

Southern Golden Retriever Society - Single Breed Open Show, East Malling Village Hall, Kent ME19 6DD
Saturday 4th October 2025

My sincere thanks to the Committee for inviting me to judge at this lovely, well-organised and enjoyable show, and to the exhibitors for accepting my decisions in such a sporting manner. I was pleased with the high standard of overall presentation and the good condition of the exhibits. Temperaments were consistently good throughout, and the majority exhibited correct scissor bites.

VD (2,1)

1. Stallard's Maplerose All Tuckered Out. Nine year old boy shown with a dense mid-golden coat. Lovely chiselled head and kind expression, with good length of neck flowing into correct layback of shoulder. Good tight feet. Deep through the chest with good spring of rib, and balanced throughout with good front and rear angulation. Maintained a level topline on the move with correct tailset. Moved well, covering the ground effortlessly. BVD, BVIS.

MPD (3, 0)

1. Jenner's Rosgar Moondust Delightful seven month old pale golden boy. He has the sweetest of heads with dark pigment and a melting expression. Clean neck of good length into well placed shoulders. Good length of upper arm which gives a well angled front. Good rear angulation and short-coupled giving a lovely balanced picture. Once settled he moved well, holding a level topline. Was delighted to award him BPD and RBPIS.

2. Jackson-Haines' Leighsham Sweeney Todd. Another seven month old pale boy, larger in frame than 1. A masculine head with good pigment. Good length of neck leading into a correct shoulder assembly. Good bone and tight feet. Short-coupled with good depth of rib. A happy little showman who, at present, is standing a little bum high, however held a pleasing level topline on the move.

3. Apps' Rosgar Fly Me To The Moon

PD (3,2)

1. Apps' Rosgar Fly Me To the Moon. Third in the Minor Puppy class. A finer-built puppy with a balanced head, dark pigment, and a pleasing, soft expression. Moderately angulated in front with good, tight feet. Short-coupled with good rear angulation. Showed better movement in this class, settling into a nice rhythm and holding a level topline.

JD (3,2)

1. Todd's Xanadu With Toddrosa of Sunshine's Valley (IMP BEL) JW. My notes read – what a cheeky young man! This boy is full of exuberance and clearly kept his handler on their toes today. When settled, I'm sure he could do well. He has a lovely masculine head with a kind expression. Well off for bone and has good straight forelimbs. Good angulation front and rear. Longer in loin. His movement was somewhat erratic today, which reflects his enthusiasm.

YD (0,0)

MD (2, 1)

1. Putnam's Sunfern Petruchio. Four year old mid golden presented in great coat and condition. Pleasing head with a soft expression. Good front and rear angulation, with a level topline when viewed in profile. Slightly tall in hock. On the move today, he was a little unsettled, resulting in a loss of topline.

ND (3,1)

1. Putnam's Sunfern Petruchio. First Maiden Dog.

2. Todd's Xanadu with Toddrosa of Sunshine's Valley (IMP BEL) JW. First Junior Dog.

UGD (7,3)

1. Foreman's Ambersun Summer Son JW. A real eye catching two year old boy, who I'm sure will have a bright future ahead. Beautifully presented in rich golden coat. He had a balanced head with beautiful dark pigment and a melting expression. A good straight front and good tight feet. Balanced and unexaggerated in angulation. Short coupled with a good spring of rib. Moved with drive maintaining a level topline throughout. A very close decision in the BIS challenge. BD, RBIS, BOS

2. Jayakumar & Rajendran's Zenevieva Bolder Than Brass. Another impressive two year old boy. A masculine head, well proportioned, with dark pigment and kind expression. Clean neck of good length into a correctly angulated front with a moderately angled rear angulation. Slightly longer cast, therefore not have the same overall balance as 1 today. Moved well holding a level topline. RBD

3. Linfield's Tonara Yellowstone JW

GD (2,2)

PGD (1,0)

1. Gulliver's Tonara Moon Walk. Pleasing head with dark pigment and kind expression. Good length of neck into balanced front and rear angulation. Short coupled without exaggeration and deep through ribs. He moved well, holding a level topline.

