

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 25th September 2016

It was an honour to receive an invitation from the committee of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Great Britain to judge their 2016 Championship Show which I was only too pleased to accept. The entry of 161 dogs was fabulous. Sadly, the weather was not kind and so showing was inside. However the ring was spacious, allowing handlers to show their dogs to their maximum potential. I would like to thank both the committee and my stewards for all their hard work to ensure that the show ran smoothly allowing exhibitors and their dogs to enjoy their day. I was very pleased with my principle class winners, having correct well defined ridges, looking fit and healthy with good temperaments.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (5)

1st Farleigh- KINABULA`S TAKING CHANCES – 8 month old wheaten boy of good size so hope he does not grow much more. Well developed for age, having plenty of substance, depth of chest and growing evenly. Head of correct proportions and framed by nice large ears. Moved out well in profile but a little loose in front at present. Well handled.

2nd Davis- HESSLEWELL HEARTTHROB – Just 6 months old and so still has to develop. Has a very attractive outlook with a dark round kind eye although somewhat lacking underjaw, clean neck leading into well laid shoulders. Good length of ribbing and angulated hind quarters. Well schooled and confidently handled.

3rd Llewellyn- MSINGI MACKENNA

PUPPY DOG (8:2)

1st Cannon & Wickstead- HESPA KIR ROYALE – 11 month old red wheaten of standard size. Lovely head and powerful muzzle. Clean neck, good width of forechest and angulation fore and aft. Plenty of bone, compact feet with arched toes. For one so young move out with purpose. Well presented and handled. Please to award him RDCC & BPIS.

2nd House- DIAMONDRIDGE DISTANT STORM FOR KEMGORDONI – 10 month old red wheaten who is a bigger made boy than 1, but is balanced with good length of ribbing. Head of correct planes. Scored on his movement today.

3rd Farleigh- FLYING FIRST CLASS QWANDOYA WITH KINBULA (Imp CRZ)

JUNIOR DOG (5:1)

1st Nix- KITOKO WHEREVER YOU GO EIKO – 16 month old wheaten who has a lot to like. Of standard size and well proportioned in body, standing on tightly knuckled feet. Head of correct planes with a kind, expressive outlook. Best mover in class today. Pressed hard for DRCC, will watch his future with interest.

2nd Wilding & Deacon- KIROMOL KINDRED SPIRIT – 15 month old red wheaten of strong build, with good length of ribbing and longer cast over loin. Masculine head, clean neck and level topline which was held on the move.

3rd Murphy & Barnes- DIAMONDRIDGE DE NIRO

YEARLING DOG (4:2)

1st Hanson & Inwood- MIRENGO`S MAHDI – Attractive 16min old self coloured wheaten with head of correct proportions, dark eyes and good ear carriage with a gentle outlook. Clean lines throughout with enough bone. Somewhat erratic movement but has a good length of stride.

2nd Murphy & Barnes- DIAMONDRIDGE DE NIRO – 14mnth old red wheaten dog who is mature for age. Well proportioned head with correct ear carriage. Strongly made throughout. When free standing and moving a little weak in front pasterns which turns feet slightly out.

GRADUATE DOG (1)

1st Carlton UMHLANDA VAN MAKHOBA - 2 year old dog red wheaten dog who is reaching maturity. Has a strong masculine head, well filled forechest, good lay of shoulders and rear angulation. Excellent musculature which powered him around the ring with ease. Well handled.

POST GRADUATE DOG (11:3)

1st Woodrow- MIRENGO`S MANGULA – Lovely wheaten boy who is typical of this kennel. Having clean, sloping shoulders and well defined quarters with good bend of stifle. Movement free and easy. Considered for top honours but sadly went lame in the challenge.

2nd Websters- JANAK ZANDR. – liked this young man when first seen as a raw puppy and today he has matured into a well balanced dog with good muscle tone which was used effectively when moving. Sadly, he is not shown to his full potential.

3rd Brown & McIntosh- CHAGALL AKUA

MINOR LIMIT DOG

1st Healey, Strickland & Camilletti- OZUBI`S BEST MATE OF VOORTREKKER - Fully mature dog with a nice head. Strong neck leading to well made body of balanced proportions. Level topline which was held on the move. Presented in hard condition which showed when moving. Well handled.

2nd Watson ILIZULU BAH HUMBUG - Another fully mature red wheaten dog who has an attractive, masculine head with a kind eye. Tall impressive dog who has plenty of bone, super tight feet and strong forequarters but lacks a little rear angulation. Moved out well.

3rd Lilly- MIRENGO`S MOROKO

LIMIT DOG (11:5)

1st Catharell- FAAHAC FREE N` EASY JW – Liver nosed dog with correct pigmentation and within standard height. Well boned and balanced throughout with adequate forechest, strong and level topline. Straight forelegs, elbows tight to body and well knuckled feet. Presented in excellent condition and moving straight and true.

