. Moved on an easy stride.

Open 4

1st Phipps Baker & Baker's Never Say Never Oasis Of Peace (ATC AW01900CZE), Looking very much the part today her coat just shone. At nearly 3 years old she is coming into her prime. Femine head and expression, lovely flow of neck into well laid back shoulders, superb topline and tailset, with that flat coat must, the ever wagging tail!! Balanced body properties, and good bend & width of stifle. Moved Around the ring with purpose, totally at one with her handler. Pleased to award her Best of Breed.

2nd. Knight & Jacobs' Gemswin Dressed For Success, Lovely bitch on the move, with feminine head and expression, preferred the shoulder construction of my winner, good in upper arm and topline, with typical ever wagging tail. Reserve Best of Breed.

3rd. Beeson's Esined Pandora

AV Imported Breed Register Gundog

Open 1.

1st. Sladden's Khyannes Triton At Canemamans (Imp Hiun), Braque D'auvergne, 4 year old male, a very good mover, covering the ground with ease. Good head and eye, straight front, and topline, strong hindquarters, stands 4 square. In good coat & condition. Best A.V. Imported Breed Register.

A.V. Gundog Veteran 15 (3a) A lovely class, where I really was spoilt for choice.

1st. Barham's Kenwardgold Minnie Me, Stunning Liver & White 7 year old bitch, who belies her years. Correct head and expression, super length of neck leading into

correct front construction, straight forelegs, strong body and well muscled rear. Really comes into her own on the move, a very stylish mover.

2nd.Thomas'Sh Ch Bowdonia Anastasioa JW ShCM - Springer (Welsh) Another classy lady who belies her years. Balanced head and feminine expression, strong topline, superb construction both front & rear, Shown in profuse coat which gleamed in the sun. Moved with ease.

3rd. Hudson's Aymsbury Akaysha – Retriever (Golden)

Gundog Group

1st. The most beautiful Irish Setter, Gisby's - Sutteresett Rum Tum Tugger, completely filled my eye on the first run round, commands attention if fine fettle and so pleased to see him go Best In Show. Well Done.

2nd Welsh Springer Spaniel, Woodward's – Hinxwood Fire And Ice

3rd. Pointer, Brooksmith's – Nightgold Pipkin

4th Phipps, Baker & Baker's – Never Say Never Oasis Of Peace (ATC AW01900CZE)

Gundog Puppy Group

1st. Pointer, Perren & Welch's – Evaluna Chasing Rainbows with Hookwood, Beautiful specimen, moved with purpose & drive, must have a bright future. Well Done.

2nd Golden Retriever, Todd's – Kelbadora Dream Of Dreams with Toddrosa.

3rd. Bracco Italiano, Sladden's - Valcor The Confessor At Canemamans.

4th. Spaniel (Cocker), Bindza's – Laurellakes Dream Machine.

Vicky Clarke-Gear, Judge