

**The Newfoundland Club of New South Wales
2023 Frances Wilson Memorial Championship Show
Saturday 19th August 2023, Orchard Hills, NSW Australia**

I was so excited to be asked to judge The Newfoundland Club of New South Wales Specialty Championship Show on Saturday 19th August in Orchard Hills, Sydney. Thank you to all the exhibitors who entered under me, for accepting all my placings so well and for being such a great bunch of people. The atmosphere around the ring was happy and friendly and everyone was supportive of the winners.

Overall, the quality of the dogs was excellent and I had some tough decisions to make when placing the exhibits. Type was varied but not as diverse as I expected it to be, and I was pleased to find that there were no obvious faults that needed attention from breeders. Heads were good, not overdone, and ears were neat and well set. In Europe dogs with ears like Hounds are often seen in the showing, spoiling the expression of the Newfoundland. Eyes were particularly good in all the exhibits. In the UK and Europe, we have concerns that a number of inherited eye problem are creeping into the breed and Judges are asked by the UK Kennel Club to report any findings after their judging. Coats were correct although obviously many dogs were not in full coat, and that must be a challenge for exhibitors in this hotter climate, but the presentation was excellent and all dogs were well groomed and presented. In my opinion as Australian breeders, you are doing a good job maintaining and producing the specific qualities and characteristics of the Newfoundland Breed.

My Best in Show went to the female Ch. Newfashion Let's Go Girl and Reserve Best in Show was awarded to the male Ch. Planhaven Nordic Sundowner. Best Puppy was Clazzic There Goes Gravity. These were all standout dogs and worthy winners of the top placings.

Suzanne Archer, Judge



BIS - Ch. Newfashion Let's Go Girl

RBIS - Ch. Planhaven Nordic Sundowner



Best Puppy - Clazzic There Goes Gravity

Baby Puppy Dog 1st Magnewficient Boomshake The Room

5 Months and growing well, good head for this stage of development with a nice square muzzle. Level topline and soundly constructed all through. Excellent bone and good depth to his body, growing well. He has lost all his puppy coat and at the in between stage but looks promising.

Minor Puppy Dog 1st Capebass Stop At Nothing

8 months puppy with a smart head coming through with a deep muzzle for his age. Lovely dark well shaped eyes giving a soft expression. Good depth of chest and excellent bone. He has a well-balanced body shape and presented a good outline when standing, with very much everything as it should be at this age. Moved well around the ring with a steady movement.

Intermediate Dog 1st Ch Seadale Day Dream Believer

Impressive tall W/B male with size and substance throughout and excellent presentation. He has a strong but not overdone large masculine head, broad skull and a true Newfoundland expression. Correct straight front with very good bone and lovely well shaped feet. Good depth of chest and well ribbed. In profile, he moved well and his flowed around the ring with style.

2nd Ch Krystalcove In A Haze Of Glory

Another quality black male pushed hard for the first place. Attractive head and expression. Well balanced with moderate angles both fore and aft. Nice straight front with very good bone and lovely feet. Good depth of chest and excellent topline, sound movement both coming and going, and looked super in profile. Coat in good condition with beautiful presentation

3rd Ch Newfashion All Loved Up

W/B heavily marked with lots of ticking which detracts from his more positive attributes. He stood well and presented a balanced outline, he has good head proportions and a kind expression. Strong neck and good shoulder placement. Good spring of rib and well angulated. His young handler made the most of him both standing and on the move.

Australian Bred Dog 1st Ch Magnewficient Step Back In Time

Well balanced male in tip-top condition and the one of the best coats of the day, with good furnishings giving an attractive appearance, good body proportions and a clean outline. Attractive masculine head with nice kind dark eye. He has a strong neck, good depth of chest, well placed shoulders, great bone and lovely tight feet. Well-constructed with a broad back and he is an enthusiastic mover, with good reach and drive, sound from all angles.

2nd Ch Capebass Designed By Versace

A chunky male with a strong masculine head and short muzzle. He has moderate angles, nice straight front with very good bone. Good depth of chest, well ribbed and presented in firm condition. Steady and purposeful mover.

3rd Amoreruby Milo Milkshake

A medium sized attractive brown male with a deep, rich coloured coat. Good eye colour, giving a soft expression attractive head and strong neck. Lovely depth of chest and close-fitting elbows. Excellent hindquarters and lovely angles giving good overall balance. Well handled and moved at just the right speed to show off his sound movement.

