

Critiques - Males

Thank you so much to the Club for inviting me to judge this event, which I have participated in, and stewarded at, for many years, and holds a special place in my heart. Thank you also to each and every entry. What a super turnout. I was particularly impressed with the way the dogs were presented and handled, and am aware of the effort this takes. What a joy to be able to show in such a big ring outdoors, although I did end up somewhat pinker than I had intended! It was a truly memorable day. Thanks to my wonderful stewards, who ensured everyone had fun. Not an easy task in the heat! I particularly enjoyed having so many eminent judges ringside, no pressure then!!

Veteran Dog (3, 2ab)

1st. Kwenobe Balfen Chaska. At very close to 9 years old this boy took my eye from the moment he walked into the ring. How wonderful to see an elderly gent looking so magnificent! His owner and breeder should be extremely proud. Not the tallest of boys, but so very well put together. Beautiful colouring, with black overlay on red coat. Pleasing head and expression, well set ears, and surprisingly good pigment. Good topline and lovely length of tail. Well balanced throughout, with lowest slung hock, which he used on the move to great advantage. Soundest of movement on not the most even of ground. Super coat and condition, and presented and handled to perfection. Coped with the heat remarkably well. A credit to all involved with him. Was delighted to award him BD. He was then awarded BVIS.

Minor Puppy Dog (4)

1st Davenheath Feeling Lucky to Brenaljay. Only 7 months old, but very 'together' young male. Still very much in that 'silly puppy' stage and although clearly enjoying his day out, moved steadily for one so young. Nice head and mask with pleasing expression. Good rear angulation and length of tail. Shown in good muscular condition for one so young. Presented well and handled sympathetically. He is one to watch! BPD,RBPIS

2nd Lionslord Full House. 7 months old and displaying that familiar 'leggy' look of his age. All the component parts are there, beautiful head and expression, nice lay of shoulder and good rear assembly (though not quite the angulation of 1st), just all needs to 'fill out'. Tail just long enough. Best muscular condition in the class and presented and handled beautifully.

3rd Jantonely Pax Twizzle. 6 months and one day old and is very much still a 'baby'. Lovely head and full of beans, I think he enjoyed his day out! Gorgeous coat but not quite the muscle of 1st and 2nd yet (as one would expect), and he is narrower behind than those in front of him, and although he has a gorgeous

long tail, carrying it so high spoilt his outline on the move. Well done to this handler who was extremely patient with him. Please persevere!

Junior Dog (5,1ab)

1st Engelben Fred in the Woods. 16 months old. My find of the day!! What a super young man. Nice balance throughout. Head and expression so very male even at this young age. Excellent length of neck. Lovely outline both on the move and stood. Good angles front and back and uses his low slung hock to best advantage. Lovely length of tail. Shown in pristine condition, excellent muscle and presented and handled superbly. Only beaten to RBD by a super Champion. A credit to his connections.

2nd Leosrus Endless Love. 16 months old. Another quality male. Beautiful coat and condition, again a credit to his connections. Super head, mask and eye, and best length of neck in the class. Great angulation and certainly would not need any more behind. Unsettled today, and not playing ball made his movement more difficult to assess than 1st, but handled with the necessary patience for a dog this age. A very exciting prospect once he settles.

3rd. Simden Frostbite. 16 months old. Tall male who was out of coat today, making him look less harmonious than he is. Would like eye a little darker. Beautiful shoulder and topline. Tail just to the hock but held correctly. Although not flashy in any way, the most 'workmanlike' mover in the class. Handled confidently and looked very settled. Lovely young man.

Graduate Dog (8,1ab)

1st Seaxa Nelson. Striking red male in exceptional condition. Harmonious all through. Lovely head and mask. Beautiful front, with adequate width of chest, and tightest of feet. Not the rear angulation of 2nd on the stand, but when moving it is clear to see this dog has the required springs! Best muscle in the class. He tends to stiffen when standing himself, and once he relaxes his rear angulation will appear better. Prepared to perfection and handled sympathetically.

2nd Jantonely Mr Jack Daniels. Tall elegant boy with the butchness of heads, although I would like his eye a shade darker. Fabulous bone throughout, and nice feet, although they were overtrimmed today. Beautiful angles and lovely length of tail, which he curled on the move spoiling his outline. A nice young boy who would benefit from more time to mature.

3rd Lyonechka of the Bernese Garden to Oldholbans. Most elegant of males with the softest of expressions, and kindest of eyes. Shown today in fine coat and condition and had super reach and drive in profile, although coming and going he was somewhat 'looser' in movement than 1 and 2. Also a tendency to curl his tail on the move.

Post Grad Dog (5, 1ab)

1st Zuleona Super Royal of Tanyvska. Substantial male with solid bone and masculine head, although would like more length of foreface for true balance. Unusual colouring, although pleasing red underlay. Could use a little more rear angulation but his super muscle condition means he uses all he has to good effect. Won the class on overall balance and substance.

2nd Duke of Earl. Tall red elegant male with a superb mask and eye. Topline softer than 1 and less angulation throughout, but moved well coming and going. Not the bone and substance of the first but more elegant 'type'. Slightly soft in the pasterns. Lovely tail and furnishings and presented and handled extremely well.

3rd. see 2nd graduate.

Limit Dog (3, 1 wd)

1st Sandor vom Lowengarten for Benellieson. Soft expression but eyes a little round for my liking. Slightly soft in pasterns and topline. Lovely angulation and covers the ground with ease, looking particularly impressive in profile. Long tail, which although he curled, was not held over the back. Proper masculine male. Sympathetically handled and well presented.

2nd Debbollinby Angel or Demon at Locksfield. Such a lovely outline, and super bone on this gentleman. Head could use more stop, but the expression is soft. Eye nicer shape than 1st. Lovely front on super feet, strong topline. Adequate angulation but not the drive of 1. Tail just long enough. Handled beautifully.

Open (4, 1wd)

1st CH Oldholbans Michigan. Elegant male with balanced bone and substance throughout. Sweetest expression when he uses his ears, dark mask and scissor bite. Nice width of chest and front, good topline, although falls away slightly at the croup. Good tail and lovely rear angulation on a low slung hock, which gives this boy effortless drive. Handled the heat and the huge ring with ease. Handled superbly and presented in great order. Was proud to award him RBD.

2nd CH Vannroy Double Bluff at Dacfolke. Uber male boy with solid bone and substance, shown today in excellent coat and condition. Fabulous width of chest and good angles throughout. Held his lovely outline on the move well. A super boy who lost out today on his slightly more open eye and lack of drive (which I suspect was as much due to the heat as anything). Handled and presented superbly.

3rd Wolfen Incantation by Tanyvska. Elegant male who held his own in the class alongside two champions and was far from outclassed. Lovely outline,

though not the bone of 1 and 2, and a slight kink to the coat, which spoils his outline, although 'hands on' its easy to feel how well made he is. Lovely head and soft expression, with nice dark eye. Pleasing movement coming and going, but lacks the rear angulation to give real drive in profile. Fabulous muscle and handled so beautifully.

Clare Osborne – Judge

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