

Corryisle , 1 September 2018 - Level 3, Judge Claire Price, Scribe Susie Galloway

Thank you Elaine Miller and Jayne Mowbray for inviting me to judge level 3, at your extremely well organised and friendly show, it was a super introduction to Rally across the border in Scotland, and I will definitely be venturing north again in the future to compete with my own dog. I was especially appreciative of your thoughtful gifts. I wanted to also say a big thank you to your group of friends who did an excellent job, as ring stewards, scorers and helpers, they all made the judges job a lot easier. Finally a huge thank you to my super scribe Susie Galloway, who was a real trooper scribing after having judged 2 classes herself.

My class was the last of the day to start and this did seem to impact some teams, were both dog and handler seemed to be flagging a little after a busy day of competition, sensibly these teams chose to withdraw before the end of the round. Overall I was impressed with the teamwork highlighted by the teams. However, something I did note both as a judge and also earlier as a scribe, was that there did seem to be some lacking in sign knowledge which did result in some unnecessary points losses for teams.

I had a class of 13, all of whom worked – 7 qualified, 4 withdrew and 2 nq'ed.

Congratulations to all who qualified, to those who didn't today, keep training and having fun with your dogs and I'm sure your time will come. I look forward to seeing you all around competitions in the future.

1. Margaret Noble, Cream Jade Slim (WSD) 198
A lovely round from an enthusiastic dog with a few small errors. Congratulations on your win and second place!
2. Margaret Noble, Mistra Bow (Cocker Spaniel) 197
This could easily have been the winning round – super enthusiastic spaniel that was keen to get on and show what it could do. The points losses mainly came from handler error in performing a couple of exercises wrong. Well done!
3. Sarah Kremeyer, Stockibears Caramel Mist (GSD) 189
A very nice round with a few costly errors, such as not walking past the tail in the bonus - a good debut at level 3 to work from. Well done!
4. Laura Mandelson, Honey's Tinkerbelle (Papillion) 188
What a super eager little dog, was lovely watching them having so much fun in the ring. Watch out for the unnecessary extra commands. Your Westie also got a qualifier today in this class – I wouldn't have believed his age when my scribe told me. He was super happy. Well done!
5. Karyn Thomson, Bailey Bongolight (Crossbreed) 186
A steady round with a few costly errors mainly coming from anticipation, especially from the dog assuming that as soon as the handler walks away they must drop in to a down. Well done!
6. Lesley Clements, Perfect Storm (Portuguese Waterdog) 180
If I could give a prize to the most enthusiastic recall, this dog would definitely have won it today - He virtually flew across the hall to get to mum! The majority of the points losses today came from a failure of the dog to move with the handler, remember to talk to them as you're about to change position and these could be reduced. Well done!