Open Dog

This was an exciting class to judge, I had some excellent quality males and it was a pleasure to have the opportunity to get my hands on such first-rate exhibits.

1st Ch Planhaven Nordic Sundowner

A top quality male that has style and presence. Masculine and benevolent expression and well-placed neat ears framing his lovely head. Medium length of neck, good depth and width of chest and presents a lovely outline in profile. Strong broad hindquarter and lovely angles giving good overall balance. Moved with drive and purpose and he was beautifully presented and handled. Difficult to ignore him, deserved his first place. Best Dog and Reserve Best In Show

2nd Sup Ch Krystalcove Blue Steel

Another superb male, very masculine and such a lovely type he really was a great example of our Giant Breed! Massive bone and feet and excellent ribs and strong body in firm condition. He was bigger and heavier than the first placed but moved with style with fantastic reach and drive and wonderful to watch as he powered around the ring with his expert handler. Reserve Best Dog.

3rd Sup Ch Newcastle War Party

An eye catching W/B male in full maturity and at his best. So many pleasing attributes. Good head with broad skull and square, clean muzzle, excellent eyes and expression. Good width and depth to chest. He was well off for bone and well angulated both front and rear. Strong in topline and presented and shown in top condition. Fabulous, impressive movement in all directions with excellent reach and drive.

Baby Puppy Bitch

1st Magnewficient Boomshakalaka

5 months puppy very promising baby with good width and substance throughout. Lovely feminine expression and kind, dark eyes. Good depth of chest and strong legs with good bone. Presents a good outline, standing four square and moved with enthusiasm.

2nd Magnewficient Boomchicaboomboom

Litter sister to the first placed puppy, at a different growth stage, slightly longer in leg and not as well balanced at this moment in time as her sister. It was the first show for both handler and puppy and she was difficult to go over as she was having so much fun! Her novice handler did her best to calm her down and once settled she showed good sound movement. Just needs more practice on the stand and need to work on her lead control to get the best out of her.

Minor Puppy Bitch

1st Yesallaw Choc Cherry Ripe At Newcastle

Very impressive and pleasing chunky brown puppy with a delightful cheeky expression which portrays her true character. In-between coats but her new coat is showing a lovely rich brown colour coming through. Very pretty head and lovely eye shape with the colour matching her coat. Excellent bite, lovely white puppy teeth and well balanced head. Good reach of neck following into excellent shoulders and she has width and depth to her chest. Excellent bone and gorgeous tight feet. Well angulated and presents a promising picture. One to watch for the future.

2nd Capebass Nothing Like A Dame

Very attractive puppy with appealing head and expression who is a well constructed girl for her age. Lovely feminine head which is developing well. She has an appealing outline with good depth of body and an excellent level topline. Sound movement both coming and going.

3rd Planhaven Born Free

Not as together as the previous placed pups, longer in the leg and not as strong in head at the moment. Moved around the ring well, just slightly up in the rear as to be expected at this age.

Puppy Bitch

1st Clazzic There Goes Gravity

Attractive 9 months female who shows a beautiful outline and excellent construction. Really well balanced and stands four square. Beautiful feminine head developing and good reach of neck flowing into an excellent level topline. Lovely bone and feet and good spring of rib. Good head carriage and tail set and she strode around the ring with style. Excellent preparation and well handled to bring out her superb movement. A pleasure to watch her move around the ring.

2nd Newlabel French Blue Diamond

Pretty and feminine puppy with lots of puppy coat, looking fluffy and cute. Lovely dark eyes and small neat ears. Good reach of neck giving her an elegant outline on the stack. Good depth of body and adequate bone for her size. Moved well for a youngster.

Junior Bitch

1st Magnewficient True Dreams

17 months black and she has beautiful style and balance. She has such a pretty head with a soft expression, lovely dark eye colour and good dentition. Deep chested and good width and substance throughout. Excellent topline and good angulation. This girl really strode out on the move with super reach and drive.

Intermediate Bitch

1st Magnewficient Moments Like This

A striking W/B with good markings and a beautiful clean white coat. A confident happy girl who was obviously enjoying her day out. Loved her head shape, correct bite, deep muzzle. Goodbody shape and soundly constructed. Well off for bone and carried herself well on the move. Well presented, in firm condition with excellent muscle tone. Reserve Best Bitch.

