

Open Show 09 Critique

I would like to thank the Committee for their invitation to judge their Open Show and all exhibitors for their entries. I must above all thank my two excellent stewards who kept everything running smoothly and kept their judge well watered on a very hot day. Temperaments were good. Mouths were all acceptable and although I found two questionable ridges the rest were all good. I was looking for a hound that filled the eye but also looked capable of doing the job originally bred for.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (2 entries, 0 absent)

1. Haley's Hespera Gold Dust. Just six months and learning the ropes but moving well for one so young. Super head and expression. Well boned with good front and feet. Good ridge.

2. Findlay's Blondzpride Love me Tender. Liver nose with lovely head and eye. Clean neck into good front assembly, would prefer more length through the loin and a longer ridge.

PUPPY DOG (4 entries, 1 absent)

1. Bate's Burncote Bushman. Big well boned puppy with super head and expression, lovely dark eye. Good angulation all through with low set hocks. Well ribbed back. Moving freely and with drive. Best Dog Puppy.

2. Crewdson's Sofala Arrie. Big rangy 10 month old. Good head planes but would prefer a larger eye. Nice overall outline and covers the ground on the move if a little loosely.

3. Blondzpride Love me Tender

JUNIOR DOG (9 entries, 2 absent)

1. Jeffery's Mutoko's Mangusta. Although I would prefer a better head on this young dog he is so soundly made all through with excellent quarters and good ribbing. He moved with such accuracy and drive that I forgave him his 'happy' tail carriage.

2. Carlton's Umhlandla Bukekayo. Lovely moving Liver nose dog with powerful neck into well laid shoulders and good return of upper arm giving him a good length to his stride accompanied by strong quarters with good width through the second thigh. Lost the class on his head which could be more refined.

3. Siddorn's Eilack Garai Gamba.

YEARLING DOG (9 entries, 2 absent)

1. Maddox's Tambyssa's Zephyr. Gorgeous light wheaten dog with the best of heads, would just prefer a darker eye. Balanced all through with good bone and substance. Excellent front and feet. Deep chest, well ribbed back. Strong through the loin to powerful quarters with good bend of stifle. Moved with ease covering the ground well. Reserve Best Dog.

2. Austin & Houghton's Kiromol Kaylo Presents Donasie. Another lovely dog. Well up to size. Balanced head with good depth to muzzle, dark eye with kind expression. Good length of neck into well laid shoulder. Good bone, front and feet. A picture standing but did not move as well as one.

3. Umhlandla Bukekayo

NOVICE DOG (6 entries, 3 absent)

1. Grainge's Jimbo Adofo Nicely made dog with clean lines all through. Good head type. Moved well in profile.

2. Siddorn's Eilack Garai Gamba. Good proportions to head. Excellent front and feet, elbows tight to body. Would prefer more length to ribbing and lower set hock.

3. Lednor's Maseru Amsalu.

POST GRADUATE DOG (6 entries, 2 absent)

1. Lynn's Tsjakka Just Joey. Clear red wheaten dog. A little short on the leg but moved so soundly coming and going as well as in profile. Good conformation all round. Good front assembly, deep chest and hocks well let down.

2. Davis & Robinson's Imola Imac. Masculine head of good proportions. Clean neck into good shoulder. Moved out well.

3. Grainge's Jimbo Adofo

MINOR LIMIT DOG (2 entries, 0 absent)

1. Austin & Houghton's Kiromol Khronos is Donasie. Beautifully balanced dog with good bone and substance. Lovely head and expression. Powerful neck, well laid shoulder with good return of upper arm, good ribbing to strong loin and quarters. Moved with accuracy and drive.

2. Grainge's Jimbo Adofo.

LIMIT DOG (10 entries, 1 absent)

1. Storey's Kaisaala Odysseus by Kiromol. Not a big dog but has all the essentials. Good conformation throughout, excellent front and feet, deep chest, good ribbing, powerful loin and good strong quarters which he uses on the move. Lovely head spoilt by him flying his ears today.

2. Maidment's Shombay Shamakani of Amahle. Another quality dog. Well proportioned head, good front and rear angulation. Moved with drive.

3. Vincent's Umhlandla Injabulo for Jematti.

OPEN DOG (7 entries, 3 absent)

1. Smith's Ch. Evergraces Magic Maestro at Lilongwe (Imp Swe). This worthy champion is so soundly made all through. Standing he presents such a balanced outline. Teeming with quality and substance. His beautifully balanced head and kind expression do not detract from the fact that he is all male and when moving he does so with accuracy and drive. Best Dog.

2. Jeffrey's Mirengo's Mikura. The best mover of the class. Lovely head and neck, good angulation all round with excellent ribbing and strong loin. Sound, free moving dog with great length to his stride.

3. Woodrow's Mirengo's Mukwela.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (2 entries, 1 absent)

1. Grainge's Jimbo Adofo.

VETERAN DOG (4 entries, 2 absent)

1. Mill's Ch.Jhumha Jarza of Nzuri ShCM. 8 year old dog in fine form and moving well. Masculine head on strong neck, well laid shoulder with good return of upper arm, good ribbing, loin and rear angulation.

2. Henshall's Sansilver Khwebha. 10 years old but not showing his age except on the move. Lovely head and well balanced all round.

