

Bala Sheepdog Report – Saturday 12th October 2019

It was the much-anticipated sheepdog sale held on behalf of Bala sheepdog society. People once again turned up in droves to the Rhiwlas Estate, Bala. A large number of prospective purchasers had contacted us prior to sale from the UK, Europe and America with a number of these also showing an interest on the day with purchases made to Norway and the USA.

Topping the day was lot 16 selling for £7,980, Kemi Taff a 16-month-old black and white prick eared, smooth coated eye-catching dog with excellent breeding. The sire was Derwen Doug, who won the 2018 European Nursery Championships by renowned trainer K Evans, and the Dam, Jill by K Evans. A Grandson of Tanhill Glen and Sweep who has won 10 opens in his first 2 seasons and the International brace Championship twice by Ricky Hutchinson. Taff was sold by Dewi Jenkins, a regular vendor and a regular amongst the highest prices at Bala and has built a reputation of being one of the top trainers of his generation. Kemi was sold to a Norway who also purchased a dog from Dewi Jenkins at the sale in May proving that the purchaser is happy with his original purchase.



Dewi Jenkins with Kemi Taff

Another regular amongst the highest prices are the Jones Family from Cefn Eithin and the talented Sion Jones who is local to the area and is also regarded as one of the top trainers in the country. Lot 43, Freebirch Nan achieved £7,350. Nan is a 17-month-old smart smooth coated black bitch with trials potential. Nan is sired by Glant Roy by J Elliot and the dam Meg by T Weston. It was evident that bidders had seen the potential with competitive bidding. The purchaser was from Llangadog of Carmarthenshire.



Sion Jones with Freebirch Nan

Next on the highest priced list was Sarfaen Tess by Emrys Jones and lot number 34 in the catalogue. Tess achieved £4,410 and was sold to Oklahoma, USA. The purchaser was impressed with what he saw on the video prior to sale and was looking for quality, well trained sheepdog. Tess was home bred bitch who has won two nursery trials trained by Emrys alongside his son Thomas Osian Jones, another young and enthusiastic trainer and one for the future.



Emrys Jones with Sarfaen Tess

Lot 41 in the catalogue, Glafes Cap, again with excellent breeding, sired by Mac by Serge Van Der Sweep, Serge Van Der Sweep is of course the former World Sheepdog Trials Champion. Glafes Cap is a 2 ½ year old dog, dam Groesfaen Bet by R W Hughes and sold for £3,780 to local purchaser Iolo Jones of Corwen.

Doug Lambie of Corwen featured again achieving £3,675 for Kate a dark bare skinned bitch. Doug described the bitch as a pleasure to work and trial. Kate's father was Gunnerwell Rock by J Harrison and the dam Bet by T Ollernshaw. Kate stayed in North Wales having been purchased by G Jones of Dolwyddelan.

In the young dogs' section, Goyallt Jaff created a lot of interest, a promising natural dog with good flanks and trial or farm potential. Jaff sold for £682.50 and went to Leek in Staffordshire.

Averages

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| Working Bitches: | £2,794.85 |
| Working Dogs: | £2,382.19 |
| Young Bitches: | £640.50 |
| Young Dogs: | £682.50 |
| Overall working section: | £2,594.77 |

End of report