2nd Lawson- KANI AKILAH ENCANE HASANI FOR JENGACHENGA (Imp Ned) – Red wheaten dog who has lovely dark round eyes and broad between ears but would prefer muzzle to be a little longer. Plenty of substance throughout. Moved out with drive.

3rd Tredwell & Symonds- SHOMBAY DARK KNIGHT RISES

OPEN DOG (13:4)

1st Doughty- COLKERIRIN INDALI LIGHT OF RUBILTRA – Handsome, self coloured wheaten dog with no exaggerations. Within breed standard height, strong neck leading to well angulated quarters that were well muscled. Enough length of body for height, plenty of bone and compact feet. Accurate movement and at one with handler. Pleased to award DCC & RBIS.

2nd Macfall- CH KELSHANTI SENATOR OF AFRICANER JW, ShCM – A worthy champion and one I have always admired as he is masculine in outlook and is always in excellent condition with a coat that gleams. Having well muscled quarters fore and aft, good width of chest. Is an ultimate showman on the move but just a little proud of his tail.

3rd Craven- HESPA HENRY HIGGINS JW.

VETERAN DOG (2)

1st Jeffery- MUTOKO`S MANGUSTA – Red wheaten dog who is an old fashioned type. A noble head of correct proportions with the cleanest of teeth and appeared to be in good overall physical condition. Holding topline on the move

2nd Lawson- JENGACHENGA BY DESIGN - Red wheaten dog who is showing little sign of age. Lighter framed than 1, but had deep capacious forechest, good length of ribbing and loin. Moving out well. Little to chose between these two boys.

SPECIAL VETERAN DOG (3)

1st Hodge- MULTI/INT CH COLUMBIA BLUE SKY OF COURAGE (Imp USA) – I understand the oldest dog here today but clearly no-one had told him that! as he enthusiastically did two laps of the ring. This amazing gentleman has greying throughout his coat but still had ring presence with an elegant head, clean neck, level topline and standing on tight feet.

2nd Woodrow- MIRENGO`S MUKWELA - This older gentleman is nearly 12 years young and despite greying has such a noble outlook with a twinkle in his eye. Good lay of shoulders, moderate forechest and depth of brisket, good length of loin and rear quarters well angulated. Still moves with an easy stride.

3rd Lowson- CH MWENGA HASANI FOR JENGACHENGA

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (7:1)

1st Farleigh- KINABULA`S SOME GIRLS DO – Litter mate to 1st in MPD and a very similar stamp. Wheaten girl who is well developed with feminine outlook yet strong in muzzle. Plenty of bone, depth of chest, well sprung ribs, good length of loin and strong quarters. Level topline which was held on the move. BPB.

2nd Davis- HESSLEWELL HEARTBEAT littermate to 2nd in MPD although this young lady is a livernose, with super pigment. In development is a little more mature than her brother but has the same attributes. Again well schooled and confidently handled.

3rd Lowson- MSINGI MAARIKA FOR JENGACHENGA

PUPPY BITCH (9:1)

1st Manning- FIADMA MRS CLAUSE NYEKUNDO – Lots to like about this 9 month old puppy. Of moderate size, with attractive head that just needs to broaden a little and large ears to grow into. Neck free from throatiness leading to well proportioned body, good length of ribbing and rear angulation, well let down hocks. Moved out freely.

2nd Rowbottom- HESPA PINA COLADA – 11 month old puppy who scored in size, good shoulder placement, width of chest and strong rear quarters. Head still developing but would prefer more definition of stop. Moved out well and nicely presented.

3rd Barker- BONFIREBEAU BANGTIDY

JUNIOR BITCH (10:1)

1st Storey- KIROMOL MIDSUMMER SPIRIT JW – This 14 month old red wheaten girl is eye catching. Pretty head of correct planes and depth of muzzle. Clean neck, super forequarters and ample forechest. Good length of ribbing and level topline. Strong well angulated rear and standing on the best of feet. Moved out purposefully and at one with her handler. Pleased to award her BCC & BIS, I am sure she has a bright future.

2nd Maylor- MIRENGO`S MUSOLA AT KAMILI – 16 month old wheaten girl who in many respects is a similar type to one in profile and height. Just losing out today as front feet need to tighten and running a little wide in front.

3rd Edwards & Aldous- MUKUMBURA STAR APPEAL

YEARLING BITCH (4:1)

1st Maylor - MIRENGO`S MUSOLA AT KAMILI

2nd Nelson- GABISA WOO WOO AT ZOUGANI JW SchCM – 23 mnth old who is a good solid type with an attractive head, strong, clean neck leading to well made quarters and well angulated rear. Just a little longer in length than 1st. I am sure these two will swap places on many occasions.