LD (1,1)

OD (4,2)

1. Foreman's Ambersun Heart And Soul. A beautifully presented, happy boy, with his tail wagging constantly. Chiselled head and a gorgeous soft expression. Balanced throughout with good reach of neck, moderate angulation front and rear. Straight front with lovely, tight feet. He moved steadily, and with purpose maintaining a level topline.

2. Todd's Van Gogh of Sunshine's Valley (IMP BEL) JW. Three year old boy, shown in superb coat and condition. He has a pleasing head with dark eyes and a kind expression. Good angulation front and rear, though slightly longer in loin. Preferred the overall balance of 1 today. Moved well, with a level topline.

SP.OD (0,0)

Super classes of baby puppies- an absolute delight to judge!

Baby PD (3,0)

1. Wainwright's Ashbyglenn I Dreamed A Dream. Just what I adore in a baby puppy, I could have happily taken him home! A Pale boy with a profuse wavy coat. Full of happiness with a wagging tail. Lovely head with dark pigment and sweet expression. At this stage, he is balanced throughout with good front and rear angulation. Good bone with well developed, tight cat like feet. He moved well and deserved his Best Baby Puppy award.

2. Norris' Fenpinque Royal Rebel By Molestream. Another lovely baby puppy, sharing many of the same qualities as one. Slighter in build. Sweet head with the darkest of pigment. A balanced puppy, with a level topline and good tailset when standing in profile. Moved well.

3. Dyer, Appleyard-Dyer & Dyer's Adore Henry Warrior King

Baby PB (3,1)

1. Low's Altindan Venice Queen. Mid golden with a sweet, feminine head and dark eyes. Good length of neck into well-angulated front, short coupled. Slightly straight in stifle at this stage in her development, resulting in a slightly bum high stance. Moved happily round the ring.

2. Henderson's Sunfern Schuyler Sister. This puppy is at an earlier stage of her development. Slighter in build, with the sweetest of heads and rich, dark pigment. Balanced with moderate front and rear angulation. Lovely tight feet and a level topline when settled in profile. Moved okay.

VB (4,0)

A very close decision for first and second – truly splitting hairs!

1. Foreman's Wynrita Hot To Trot To Ambersun. What a happy girl, her tail wagging constantly! This 8 year old mid golden bitch, presented in a dense coat has a pleasing head with a soft, gentle expression. Balanced, with good front and rear angulation and good spring of rib. A straight front with tight feet. She moved round the ring steadily around the ring, clearly enjoying her day. BVB, RBVIS.

2. Pett's Lady In Red De Ambersclan of Rumwood VW. Ten year old girl, beautifully presented with a blonde, wavy coat. Very feminine, with a soft, gentle expression and dark eyes and pigment. Clean flowing neck into a correct front construction. Short coupled with a deep chest and well sprung ribs. Good turn of stifle. Moved well.

3. Poile's Summeramba Twizzle At Cherrimara

MPB (3,0)

1. Jackson-Haines' Leighsham Legally Blonde. Beautifully presented seven month old mid golden puppy, with a lovely feminine head with soft expression. Short coupled and balanced, with a clean well proportioned neck into correct front assembly. Well angulated rear with nicely bent stifles. Good bone and tight feet. Moved well and with confidence. BPB, BPIS.
2. Mandley's Maltqudos Vanity Fayre. A very close decision and another delightful puppy. Beautiful blonde coat, excellent condition. A sweet head with rich dark pigment. Very similar attributes to one, she is balanced in angulation front and rear, slightly longer in loin. Good depth of rib, with correct tailset, and holding a level on the move.
3. Hill & Smith's Rosgar Wish Upon A Star

PB (6,1)

1. Maynard's Weisford Born Of The Sea To Chinnordale. A very promising eleven month old, fit and enjoying her day with a constantly wagging tail. She has a lovely head shape with dark pigment, giving a soft, gentle expression. Pleasing length of neck which flows into a good layback of shoulder. Moderately angulated front and rear angulation, producing a balanced outline with a level topline. Neat, tight feet with good bone. She moved well.
2. Foreman's Ambersun Winter Treasure. A pretty, feminine eleven month old bitch. Lovely blonde coat, with a balanced head, dark eyes and pigment giving a soft expression. Good length of neck into a good front assembly. Deep through ribs. Level top line with correct tailset. Slightly longer cast, and moved well, though not quite matching the overall balance of 1.
3. Poile & Blackboro's Cherrimar Electra

