

CRITIQUE - Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Great Britain Championship Show 2017

I was extremely impressed with the organisation of the show. Well done to the committee. Many thanks also to my stewards who helped so much.

The ring was huge and this certainly made my job much easier as we could clearly see how the exhibits were moving.

The exhibits were well presented and overall the ridges were correct and temperaments were sound.

I did see a couple of offset crowns which I had to penalise.

It was a privilege to be able to judge our beautiful breed and all in all it was a super day.

Many thanks to all the exhibitors.

Minor Puppy (3 . 1)

1. Verrall's Gunthwaite's Moon Storm. Handsome boy of great appeal. Liked his head and expression. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Well balanced angles. Moved well and kept his topline.
2. Hall's Matshushona Fire Opal. Nicely in proportion. Good head and eye colour. Good bone. Needs to settle on the move.

Puppy Dog (5 . 2)

1. Barnard's Carlincox First Encounter. Lovely well balanced red wheaten dog. Lovely head and expression. Super reach of neck into good topline. One to watch when he fully matures. Moved effortlessly round the ring (BPD)
2. Adderley's Tambyssa's Teasel. Presented in excellent condition. Good head and strong body conformation. Well placed shoulder. Just a little unsettled on the day.
3. Buchanan's Nehando's Excaliber

Junior Dog (3 . 1)

1. Barnard's Carlincox First Encounter
2. Buchanan's Nehando's Excaliber. 11 month old puppy Well balanced but still a touch gangly. Strong in head and muzzle with a good ear carriage. Good reach of neck. Moved soundly and true. Definitely one to watch when he is fully matured.

Yearling Dog (1 .1)

Graduate Dog (5 . 2)

1. House's Diamondridge Distant Storm. Well constructed and free of exaggerations. Strong masculine head. Good reach of neck. Strong muscular forequarters with good layback of shoulders. Good bone and tight feet. Topline held well on the move.
2. Buchanan's Nehando's Excaliber
3. Lilly's Mirengo's Movoko

Post Graduate Dog (3 . 2)

1. Nix's Kitoko Wherever you go Eiko. Well balanced boy presented in excellent condition. Very appealing expression. Strong front with excellent shoulders and good reach of neck. Well balanced angles. Deep chest and good spring of rib. Loved his free movement. Showed well.

Minor Limit Dog (2 . 0)

1. Cannon's Hespera Kir Royale to Abayomi. Lovely correct head and muzzle. Well constructed front with deep chest. Powerful hindquarters with good turn of stifle and hocks well let down. Moved soundly.
2. Grayson Wood's Kitanis Loki by Ino with Isiqa. Well balanced. Good strong head and muzzle. Good length of neck into sound topline and tailset. Strong front and deep chest. Moved well. Just seemed a little unsettled on the day.

Limit Dog (10 . 1)

1. Barnard's Neelanjali Jackson Brown for Tsjakka. Lovely liver nosed boy. Good head with correct eye colouring and kind expression. Correct front assembly with excellent shoulders and good reach of neck. Good depth of chest and spring of rib. Good bone and feet. Well angulated behind. Moved effortlessly round the ring . RDCC
2. Brown & McIntosh's Chagall Akua. Well constructed and balanced. Strong head and muzzle. Deep chest. Good bone and excellent feet. Correct front and rear angulation. Good turn of stifle. Moved freely covering the ground so well.

3. Tredwell & Symonds Shombay Dark Knight Rises

Open Dog (10 . 2)

1. Ashman's Eilack Kito Kijani. Upstanding dog full of quality. Liked his head and appealing expression. Long neck leading into a well angulated shoulder. Deep chest and good spring of rib. Kept strong topline on the move. Strong muscular hindquarters. Good bone and tight feet. Powered round the ring with big easy strides. DCC, BIS
2. Cunningham's Walamadengie Brooklyn Bear. Another boy with great appeal. A well developed dog with good outline. Strong head with kind expression and good ear carriage. Well constructed front with deep chest. Excellent shoulders. Well balanced angles both front and rear. Good bend of stifle and hocks well let down. Good bone and feet. Moved soundly but not quite as good as 1 on the day.

Veteran Dog (4 . 4)

1. Mackfall's CH Kelshanti Senator of Africaner. Well balanced boy. Lovely strong head with correct ear carriage. Super reach of neck into good topline. Excellent front and strong forequarters with good depth of chest. Correct rear angulation. Moved soundly and true. BVIS
2. Mulligan's Zougani Zuri. Well constructed and balanced. Shown in excellent condition. I really like his head and appealing expression. Well constructed front with deep chest. Good reach of neck. Kept his topline on the move. Good bone. Excellent tight feet.
3. Tredwell & Symonds Veldkammer Hi Society of Shombay

Special Veteran Dog (2 . 2)

1. Robert's Isiqa's Haansi. Very well balanced 10 year old boy with good deep chest. Pleasing head and expression. Well balanced angles. Good bend of Stifle. Good bone. Moved soundly and true.
2. Hodge's Multi/Int CH/AM DC Columbia Blue Sky of Courage. Well made and balanced 13 year old. He has a lovely head with a very appealing expression. Good front and well layed back shoulders. Deep chest. Moved out slowly but well. Movement not quite as good as 1.

Minor Puppy Bitch (3 . 1)

1. Nash's Tokwe Ginvincible with Mutoko. 7 months old. Nicely balanced in both fore and hindquarters. Lovely head, eye and expression. Moved well with purpose and drive.
2. Taylor's Tokwe Truly Gintastic. Litter sister to 1. Well balanced with good angles presenting a very elegant outline. Lovely feminine head. Moved well but not quite as well as 1. I can see both changing places during their show career.