3rd Dillon- MIRENGO`S MUBI

GRADUATE BITCH (5:2)

1st Hale- UMHLANDLA IHOTELA LINKHOSI – Lots to like about this 2 yr old red wheaten bitch. She has a beautiful head of correct proportions. Within breed standard height and being moderate throughout, would just prefer front feet to be a little tighter but the best mover in the class today.

2nd Parrot- UMHLANDLA UMPHEKI AT MARONDERA – Litter sister to 1st and clearly so as they are very similar in type so little to chose between them. Just not as animated on the move today.

3rd Mulligan- JIMANN'S SADLY SOBER AT KONDWANI JW

POST GRADUATE BITCH (10:3)

1st Miles & Bennie – NEHANDO`S RED QUEEN AT JALOUMI – A feminine red wheaten bitch who has the loveliest of dark round eyes. Having good confirmation fore and aft, strong topline and well muscled quarters which helped her to power around the ring. Well presented and handled.

2nd Slater- FAAHAC BORN FREE – Another nice bitch who is reaching full maturity. Scored on her expressive, alert outlook. Clean neck leading to strong, well muscled quarters and tight feet. Little lighter in bone than 1. Moved out straight and true with her accomplished handler.

3rd Spratling- UNZEZI MISS JACQUES

MINOR LIMIT BITCH (4:1)

1st Davis & Vincent- MIRENGO`S MUIRA FOR IMOLA – Wheaten bitch who is substantial in bone and well constructed with plenty of forechest and depth of ribbing. Head of correct proportions with a nice dark round eye and good ear set. Not showing her best on the move but did enough to show free movement with drive.

2nd Pearce- MSINGI HUSH HUSH - Red wheaten bitch who has the best of feet and a balanced frame, level topline. Would prefer a little more substance. Moved out with purpose and presented in hard condition.

3rd Darling- SHARUFA SHADOWING JAMES

LIMIT BITCH (13:5)

1st Catharell- KITOKO MABEL – Wheaten bitch who is a lovely type and within standard height, head of correct proportions with a soft, intelligent outlook. Strong, clean neck and quarters with ample forechest. Movement free and active and nicely handled.

2nd Nash- MUTOKO`S LLEDWENAU LOWI JW- Wheaten bitch who is a very similar type to 1 in height, construction and bone. Having all the same attributes and moved out well. Sure she has a bright future.

3rd Lawless- FAAHAC FANCY FREE

OPEN BITCH (13:2)

1st Bates, McCarthy-Booth & McCarthy- GUNTHWAITE BORN TO BE WICKED AT JARHIBA – 3yr old red wheaten bitch who is very striking and really takes the eye. Within standard height, well made body of correct proportions and in super condition which showed in movement. Highly considered for top honours but sadly she faded in the challenge to one who was on top form today. I am sure she will gain her crown soon.

2nd Plested- NZAWI JUST FLOW WITH IT – 2yr old red wheaten bitch who is maturing nicely, alert expression, framed by well set ears. Shoulders muscular and sloping, level topline leading to well angulated rear quarters. Enough bone and standing on tight feet. Just not the animation of 1 on the move.

3rd Farleigh- CH KINABULA BIN THERE DONE THAT.

VETERAN BITCH (6:1)

1st Craven- CH HESPA HELOISE JW ShCM – 7yr old red wheaten bitch who just oozes quality. Such a kind outlook, strong neck, super forechest and well defined quarters. Plenty of bone and well arched feet. Carrying a little condition but could still show the youngsters a thing or two about movement. As always, well handled.

2nd Storey & Piehl- CH KIROMOL TALLULAH BELLE JW – Another 7yr old light wheaten bitch. Much to like about this girl in terms of within standard height, well balanced quarters and good length of ribbing. Moved out with drive.

3rd Hodge- CH/AM GRAND CH VELDKAMMER ASSLE ME LITELY

SPECIAL VETERAN BITCH (5:2)

1st Nix- CH NYASSA CALUUA AT KITOKO – A very special 10 yr old wheaten girl to me as I gave her a CC in 2009 and other than some greying I was pleased to see she has all the same qualities. Having the most gentle outlook, super shoulder placement, ample forechest, good depth and length of ribbing. An overall picture of balance and enjoying her day out. Could not deny her BVIS.

2nd Storey & Piehl – KIROMOL KINUKA – An 11 yr old wheaten bitch who is typical example of this kennel. Having a feminine head, well boned and angulated quarters fore and aft. Moving out well for age and at one with handler.

3rd Southwick- NYASSA ALANA AT MSULWA

Melanie Dunn (Khananga)
Judge