2nd Ch Newfashion A Little Bit Tippy At Clazzic

Pretty expression and feminine head, good depth of muzzle, good eye colour, excellent teeth and bite. I liked her overall shape and balance, lovely outline with a good reach of neck and a firm topline. Well constructed and positive rear angulation, moved with drive, well handled.

3rd Newfashion Ying Yang

W/B with just too much black on her left side, otherwise lots to like about her. Strong head and good width of skull and a square muzzle. Excellent width of chest and lovely front and shoulder placement. Well ribbed and good spring of rib. Movement was positive and sound.

Australian Bred Bitch

This was my most difficult class to judge of the day as type was very mixed.

1st Ch Newfashion The Love Bomb

A good honest bitch and presented a good outline. She has a pretty head and a very nice sweet eye. Good shoulder placement, excellent spring of rib with strong broad hindquarters and strong bone. Moved soundly with good front and rear actions.

2nd Ch Capebass Dark Dawn Rising

Attractive in head, medium length of neck, good depth and width of chest and presents a lovely outline in profile. Excellent movement, good reach and drive from the rear, excellent head and tail carriage.

3rd Planhaven Pearls of Frost

Well built, sturdy W/B. Strong head with good width to skull and deep muzzle. Nice straight front with very good bone and lovely feet. Good depth of chest and well ribbed.

Open Bitch

1st Ch Newfashion Lets Go Girl

Wow, this girl is stunning. She oozes quality and style and has an amazing ring presence. Strong but feminine head and expression, correct topline, well angulated shoulders with a good depth of body. Excellent bone and well shaped feet, moved with good reaching action and has lovely rear drive as she moved with ease around the ring. Has the most perfect head carriage and she just demands attention. Presented in excellent condition, beautifully groomed and expertly handled. An absolute pleasure to judge her and to award her Best Bitch and Best In Show.

Open Neuter Bitch

1st Ch Neut Ch Capebass A Promise Kept

Lovely mature bitch with lots to like about her. Beautiful, well proportioned head, strong neck and excellent topline. Good depth of body and excellent shoulders and good spring of rib. Shown in excellent condition, in good coat. Steady and purposeful movement. Well handled and has a good rapport with her hander as she flowed around the ring.

Property Classes

This is a new classification for me. I have never judged property classes before, we don't have them in the UK or Europe as far as I am aware. But the exhibitors who entered these classes were very proud of their placings and it was a pleasure to judge these categories. The 'Best Head' class was my favourite class and really exciting to judge. It was such a pleasure to see all the dogs stacked up and facing me for the judging (see photo below).



Best Head	Sup Ch Krystalcove Blue Steel. A splendid male head, strong with a deep muzzle but not showing any wrinkles. Broad skull, well placed ears and the most appealing expression. Just wanted to give him a big cuddle!
Best Coated Black	Ch Cape Bass Love In The Shadows
Best Marked Landseer	Magnificent Moments Like This
Best Gait	Sup Ch Newcastle War Party
Best Coated Brown	Amoreruby Milo Milkshake
Sire and Offspring	Sup Ch Capebass Nothing Compares To U

Fun Classes

I really enjoyed these classes, it was a lovely relaxing way to end to my judging appointment and we certainly did have fun!

Best Brace This class was hilarious. I had two entries. A lovely matching pair of blacks were the first to be judged. They started off well with the handler having them under control but these two dogs decided otherwise and felt that it was time for a game, they started to play and jump around. The handler eventually gave up, let go of the lead and let them have their game. The next pair of dogs were totally mismatched, a brown and a W/B Nevertheless, the owner had them under control at all times and they moved around the ring in complete symmetry. So, I just had to award Amoreruby Milo Milkshake and Newfashion Ying Yang the Best Brace Award.

Best Lady Handler, Best Gentleman Handler and Best Junior Handler

Sorry, I didn't have their names marked in my catalogue but just to say that everyone took part with great enthusiasm and they seemed to enjoy some of the creative shapes and moves that I asked them to perform. Well done to you all it was a close decision but, in the end, I had to give the Best Handler of the Day to the young Junior Handler Jordan Long.

Fancy Dress & Carting

Finally, to end the show, we had a lovely couple, Michelle Meacham and her husband and their Newfoundland girl Luna who came along with their cart and gave us a demonstration of her skills at carting and also dressing up. She had a beautiful hairband filled with flowers and her cart was decorated with flowers too. She looked so pretty and she was a pleasure to watch.