Puppy Bitch (8 . 4)

1. Cox's Carlincox First Class. 11 month old girl who should have a bright future. Well balanced in outline and construction. Good head and eye with kind expression. Good angulation fore and aft. Moved true coming and going. BPB BPIS
2. Nash's Tokwe Ginvincible with Mutoko
3. Lawson's Jengachenga Despicable Me

Junior Bitch (10 . 2)

1. Larkin's Rubicon Red Do The Right Thing Royaal Pearl. 13 month old quality bitch. So well balanced and free of exaggerations. Lovely feminine head and good ear carriage. Good length of neck and strong level topline. Good bone and tight feet. Good angles. Moved soundly and true.
2. Henshall's Sanbona African Soul Daaci at Suhuba. Classic feminine head and muzzle. Strong front with excellent shoulders and good reach of neck. Presenting a very elegant outline. Very sound on the move but not quite as smoothly as 1 on the day. Another one to watch.
3. Zhao's Vkloof's Bongani Jin

Yearling Bitch (6 . 2)

1. Zhaos Vkloof's Bongani Jin. Just missed out to 1st and 2nd in previous class. A lovely bitch of quality. Well balanced and sound with a good feminine head with correct proportions. Deep chest, correct shoulder angle and level topline. Correct rear angulation. Good bend of stifle and well let down hocks. Moved soundly. Well handled. I think she has a bright future.

2. Mackfall's Hesperia Pina Colada. Well constructed body and balanced throughout. Correct head and muzzle. Good length of neck but could not keep topline today. Deep chest. Good bone and tight feet. Moved soundly.

Graduate Bitch (4 . 2)

1. Manning's Fiadma Mrs Clause Nyekundo. Pretty feminine bitch with lovely head and correctly carried ears. Good front and rear angulation. Nice deep chest and good spring of rib. Good bend of stifle and hocks well let down. Sound mover with excellent length of stride.
2. Taylor's Tokwe Truly Tickety Boo. Lovely feminine head with kind expression. Good reach of neck and well layed back shoulders. Good bone and tight feet. Balanced all round. Sound on the move from all angles but not the drive of 1 on the day.

Post Graduate Bitch (7 . 2)

1. Hall's Kenquince Pisonia. Well constructed and balanced. Feminine head with kind expression. Strong front with excellent shoulders and good reach of neck. Good bone, correct tight feet and strong pasterns. Presented in best condition. Topline held well on the move.
2. Manning's Fiadma Syleane Kajani. Feminine bitch with good head and very appealing expression. Well made and balanced. Good front and rear angulation. Her neck flows well into a good level solid topline. Deep chest. Moved well.
3. Parrott's Umhlandla Umpheki at Marondera

Minor Limit Bitch (3 . 1)

1. Hodge's Colkeririn Facd to the Sun. A well balanced girl with a lovely feminine head. Good strong front, well layed back shoulder and deep chest. Excellent tight feet. Topline held so well on the move which was sound and true.
2. Nelson's Gabisa Woo Woo at Zougani. Well proportioned and balanced. Feminine head with kind expression. Well constructed front and well balanced angles. Powerful hindquarters with good turn of stifle. Moved freely, covering the ground well.

Limit Bitch (8 . 3)

1. Darling's Sharufa Shadowing James. Balanced overall with symmetrical proportions. Pleasing feminine head. Tapering neck into strong, well built body. Strong front with deep chest. Strong hindquarters with good turn of stifle. Moved soundly with big easy strides.
2. Rottzridge Done That. Well made and balanced. Correct head and muzzle. Strong muscular forequarters. Well balanced angles both front and rear. Good bone, tight feet. Moved soundly and true. Did not want to be gone over today.
3. Plested's Nzawi Just Flow with It.

Open Bitch (8 . 1)

1. Cunningham's Walamadengie Milady Luck. Top quality feminine and elegant bitch. Typical head with appealing expression and correct ear placement. Good length of neck into wither and level topline. Well constructed front with deep chest. Good layback of shoulder. Good spring of rib and strong in loin. Sound hindquarters with good turn of stifle allowing her to move so freely, covering the ground so well. BCC RBIS
2. Anthony's IR Ch. Gunthwaite Luna Eclipse of Rottzridge. A well proportioned and balanced girl. Good feminine head and eye colour. Tapered neck into level topline, croup and tailset. Well proportioned and positioned forequarters, good chest and strong loin. Good front and rear angulation. Well muscled hindquarters with good bend of stifle. Hocks well let down. Moved and showed well. RBCC
3. Bates, McCarthy Booth & McCarthy's Ch Gunthwaite Born to be wicked at Jarhiba.

Veteran Bitch (4 . 2)

1. Nix's Kitoko Good Golly Miss Molly. Well proportioned with an elegant outline. Lovely feminine head. Well balanced angles. Deep chest and good strong bone and tight feet. Moved soundly.
2. Smith's Neelanjali Premier Rose at Lilongwe. Good feminine head and eye colour. Good front and well layed back shoulders. Good rear angulation with good turn of stifle. Moved well.

Special Veteran Bitch (4 . 1)

1. Hodge's Ch/aM GRCH Veldtkammer Assle Me Litely. 10 year old perfectly balanced girl. Obviously loves showing, her tail was wagging as I went over her. Lovely feminine head with good length of neck. Well constructed front with very deep chest. Good front and rear angulation. Not showing her age at all on the move.
2. Nix's Ch Nyassa Caluua at Kitoko. 11 year old girl with good outline and balance. Good angles with good deep chest and well sprung ribs. Moved soundly.
3. Parker's Ch Zuri Adia to Azuli.