

First of all, I'd like to thank the EOLBA for the opportunity to judge Sweepstakes as we celebrated our 10th official anniversary. I was certainly not disappointed with the quality of Labradors brought to me in Sweeps. Quite the contrary, I was most impressed and choosing only a few of these lovely specimens was no easy task. I want to thank all who entered and to say that overall, I'm very proud of our Canadian Labradors and the Breeders and Owners who have worked so hard to produce sound Labradors, bred to not only our breed standard but to the high standards set amongst ourselves, for health and overall soundness.

Veterans

Veteran Male 10 Years and Over

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This grand gentleman from the Over 10 Years Dog class still boasts an excellent head and pleasing face, with perfect burnt brown sugar eye colour. A solid built boy with ample coat, he didn't seem too pleased about moving in today's heat. I can't say I blamed him.

Veteran Female - 7-9 years

1st - # 495

Lovely, still gracefully moving black bitch, didn't let the heat get her down, despite her heavy, correct coat. Very balanced, good front, ample turn of stifle allowing good reach of drive and flowing movement. Tail never stopped wagging.

2nd - # 110

Another tail that just wouldn't quit, despite the heat. Lovely yellow female of quality, a close second behind # 1. Coat not as full as # 1, and slightly less rear angles, but sound on the move. Very pleasing head and expression.

Veteran Female 10 Years and Over

168

Nice style female, still showing and moving well for her age. Kind, happy face. Makes me wish I had two Best Veteran Ribbons to award!

Puppy Sweepstakes

Jr. Puppy Male

364

A very promising young chocolate lad, going through an age related growth stage, head not quite there yet, but very good bone and quite decent front and rear angles, will be one to watch for, in the future.

Sr. Puppy Male

1st # 191

Handsome black boy with a good head and pleasing expression. Very good front and rear angles, well balanced for his ample size. Not in his best coat today, which further highlights his slightly "off" tailset, but overall, a sound, respectable, and well moving dog.

2nd # 539

Short coupled, very promising boy, with lovely expression. Remarkable tail and bone. Moved well. A strong contender for # 1 in this large class.

12-15 Month Male

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Very typey young black male, well put together, good angles which are balanced front to back, very pleasing head and expression, nice amount of bone, not overdone, lovely feet, good topline, tailset and tail itself, which he properly carried on the move. Gave his handler a work-out, wanting to sit at times, but quickly adapted to the task at hand. Happy to award him BOS in Sweeps.

15 to 18 Month Male

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A full sized black boy, developing slowly but nicely. Good shoulder-lay, but as he's still coming together, a very slight roll over the withers which I suspect will disappear as he comes fully together. Was not happy to show in the heat, held a comical protest demonstration, lying on the ground for his handler. Still needs to grow into himself, not there yet, but will be well worth the wait in the end, and one to watch for.

Jr. Puppy Female

1st # 361

Very sound moving, compact chocolate bitch. Nicely put together.

2nd # 349

Another well built, compact (black) bitch puppy. Again, a good mover and a close contender for the class.

Sr. Puppy Female

1st # 9

Yellow female of true breed type, a fair size but well balanced with ample front and rear angles, and very clean clean and effortless movement. Gave lots of expression and outgoing attitude and kept it through to the end, despite the extreme heat. Worked hard and deserved her Best in Sweeps ribbon.

2nd # 75

A lovely compact, correct yellow bitch in heavy coat, short coupled, moved well. Pretty expression.

12-15 month Female

#566

A quality bitch of good bone, not in her best coat today and seemed to mind the heat, appeared to not be moving at her best.

15 - 18 month Female

1st # 516

A nice moving, medium sized black bitch, nice coat and tail, shown in excellent condition. Lovely headpiece, expression and kind eye.

2nd # 228

A pleasing yellow girl with excellent pigment, lost to #1 on front angles. Otherwise, a very worthy and promising youngster to watch for.