

The Labrador Club of Potomac 2013

Having judged Labradors for more than three decades worldwide including numerous UK appointments, it was a particular pleasure and joy to judge bitches at the prestigious Potomac Labrador Club show, a great thrill and honour.

My thanks to this club for the invitation and very importantly to the exhibitors for the entry. A high quality entry that was a pleasure to judge.

Big thanks to my superb steward mrs. Carol Brown.

American Bred – Black. A great start, a strong class

1.

What a lovely bitch, excellent head, dark eye, very good reach of neck and well laid shoulders, good body, strong quarters, excellent tail and coat. Impressed by her free and easy movement. – my reserve best bitch

2.

2. years old bitch who is well presented, not yet fully developed in body. Pleasing in head, strong neck, well laid shoulders. Firm tipline. Good bone and feet. . Sound mover.

Chocolate

1

I felt this bitch had the best outline and she moved freely. Balanced head, hazel eye, very good neck and front. Not in her best coat.

2.

In better coat, deep chocolate color. Today not giving her best on the move. Pleasing in head and eye. Excellent tail.

Yellow

A very good class headed with 2 quality bitches

1. A lovely bitch in full coat and real otter tail. She is well balanced and moved freely. Feminine head, well boned. Well presented.

2.

Slightly heavier, still balanced
Well shaped head, very good reach of neck and well laid shoulders,
Deep body, in full coat. Moved well.

Labrador bitches - 6 & under 9 Months.

Black - a lovely class full of promising puppies

1. Loved this young bitch, she is all Labrador. Short coupled and balanced for her age. On top of that she moved with great style. Balanced head, kind eye, strong neck and well laid shoulders, strong quarters, double coat, otter tail. Among the 10 best bitches.
2. Very smart young bitch who gave her very best. She is balanced and sound mover. Feminine head, firm topline, strong quaters, well boned and tight feet.

Chocolate

1. Best mover in this class. Deep chocolate color and in good coat. very good reach of neck, well laid shoulders, well boned. Excellent tail.
2. Well presented.. Feminine head which is balanced for her age. Deep body, well boned. Preferred expression of the winner. Moved well.

Yellow

1. A lovely puppy giving her very best. Well shaped head, dark eye, excellent pigmentation, clean strong neck, well laid shoulders, in good coat and excellent tail. sound mover
2. Smart short coupled balanced young bitch. Feminine head, clean neck, very good body for her age. Not in her best coat. Moved well.

9 & under 12 months

Black

1. Lovely head and well balanced all over. Firm topline and good tailset. Double coat. Moved with drive
2. Pleasing to go over, balanced in profile, good spring of rib, good rear angulation. Sound mover

Chocolate

1. Similar in type to winner of the previous class. Pleasing head, strong neck, well ribbed and good bone. Sound mover
2. Feminine head, good depth of chest, , level topline and good tail. Moved freely

Yellow.

1. Smart young bitch, balanced and clean outline. Kind head, wellmade body for her age. Balanced angulation. Moved well
2. Another pleasing young bitch, feminine head, kind eye, strong quaters, well boned. Sound mover

12 & under 15 months

Black

1. Lovely black bitch full of quality, in full coat and excellent ottertail. Balanced head, kind eye, firm topline, strong quaters. Moved with excellent drive.
2. Quality lively bitch who gave her very best. She is well balanced with a pleasing head, very good reach of neck, well boned. Not quite the coat of winner. Sound mover.

Chocolate

1. Very good outline, balanced head, eyes needs to darken, strong neck and good front and quaters. Well boned. Moved well
2. Pleasing bitch of good size, feminine head, nice spring of rib, good tailset. Topline could be firmer. Not giving her very best on the move, it was a very hot day.

Yellow

1. Showy yellow who gave her best. She is short coupled and well balanced. Pleasing head, kind eye, firm topline and good spring of rib. Well boned. Feet could be tighter. Sound mover. Not in her best coat.
2. very close. I did like this bitch a lot. In better coat. Lovely head and dark eye. Very good reach of neck and well laid shoulders. Strong quaters. Perhaps a tad longer in loin. Good coat. Moved well.