SPECIAL VETERAN DOG OR BITCH (5 entries, 2 absent)

1. Jeffery's Umzumbe Jules. 12 years old and showing his grey but what a gorgeous head with correct planes and depth to muzzle and those kind dark eyes just melt you. Good angulation all through and still moving with enthusiasm. In excellent condition. A credit to his owner.

2. Barne's Ch. Diamondridge Deja Vu. 10 year old bitch. Loveliest of heads.

Correct front assembly and good rear angulation with low set hock. Carrying a few extra pounds so not moving so well.

3. Henshalls Sansilver Khwebha.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (1 entry, 0 absent)

1. Holme's Nyuki Ruby Tuesday. Smaller but balanced bitch. Feminine head with sweet expression. Well laid shoulder and good ribbing. A little narrow all through so movement rather erratic but should improve with maturity.

PUPPY BITCH (6 entries, 0 absent)

1. Campbell's Nyassa Everlasting love. Just 9 months quality rich dark red bitch with lovely head and expression, big ears to grow into and clean neck. Good front and feet. Correct shoulder placement, well ribbed back to good length of loin. All legs at the moment but moving freely. Best Puppy In Show.

2. Lynn's Eastgreen Solitaire of Tsjakka. Feminine head, well bodied bitch with good quarters.

3. Maitland-Jone's Mtwapa makengelele.

JUNIOR BITCH (12 entries, 4 absent)

1. Maylor's Kamili Asabi. Big bitch with good bone and substance. Nicely balanced with a good straight front, correct shoulder and hind angulation.

Head a little on the strong side and feet a little slack but moved out well.

2. Tuttle's Trendsetter Amara at Tutridge. Smaller bitch. Lovely type with pretty head. Front ok, well made through the quarters and moving well.

3. Nash's Mutoko's Morgan.

YEARLING BITCH (13 entries, 7 absent)

1. Wigglesworth's Nomuula Namaqua at Ranginui. Super moving bitch. Beautiful head on excellent clean neck and shoulder. Good front and forechest, elbows tight to body, good ribbing and adequate quarters.

2. Maylor's Kamili Asabi.

3. Adderley's Tambyssa's Khamsin.

NOVICE BITCH (6 entries, 4 absent)

1. Nash's Mutoko's Morgan. Big red bitch. Head a touch strong. Front and feet could be better but good through the ribbing with strong loin and level topline.

2. Walshe's Monduri Kasulu Kasinda. Smaller bitch. Good through the body but could be better fore and aft.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (11 entries, 7 absent)

1. Storey's Kiromol Khaos. Well balanced bitch with good conformation. Lovely head with correct proportions, good reach of neck, well ribbed back, strong through the loin. Scores in the hindquarters giving powerful drive on the move.

2. Carlton's Umhlandla Umakholwane. Another well made quality bitch with excellent hindquarters and moving well.

3. Maidment's Amahles Sight for Sore Eyes.

MINOR LIMIT BITCH (5 entries, 2 absent)

1. Smith's Lilongwe Lilly Mae. Substantial light wheaten bitch with a lovely feminine head on a powerful neck to good shoulder placement and return of upper arm. Well ribbed back to good quarters moving with accuracy in front and behind.
2. Henshall's Suhuba Kanzi. Shapely bitch but lacking the substance of the first. Level topline which she held on the move.
3. Grayson-Wood's Isiqqa's Galija.

LIMIT BITCH (12 entries, 4 absent)

1. Bate's Gunthwaite Diamond Lil JW. This beautiful dark red bitch excels in all departments. Feminine head with correct proportions, excellent front and feet. Good reach of neck into correct shoulder placement and return of upper arm. Well ribbed back, strong through the loin to powerful quarters with good width. Good bend of stifle to low set hock. Moved with great accuracy and drive. Presented in superb condition. Best Bitch and Best in Show.
2. Carlton & Smith's Umhlandla Mbatha JW. Another top class bitch and unlucky to meet the winner. A touch more workmanlike but excellent conformation throughout with correct forehand and quarters. Moving out and covering the ground well. Reserve Best Bitch.
3. Parson's Priorpark Yetunde.

OPEN BITCH (9 entries, 3 absent)

1. Nash's Ch. Mirengo's Maiya with Mutoko JW ShCM. Although out of coat I loved this bitch for her overall soundness and excellent front and rear assembly. Moving she did not put a foot wrong and simply flowed round the ring.

2. Storey's Kiromol Kinuka. Another lovely head from this kennel with excellent proportions and kind expression. Quality bitch with good conformation all round and moving so soundly.

3. Barnes's Diamondridge Dollissima.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS BITCH (4 entries, 1 absent)

1. Wigglesworth's Nomuula Namaqua at Ranginui.

2. Walshe's Monduri Kasulu Kasinda.

3. Henshall's Suhuba Kanzi.

VETERAN BITCH (4 entries, 0 absent)

1. Storey's IR.Ch. Kiromol Kianga. 8 Years old. Big bitch with a beautiful head. Excellent front and quarters in great condition moving really well. Best Veteran in Show

2. Carlton's Flametrees Zuli at Umhlandla. 9 years old. Narrower all through than first but such a sweet head and expression and moving like a youngster.

3. Gate's Just Niketta of Eagleridge.

BRACE (4 entries, 0 absent)

1. Smith's Brace. Father and daughter, so alike and going well