

# The Welsh Kennel Club Championship & Open Agility Shows

Builth Wells Friday 16 Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 August 2019

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With the Welsh Kennel Club being one of only two UK organisations to hold Championship Agility, Breed and Obedience on the same site some 160 Agility partnerships at the top of their game gathered on the Royal Welsh Showground at Builth Wells to find our 2019 winners amongst the largest Dog entry in Wales. With only one Championship ring it needs judge's collaboration with course design; a good ring party; handler cooperation and a bit of Welsh sun brought it all together. Judaes Alan Mitchell & Gary Murphy report: -



Championship Agility for Small & Medium Dogs Judge Gary Murphy writes: -

It was an honour to be asked to judge the Small & Medium championship at the WKC. Thank you for the invitation Graham I was a little concerned as to the condition of the ground after the previous weeks and particularly Fridays weather.



Alan and I set the course up on Friday and when we arrived on Saturday morning were both pleasantly surprised at how well the grounds had drained. Both of us agreed the course designs and were happy with the flow and challenges set. Well done to all who competed though there were some no shows. Weather may have put a few off!! Congratulations to Mark Wingate - Wynne (Small Dog) and Harriet Harding (Medium Dog) for winning each ticket. Great performance all day. There were other great runs in the final but the odd 5 faults plagued a few.

I believe Alan will post about the large dogs

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but also a well done to Stuart Harmes for taking the ticket for the large dogs. A little bit of a Welsh connection on the day. How apt!!!

I must thank Troy & Chrissy for sharing the scime position all day and all the assistance given on the day by a great team.

Championship Agility for Large Dogs Judge Alan Michell writes: -

It was an honour to be asked to judge the large championship at the WKC; also I was

delighted to be sharing the duties with Gary Murphy who was judging the Small and Medium championship.

Setting up on Friday was very wet but the ground looked as if it would stay stable. Having just the one ring for all championship heights meant Gary and I needed to design the courses that would suit all heights, flowing but challenging.

Saturday was dry and an ideal day for dogs to compete, Small went first followed by the Medium, then my large class. Handlers attacked the courses ending with Sara Bacon and Dream winning the jumping and Kelly Menear and Psy winning the agility rounds. Sara won the ticket here in 2018 so she very much wanted to repeat the performance

The 20 finalists promised to provide a great final and did not disappoint, Stuart Harmes and Mole being the first to run did a ballistic clear run setting a time of 37.043 secs, this set a high



target for the other competitors, but try as they did; to no avail leaving Stuart, after 19 other dogs had run as the ticket winner and Emma Haines and Dexter achieving the reserve. What a final ending to the Welsh Kennel Club Large Championship Agility class with Welsh handlers first and second.

Congratulations to all finalists and thank you to all competitors, thank you Gary a pleasure working with you, thank you to Troy and Chrissy for scriming all day and thanks to G T and all his gang.

## Welsh Kennel Club Championship Agilty 2019 Winners

### Small Dogs

Marc Wingate Wynne with Mister Big  
Sarah McLean with Milo'd Of Mischief

### Medium Dogs

Harriet Harding with Little Miss Izz  
Ellie Curtis with Cacciatore Greenfinch

### Large Dogs

Stuart Harmes with Shanowl Holey Moley  
Emma Haines with Diagemtas Dexter

As ever the Welsh Kennel Club wishes to record its thanks to our judges this year and joins them in congratulating the winners, all the competitors and the team who makes it all work and is very grateful for the support of **EUKANUBA** of the 2019 Agility Championships at the summer show.

Ends Editors please use as you wish Graham Taylor

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