

**THE LEONBERGER CLUB of GREAT BRITAIN CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**  
**8 NOVEMBER, 2015 – Dog Critique**

Thank you very much for the kind invitation to judge males at the Club Championship Show. I always consider it a special honor to be asked to judge at this level. I would like to thank Mrs Madeleine Jephcott and her team for their efforts and kindness. Miss Lanning, my co-judge, and I have known each other for quite a long time and it was a pleasure to judge with her, particularly as we were in complete agreement regarding the joint decisions!

My initial Leonberger appointment in the UK was at Southern Counties in 2010, so a lapse of five years would give me a new crop of dogs to assess. I was pleasantly surprised by the quality of the dogs and in most classes I could find very nice specimens for the top spots. I would kindly ask breeders to pay a little more attention to heads as some dogs definitely lacked the required stop. This lack of correctly marked stop combined with a more pointed muzzle is better suited for an Estrela Mountain Dog. Mouths on the whole were pretty good, a few with narrow underjaws and only one with a more serious problem with tight canines. Eye color could have been better here and there. Many had lovely bone. We had the usual number of steep shoulders and lack of hind angulation. Tail carriages impressed me as they were so good. Having judged the breed, also males at the Belgian Club Show earlier this autumn I was very worried about the number of very gay tails and in many cases very tightly curled as well.

The top winners were of wonderful quality, but I feel there were others who will soon be ready for top honors. I will watch their careers with much interest.

Thank you for a most enjoyable day with this super breed and for the generous applause and support which created such a wonderful atmosphere.

**VETERAN DOG (7 - 4 abs.)**

1. **Aceca Solid Gold Easy Action for Lowenhohle**, what a lovely beginning to the day to find a dog of his caliber! Seven year old male of top quality presented in impeccable order. Full of breed type, quality and balance. Shown in super condition. Masculine male with lovely bone and size. Extremely well balanced and sound. His head is beautiful, correct eye shape with lovely color and wonderful expression. Strong well made legs and super feet. Very good color and mask. His movement is a joy to watch. Has quality and class. **Best Veteran in Show**
2. **CH. Vannroy Double Bluff at Dacfolke**, of the same age, also an excellent dog with super size. Strong bone. Pleasing head, would like slightly better eye and expression. Bite somewhat worn and uneven. Very good body and hindquarters. Good side movement, but a little untidy coming towards you. Good color and mask.
3. **Leovannas First Class Lad**, eight and half years old male, medium size. Masculine enough. Good skull and muzzle, but would like to see better stop and slightly darker eye. Good body, topline a little slack. Good side movement. Good color and mask.

**MINOR PUPPY DOG (5 – no abs.)** I was a little worried to see a number of puppies carrying too much excess weight.

1. **Bavaruki Koole Kupi Luwak**, eight month old puppy dog. Nicely developed and grown for age and the soundest in his class. Nice head shape, hope his stop improves. Good bone and body. Carries himself well. Good color and mask. Moves well for age, but both dog and handler need a little more practise.
2. **Knockando's Yang Fire in Kunsang**, seven month old very raw puppy. Very nice head and expression. Medium bone, good body and moderate hind angulation. Moved well for age. Beautiful color and good mask. I see he is a Swedish import.
3. **Fablernas Med Karlek I Hjartat at Simberger (Imp Swe)**, almost nine months old dog puppy shown in rather plump condition and lost out a little in balance. Nice head, but short in neck and needs a better front. I hope he grows on. Needs better angulation fore and aft and at the moment is very short stepping in front. Good color and mask. Very aptly named for a Leonberger as translated from Swedish his name means "with love in your heart"!

**PUPPY DOG (6 - no abs.)**

1. **Clydebrae Slange Var (Al)**, 10 month old puppy dog with lots to like about him. Very nice breed type and promises well for the future. Masculine puppy. Very nice head shape although would like slightly darker eye. Good bone. Well bodied and has a very good rear with good angulation. Carries himself very well for one so young. I particularly liked him on the move; has good extension both fore and aft. Good color and mask. **Best Dog Puppy, Best Opposite Sex Puppy in Show**
2. **Easy 2 Follow Ginger Heaven at Kensalroag (Imp Pol)**, 10 month old raw youngster who was a little overawed by the surroundings. I am sure he will overcome this with training and patience. Masculine dog. Very lovely head, excellent dark eye color, but eye is a tad small. Lovely bone. Very well put together and has pleasing angulation both in front and in rear. Very good mover. Lovely color and good mask.
3. **Jantonely Pucker Up Flynn**, 10 month old tall, masculine male shown a little bit plump. Pleasing head, eye and expression. Good bone. Front needs time. Good rear. Very nice side movement. Good color and mask.