15 & under 18 months - a super class

Black

1. Top quality bitch with an excellent outline. Elegant, stylish yet all Labrador. A difficult combination to get in a Labrador. Excellent coat and otter tail. Sound mover, shown in top condition - My best bitch
2. I was impressed by her free and easy movement. Another quality bitch with a feminine well shaped head, dark eye, good depth of body and firm topline. Well boned.

Chocolate

1. In good coat, a well developed bitch with good spring of rib. Firm topline and good tailset. Well boned and tight feet.
2. Not quite as balanced and slightly longer in loin. Very pleasing in head, well laid shoulders, good bone and feet. Topline could be firmer. Sound mover

Yellow.

1. A lovely bitch who is well balanced and she has a lot of quality. Kind head and eye, very good neck and balanced angulation. Firm topline, well boned and moved freely.
2. just preferred expression of the winner. Having said that little separated these 2 bitches. She has lots of quality and shown in excellent condition.

Novice

Black

1. Lovely type, shown in full coat. Feminine well shaped head, soft expression, well boned and tight feet. Moved soundly
2. I liked this bitch a lot, she is well balanced with a clean outline. Sound mover. Not in her best coat otherwise she could have won this class.

Chocolate

1. Smart bitch in good coat and excellent dark color. Pleasing in head and kind eye. Well laid shoulders and firm topline. Deep body. Good tail set. Moved with drive.
2. Good size and well balanced. Feminine head, firm topline, would prefer a bit more bone. Moved well.

Yellow

1. Pleasing bitch in full coat. Well shaped head, kind eye, strong quaters, well boned and tight feet. Sound mover.
2. Lovely head, very good reach of neck, deep body, well boned. In good coat and excellent tail. Would like her a bit more up on leg. Moved ok

Amateur-owner-handler

Black

1. Well presented bitch of good size. Well shaped head, strong quaters, well boned. Moved freely
2. Well boned bitch standing foresquare, pleasing in overall balance and sound mover.

Chocolate

1. Pleasing headshape, good body, topline and bone. Moved freely.
2. Very typical and good for size, good bone and feet. Not quite as finished in depth and quaters yet. Sound on the move

Yellow

1. Clean outline, attractive head and dark kind eye. Very good neck and shoulder, firm topline and good tailset. Well presented and moved freely
2. Just needs a bit more time to finish the overall picture. Feminine head, deep body, strong quaters, sound mover

Bred by Exhibitor

Black - a lovely class

1.

Free and sound mover. A balanced bitch with a lot of quality. Kind head and eye. very good reach of neck and well laid shoulders. Firm topline and good tailset. Not in her very best coat.

2.

another lovely bitch, giving her best. Well shaped head, strong neck, balanced angulation. Well boned. In good coat. Preferred movement of winner.

Chocolate

1.

Very good coat and deep color. Good size. Feminine head, clean neck, deep body, balanced angulation, feet could be tighter. Sound mover.

2.

Balanced bitch with a pleasing head, good reach of neck and deep body. Topline could be firmer, not in her best coat. Sound mover and well presented.

Yellow

1.

Lovely type, well balanced. Well shaped head, kind eye, clean strong neck and well laid shoulders, very good spring of rib, well boned. Not in her best coat. Sound mover

2.

22 months and needs a bit more time to develop. Feminine head, clean neck and well laid shoulders, deep body, strong quarters. Moved well.

Open

Black - wonderful class full of quality,

1. High quality bitch shown in top condition. Kind head and eye, very good reach of neck and well laid shoulders, well ribbed body and strong rear. Firm topline. well boned. Double coat and ottertail. Moved freely and well presented.

2. Another topclass bitch and an excellent mover. Lovely head, clean neck, firm topline, firm topline, balanced angulation, well boned and tight feet. In good coat and well presented. A close decision.

Chocolate

1. Excellent outline, kind head and eye. strong neck, firm topline and good spring of rib. strong quarters. Well boned. Very good coat and color. Moved freely.
2. Sound mover and well presented. Pleasing in outline and size. Well shaped head, strong neck and firm topline. Not in her best coat.

Yellow - another super class

1. This yellow who have stayed on my mind. A striking bitch full of quality and clean in outline. Well shaped head and kind eye. excellent neck and well laid shoulders. well ribbed and strong quarters. well boned. Moved freely. In full coat she could have been my overall winner.
2. A neat bitch with a sweet head and lovely reach of neck, clean outline, firm topline, balanced angulation, well boned. Moved freely