

Dog Critique – Championship Show, November 2021

Many thanks to the committee for inviting me to judge their show and also to the exhibitors for taking my placings in a very sporting manner. I judged the males and overall I was pleased with the quality. There was quite a variation of type, but temperaments were excellent and presentation was top class. Some novice dogs who need more ringcraft, my one big issue was with tails and I had to actually start forgiving them as so many of the entry were carrying tails too high or indeed forming a ring.

Along with my co-judge, I was pleased to award the BIS to the Bitch CC winner and nice that we actually ended up with litter mates for the CC's.

Veteran Dog (3)

1. Lear-Schofield & Schofield's, Ch & Fin Ch Lempileijonan Itse Kateudenpoika, first dog of the day to judge and what a start. He is 8 years old and super type, of excellent shape and size. He has a balanced head with a nice eye and expression, good powerful neck, excellent bone and feet. He is balanced in his angulations, still with an excellent topline considering his age and size. Good broad chest, well presented and handled. Nicely balanced on the move and although he started to tire slightly in the challenge, I felt he was very worthy of the **Reserve Dog CC** and with my co-judge, he was awarded **Best Veteran in Show**.

2. Niall & Rothery's, Ch Daveheath Forever Blue. 7 years old, very nice type with excellent substance. He has a pleasing headpiece, with a nice eye and kind expression. Nice reach of neck, just losing topline in stance. Excellent croup, excellent bone, just a shade weak in the pastern. Well presented and handled, he moved freely.

3. Peters', Rosnick Wopbopaloobop, 7 years old, of good size, he has a powerful head, nice eye and expression, ears could be set a little higher and was just losing lip pigment. Good reach of neck, losing topline slightly. Balanced angulation, rather deep in chest, he has excellent bone, has a tendency to pace on the move, very nice temperament.

Minor Puppy Dog (3)

1. Sevastopulo's, Amber Vitkennel Crimson King Oldholbans, this is a very raw 8 month old boy, he has a pleasing head with a very nice eye. Needs to grow into his ears, he has a super reach of neck and his topline was excellent. He has enough bone and excellent feet and pasterns. He is a shade steep in upper arm, however, he moved freely, holding his shape well.

2. Parker's, Kaleobears Many Moons, 9 months old, pleasing type with excellent substance for his age. Nice head with a kind eye. He had a pleasing shape in stance, but loses outline at this time on the move. Excellent bone and feet, chest well developed for age and presented in good coat and condition. He moves rather close behind and could make a little more of himself in profile on the move, but he is only a baby and I am sure will put these things right as he matures.

3. Loxton's, Lionize Jenson Button, 6 months old and very babyish and appears to be just going through a growth spurt as today he was quite bum high. He has a nice head, with a good mask and pleasing eye. He has very good bone for his age, but I would like his feet tighter and he is a touch weak in the pastern. He has balanced angulation and was well presented, moved freely but a little proud of his tail.

Puppy Dog (4,2)

1. Wood's, Alfross Tulabo Javier, almost 11 months, this was a very impressive puppy, with a very pleasing outline and great substance for his age. A pleasing head of good strength for his age, excellent mask, nice eye, super reach of neck, excellent bone and nice tight feet. Excellent

topline, angulations are good front and rear Well presented in excellent coat and condition, he moved freely, but I would prefer better tail carriage. **Best Puppy Dog & Reserve Best Puppy in Show.**

2. Sevastopulo's, Amber Vitkennel Crimson King Oldholbans.

Junior Dog (3)

1. Studholme's, Corleone Navigator at Kalizmar, 15 months and really nice type. Medium size, he has a very pleasing outline, balanced head with a nice eye, lips just a little loose. Nice reach of neck, excellent topline, balanced angulation front and rear. He has good bone and feet, very well presented and handled, in lovely coat and condition. He moved well, I would just have liked to him to be a little stronger in temperament. Did consider him for the Reserve CC, am sure he will have a bright future.

2. Brown's, Davenheath Guilty Pleasure to Brenaljay, 15 months of good size and substance. He has a nicely balanced head with a medium dark eye, I would have liked the lips tighter and perhaps could have a shade more strength to the skull. Nice reach of neck, topline was OK, good bone and feet. Very well presented and handled. While he was pleasing in profile on the move, I would have liked him a shade more positive coming and going.

3. Crotty's, Dacfolke Eton at Soullaria, 15 months of good size, he has a head of good strength for his age, nice eye and good reach of neck. Topline was a shade soft and he is long in the back. Presented in good condition, he is a little steep in the upper arm and this affects his reach in front on the move. Lovely temperament.

Yearling Dog (6,1)

1. Burrell's, Nexgen All The Rage, 21 months and very pleasing type. He has a balanced head of good strength, nice eye with a kind expression, excellent reach of neck and good topline. He has good bone and feet and he had just enough coat today. Really well handled, moved well coming and going and has a smashing temperament.

2. Bothamley's, Dencharris Zahavi Jet, 23 months and a very nice boy. He is lovely type, super temperament, balanced head with a medium dark eye. Good reach of neck, excellent bone and feet. Tends to stand a little wide in front at times. Good topline and balanced angulation, excellent shape and depth to ribcage. Well presented and moved freely.