### **JUNIOR DOG (9 – 1 abs.)**

1. **Rossnick Wopbopalooobop**, 14 month old masculine young male who carries himself very well. Not in full coat. Very nice type. Pleasing head shape, lovely neck and topline. Correct ribcage. Super bone. Nicely angulated and moved very soundly and well. Mask a little broken, good color.
2. **Davenheath Forever Blue**, 12 month old pleasing young male with lovely temperament. Very good head with super eye and expression. Medium bone. Good body, topline a little soft at the moment. Moderate rear angulation. Nice mover. Good color and mask.
3. **Lionslord Full House**, just over 12 months, tall raw youngster in the barest of coats. Having said this his type is most pleasing and he has a super frame to grow into, but will require time and patience! Lovely head of correct shape. Strong bone and neat tight feet. At the moment narrow in body and needs to drop a little in his quarters. His side movement is pleasing. Very good color and mask.

### **YEARLING DOG (6 - 2 abs.)**

1. **Simden Frostbite**, 22 month old masculine male of very pleasing breed type. Shown in lovely condition. Quality head, eye slightly on the light side. Very good ribcage and body. Strong bone. Good rear. Impressed on the move.
2. **Simden Gros Bisous of Lowenhohle**, I see he is litter brother to 1<sup>st</sup>. Medium sized pleasing male, but shown in light body condition. Good head shape, but coloring a little sooty and his eyes are a touch round. Nice mover.
3. **Wolfen Ogaleesha avec Simberger**, about 18 months old masculine young male. Good skull, but needs a better marked stop. Head is too sooty in color. Medium bone. Enough front angulation, just a little exaggerated hind angulation. Moved well.

### **NOVICE DOG (2 - no abs.)**

1. **Duke of Earl**, almost six years old, happy boy with lovely temperament. Masculine and carries himself very well. Good head shape, medium brown eye, good expression. He is a very well balanced dog and moved well with purpose. Lovely color, mask a little broken.
2. **Easy 2 Follow Ginger Heaven at Kensalroag (Imp Pol)**, 2<sup>nd</sup>. in Puppy Dog – please see notes above

### **GRADUATE DOG (6 - 1 abs.)**

1. **Bavaruki Broncho Luchi**, just over two years old beautiful male presented in beautiful coat condition. To be hypercritical I would like him with a tad less weight. Masculine overall. Beautifully molded head with correct stop, very nice eye and expression. Strong bone. Very well made ribcage. Super rear. Very nice color and mask. Once settled moved soundly and well.
2. **Euphrosin Ankh**, two year old male with plenty to like about him. Super temperament. Quality head of lovely shape, very good eye, medium brown in color and pleasing expression. Very nice bone and good body. Medium rear angulation. Sound, good mover.
3. **Simden Frostbite**, winner of Yearling Dog, please see notes above.

### **POST GRADUATE DOG (12 - 3 abs.)**

1. **Vectisleon Dream Maker**, three and half years old most handsome male shown in excellent condition and order. Masculine and of super breed type. Very beautiful head, eye and expression. Strong, good bone. Very well laid shoulder and good width in front. Good rear. Very nice side movement. Very good color and mask.
2. **Engelben Fred in the Woods**, a young dog at 20 months, masculine, his type is very pleasing, but he needs a little more time to reach his prime. Very good head shape. Well made front, but still a little light in body. Good rear. Nice bone. Moved well. Color and mask in order.
3. **Duke of Earl**, 1st. in Novice Dog, please see notes above

### **LIMIT DOG (13 - 2 abs.)**

1. **Condalf Gobstopper**, four year old masculine, handsome, quality male of lovely breed type. Excellent head, lovely dark eye and good expression. Well off for bone. Strong, well made body, very good rear and angulation. Moves easily and has good reach and drive, but just a little untidy behind. A dog I liked very much – his presentation just needs a little more final effort! Beautiful color and mask.
2. **Oldholbans Terpsichore for Lionslord**, just over three years old masculine male who showed very well. Has beautiful, proud carriage. Lovely breed type and good balance. Beautiful head, eye and expression. Medium bone, tight, neat feet. Very good body and rear. Sound mover – just wish he was not quite so proud of his tail. Good color and mask.
3. **Leokings Center Stage**, two year old male of pleasing breed type, but could be handled to better advantage. Excellent head, good eye and expression. Medium bone. Good neck and topline. Nice body, but needs a little more hind angulation. I would also like to see a little more reach and drive on the move.

#### **OPEN DOG (7 - no abs.)**

- 1. RUS/CZ/FIN/BAL CH Amicus Optimus Valentus (ATCAS0110RUS)**, his type appealed to me greatly the moment I saw him. Three and half year old most beautiful masculine male of outstanding breed type. Unobtrusively handled to get the best out of him. Lovely strong bone. Ample body, good ribcage, well laid shoulder and good rear. Very lovely head and kind expression. Moved very well round the ring. In excellent condition and order. Good color and mask. **CC, Best Dog and Best in Show.** It was interesting to note that when I judged the Belgian Leonberger Club Championship Show earlier this autumn, his brother, Vitalis, was my Best Dog and later Best in Show. Quite a duo of brothers!
- 2. CH. Vectisleon Breaking News at Kensalroag**, what a top quality young Champion! Two and half year old lovely male presented in tip-top condition. Lovely head, kind eye. Very well put together and excels in front construction. Quality bone. Still young, but oozes quality and will only get better with maturity. Excellent mover. Coat, color and mask in order. **Res CC and Reserve Best in Show**
- 3. IR CH. Leokings Lionheart**, three year old male, his type is also excellent, but I would prefer him with a tad more length as I find him a little square. Shown in lovely bloom. Could miss a meal now and again. Quite a character and gave his handler a trying time. My notes say rascal! Masculine, very pleasing head and expression. Good topline, nice front, but would like a little more hind angulation. Moved well. Lovely color, good mask.

