

## **Sweden Report**

### **Ray Smith (Milverly)**

On this beautiful sunny weekend it was a most pleasurable occasion to judge Springerklubben, Annaboda. It was the 5<sup>th</sup> occasion that I have officiated in Sweden so my sincere thanks go to exhibitors that continue to give me their entry, it is very much appreciated. It was obvious a lot of effort had gone into making this a successful show so a special mention must go to the hard working committee for organising such a friendly well organised event, and for the generous Swedish hospitality afforded to us during our stay.

Just like in most countries there were various different styles, but in general quite a few were of good breed type. Size was good and presentation on the whole was very good apart from some exhibits being rather over trimmed. I'd say construction on average was pretty good though I think a lot lacked bone.... Fine bone shouldn't be accepted as the normal, correct bone and substance completes the picture of a quality Springer.

I must say it was refreshing to judge such a big entry with the majority having super happy temperaments, there very few nervous dogs and most showed really well, I was impressed with how many moved with correct side gait... though not so impressive when viewed from front and back.

That said I was very impressed with my main winners.....

Best dog & BIS was a beautifully presented 21 months old dog called 'Visanga Off The Leash'.... Moderate yet stylish, he presented well balanced picture with good length of leg and correct length in back. Lovely masculine head with correct chiselling and super dark eye, lovely arched neck, shoulders well laid back and good upper arm, deep ribs and well ribbed back with short strong loin. He owned the ring on the move and pleased me from all angles. I'm sure he has a big future ahead of him.

Best bitch and RBIS was the exquisite 'Lelica's White Shadow'... Feminine yet substantial and of excellent breed type. Beautiful head with correct shaped dark eye. Nice neck flowing into well angled shoulders, upper arm well laid back. Excellent well boned legs and tight feet with super straight front. Strong well ribbed body and deep through the flank. Loved her on the move, so sound and parallel front and back..... A super bitch.

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