JB (3,1)

1. Ball's Shearstone Live In The Dream At Fivelms. A pretty, blonde bitch presented beautifully. Clearly a happy girl who enjoys showing herself off. Lovely head with dark eyes. Straight front with tight feet. Well constructed front assembly, good rear angulation and well turned stifles presenting a pleasing outline. Level topline. Moved well, covering the ground, just a touch close behind
2. Brown's Louellabrook Love Star. Eleven month old pale blonde bitch. Head shows good substance, just a touch stronger than the feminine ideal, with lovely dark eyes and pigment. A good length of neck. Good front and rear angulation. Slightly longer cast, and in profile can occasionally pull forward, giving a slightly stretched appearance behind. Tight neat feet. She moved well, holding her topline and tail level.

YB (2,0)

1. Harding & Starts Eveninghill Home By The Sea. Two year old bitch in great condition with a lovely mid golden coat. Feminine head with good pigment and a gentle expression. Nothing exaggerated, balanced throughout with moderate front and rear angulation. Straight front with good bone and tight feet. Straight topline with good tailset. Moved well. RBB.
2. Porter's Rosgar Sparkling Love. Another two-year-old bitch, beautifully turned out and larger framed than 1. She has a pleasing head with good pigment and a sweet, soft expression. Moderate front and rear angulation giving a balanced outline, with a straight front, good spring of rib, and good turn of stifle. She was a little fidgety today, which occasionally caused her topline to dip; however, on the move she held her topline and moved well.

MB (2,0)

1. Foreman's Ambersun Winter Treasure. Second Puppy Bitch.
2. Brown's Louellabrook Love Star. Second Junior Bitch.

NB (8,2)

1. Maynard's Weisford Born Of The Sea To Chinnordale. First Puppy Bitch.
2. Foreman's Ambersun Winter Treasure. Second Puppy Bitch.
3. Poile & Blackboro's Cherrimar Electra

UGB (5,1)

1. Ball's Shearstone Live In The Dream At Fivelms. First Junior Bitch.
2. Healey's Marsabit Celtic Harp. Eighteen month old, pale golden bitch, beautifully presented. Feminine head with dark eyes and pigment, enhanced by lovely shading round her eyes and along the top of the muzzle, giving her a very sweet expression. Excellent front construction and a well bent stifle. Good spring of ribs. She moved well.

3. Pett's Rumwood Solar Eclipse

GB (2,1)

1. Poile's Thornywait Starshine At Cherrimar. Three year old mid golden bitch, shown in fit condition. Lovely head with gentle expression. Good length of neck into a correct layback of shoulder. Slightly short in upper arm, which limits her ability to stand with the forelegs well under the body. Deep through chest and a good spring of rib, and short coupled. Good rear angulation. Moved with drive maintaining her level topline.

PGB (1,0)

1. Mandley's Maltqudos Enchanted JW. Three year old golden bitch, shown in lovely condition, fit and presented with an immaculate coat. Beautiful head with soft expression. Pleasing length of neck flowing into a good layback of shoulder, good return of upper arm nicely balanced with good rear angulation. Moved steadily.

LB (2,2)

OB (5,1)

1. Healey's Marsabit Shimmer And Shine. A beautiful bitch presented in a rich golden, wavy coat and in superb condition. She has the sweetest of heads, with dark eyes and a soft, melting expression. Pleasing length of neck flowing into an excellent front assembly. Balanced throughout, with good rear angulation, good turn of stifle and well let down hocks. Straight both front and rear with neat, tight feet. Good spring of rib and level topline. She moved with drive and purpose, her energy and enthusiasm giving her the edge in the Best in Show decision. BB, BIS
2. Jolly's Marsabit Tinkerbelle For Letitia. Four year old bitch shown in fit condition, though her golden coat was not at its best today. Nicely balanced head with dark eyes and pigment and a kind expression. Would prefer a little more length of upper arm, which would allow her forelegs to be placed more under her body. Short coupled, with a level topline and a good rear angulation. Lovely tight feet, and she stood foursquare. Moved well.
3. Gayler's Carolake Voulez Vous

SP.OB (0)

Judge: Gail Greig (Cranngary)