**Elina Haapaniemi**  
**Judge**

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This a breed I have judged, a number of times and watched its progress in this country Today as I had only the bitches to judge, I am unable to give a complete overall assessment on the breed. I was more than happy to agree with my good friend ELINA HAAPANTEMI that her dog should be BEST OF BREED, and HER RESERVE C.C. male to be reserve B.I.S. Both noble upstanding good moving dogs of great quality.

NOW BACK TO THE BITCHES . First let me say,I was happy with all my principal winners, and my bitch puppy, that ELINA and I agreed should be best puppy in show.. The standard is very clear on the correct structure of this breed," rump never higher than the withers " There should be a moderate turn of stifle, but I found many are too straight behind, and have incorrect top lines. There is also problem of upright shoulders, which then gives a short neck. Viewed in profile, we are seeing too many incorrect top-lines, with straight shoulders and short necks. If a dog is not correct in make and shape, it also fails to move correctly. I felt also, that many of the dogs were in soft condition, lacking muscle tone, which shows when asked to move...

This is a lovely looking noble breed with excellent temperament and has so much to recommend it as one of our large breeds, as good companions and family dogs. I would say if you want to get you eye in on correct make and shape certainly take the two best males, my best bitch and reserve bitch and best puppy as very lovely examples of the breed.

I hope fanciers will see my view as constructive? This is a breed that is able produce winners of Group potential.

#### **VETERAN BITCH.**

- 1.LOINSCOURT BELINSANA.** Good heart room, firm front, strong loin. In good order for age.
- 2.ROSSNICK MILLION DOLLAR BABY..**Pleasing head, good loin, close up here.
- 3.ROSSNICK MASWERATRI.**

#### **MINOR PUPPY BITCH.**

- 1.ROSSNICK XPIALIDICIOUS.** High class baby, lovely rugged appearance, good head and eye, has everything going for her.
- 2.OLDHOLBANS STORY TELLER** Used to be a famous name in ENGLISH SETTERS. Great quality. Good head and eye, has time to firm in front and will do well.
- 3.BAVARUKI KOOLE SKINNY LATTE.**

#### **PUPPY BITCH.**

- 1.LEOSRUS ONE TO REMEMBER.** BEST PUPPY. High class, good head and eye, strong firm mover for age has the essentials to finish well.
- 2.LEOSRUS ONE MOMENT IN TIME.**Lovely quality all through. Front needs to tighten and will be a good show prospect.
- 3.DACFOLKE RHOSYN.**

#### JUNOIR BITCH.

- 1.WILDERNGS FINALLY EDITION AT SALJAY.(IMP).High class, Strong firm mover,good head and eye, carries her tail correctly on the move. Must have a bright future.
2. DAVENHEATH FOXY LADY TO BRENALJAY. Type and quality gave a place here. Handler dog arrived rather rushed, and not shown to advantage.
- 3.OLDHOLBANS CEILI DANCING

#### YEARLING BITCH.

- 1.IM MOUSE V.H.LEONHUSUSKE(IMP).Strong quality, good bone and substance, good eye, strong mover.
- 2.SIMDEN GUARDIAN VILLAGE Lovely type, good bone, a shade close behind, but she in generally pleasing.
- 3.LIONSCOURT ETOILE INTO SIONNARUSH

#### GRADUATE BITCH.

- 1.YAKIRA VOM JERICHHOWERLAND. Typical, strong loin, good Eye.
- 2.STARLAKE CAPELLA. Good body and quality,..
- 3 ROSSNICK TOLDYASO.

#### POSTGRADUATE BITCH.

- 1.CS.CAPELLA.
- 2.CAROZZA DANCING IN THE DARK. Finer bone, but her quality and type so good.
3. NAMUPALAN PRINCESS TIANA( IMP)

LIMIT BITCH.. I found one of the most difficult of classes. Several high class bitches standing, but movement ,so erratic.

- 1.CONDALF CANDY CANE. Pleasing head, good bone and substance.. Needs more neck, but won today on her steady movement.
- 2.VANNROY ALTYHENA. Standing looked the winner, but never collected herself on the move.
- 3.JANDIKA BLUE LADY VON DER AGNER OBERMHLE.(IMP DEU).

#### OPEN.

- 1.CH.UNIKUM TIGRA IS GALKINA ONEZDA FOR LIONSLORD(IMP.C.C.A joy to judge the first three in this class. The winner ,I understand bred in Russia, like the B.O.B. today.. Strong powerful, with good bone, quality and substance. Firm strong mover, excellent head and eye. Presented in first class order.
- 2.CH.JACOLDA CHIE MIHARA. Excellent example of the breed, just a shade slack in front action.
- 3.IRISH CH.LOVLIENS NUKVA OF NORRIS.Jun.Ch

JEAN LANNING.(judge).Bitches only.