3. Gledhill's, Simberger Matsutake, 21 months very nice type, beautifully presented and well handled. Balanced head with a lovely eye, could have slightly better muzzle line. Excellent neck and topline, good bone, excellent substance. He just slightly splays his feet and has a tendency to pace, but when settled, moved nicely.

Novice Dog (8,1)

1. Bothamley's, Dencharris Zahavi Jet.

2. Tratt's, Nexgen Apache Chief, 22 months and really nice type. Very pleasing outline and superbly handled. He has good strength to the head, medium dark eye, lovely reach of neck. Balanced angulation, good bone and feet. Just prefer a shade more strength to the pasterns. Would have liked him a little better coming towards me on the move and he was a little proud of his tail.

3. Wakefield's, Sherwayleo Apatite, 3 years old, a very nice boy with a super temperament. He has excellent substance, a pleasing head, powerful neck and excellent topline. He has good

angulation front and rear, good bone, would have preferred tighter feet. Well presented, in good condition and he moved freely, just a little proud of his tail..

Graduate Dog (9)

1. Bodle's, Fairy Clocks Bonus Catch The World Into Lionsridge, 17 months of medium size, pleasing head with a nice eye and kind expression. Powerful neck, excellent topline, good bone and feet. Angulations are good front and rear, he was well presented and handled and has a lovely temperament. Moved freely in the class, though he was proud of his tail, but in the challenge was not so balanced.

2. Bell's, Lionscourt King Kahekili, almost 2 years old, nicely presented, substantial boy with an excellent temperament. Good strength of head, nice eye and kind expression. Good neck and topline was OK. Good bone and feet, slightly forward placed shoulders. Moved freely, just a shade proud of his lovely tail..

3. Gledhill's, Sherwayleo Apatite.

Post Graduate Dog (5)

1. Alexander's, Sulandi Bring Me Sunshine, 2 years, 8 months, he is excellent type. Lovely size and shape with excellent outline. Excellent angulation front and rear, excellent bone and nice tight feet. Excellent body proportions. Good strength to his head, with a nice eye and kind expression. Excellent reach of neck and very good topline. Presented in lovely coat and condition and very nicely handled. He moved really well coming and going and was balanced in his side gait. Pleased to award him the **Dog CC & Reserve Best in Show** to his litter sister.

2. Whan's, Sulandi Celtic Legend of Barbaari, 2 & 1/2 years old, this boy is still quite raw. He has a pleasing head, perhaps a shade more strength would complete the head. He has a lovely eye and kind expression. Good reach of neck, excellent topline, good angulations front and rear. Excellent bone and feet, would prefer a little more depth to his chest. Nicely handled, he moved freely, was good coming and going, though slightly overstepping from the rear at times.

3. Wood's, Gabriel-Hudson Leo Vom Zarendorf, 4 years old boy with a strong head. Nice eye and expression, he has a good powerful neck. Topline was OK, would have liked more strength in his rear quarters and he could have behaved a little better for his poor handler. Moved freely.

Limit Dog (7)

1. Read's, Lionscourt Prince Kuhio with Onaway, beautifully presented 2 year old, in excellent coat and condition. Very nice type, pleasing outline. He has a nice head with a good eye and expression, lovely reach of neck and super topline. Good bone and feet and excellent angulation front and rear. Moved well, just a little proud of his tail. Didn't sparkle in the challenge today but am sure he will go on to better things.

2. Bodle's, Debolinby Kandyman at Lionsridge, 3 years old, medium sized dog with a pleasing outline. Medium dark eye, pleasing head, would like his lips a little tighter. Good bone and feet, a little steep in his upper arm, well angulated in the rear. Well presented and handled and moved freely.

3. Wilson's, Eanske's Drikus V Hescos Leos for Jantonely, 2 & 1/2 years old with super temperament, good size, nice head with a very nice eye and expression. Good reach of neck, topline is just a shade soft. Good bone and feet and balanced angulations, he moved really well in side gait.

Open Dog (7,2)

1. Baldwin's, Brynarian Balilaika, 5 years old substantial boy, beautifully presented and handled. Strong head, medium dark eye with a kind expression, a shade deep in the muzzle and a little loose on the lips.. Excellent reach of neck, excellent topline. Good bone and feet, excellent angulation front and rear and he was good coming and going and balanced in his side gait.

2. Loring's, Rua Soleil Shine Bright Like A Diamond, 4 years old, very nice type. pleasing head with a nice eye and expression, lips could have been tighter. Nice reach of neck, topline was OK, good angulation in the rear, a little straight in front and at times stands a little crooked. He has excellent bone and feet, was nicely handled, moved really well and he ad excellent tail carriage.

3. Studholme's, Ch Leosrus We Will Remember for Kalizmar, 5 years old, pleasing type, I would have preferred a little more substance to him. Nice eye and expression, lips a little loose. OK for neck, topline was a shade soft. He has good bone, feet could have been tighter and he was a shade weak on the pasterns. Balanced angulations, he moved freely and was very well handled.

Judge ; Paul Lawless