**RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF G.B.**

**CHMPIONSHIP SHOW 27/9/2015**

Thank you for such a wonderful entry. I was delighted to be able to judge outside as Ridgebacks show much better there, and I thought they looked splendid in the sunshine. The breed has improved since I last judged with much better lay of shoulder but upper arm is often short or straight which spoils the dog’s reach. I was looking for a ridgeback without exaggeration that could move with reach and drive covering the ground with ease. Temperaments were very good. Ridges and crowns were generally correct but one ridge had a third crown which is not acceptable in the ring. I felt the quality today lay with the bitches and in some classes regrettably there were not enough cards to go round. Especially nice to see so many veterans reminding us of their contribution to the breed gene pool.

**MPD**(1) 1 Torr’s Bovijo Blaze of Glory 9 mths. Good bone. Masculine head with good stop and correct ear placement. Clean neck into very good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Deep chest and level topline. Good rear angulation. Moved out very steadily.

**PD**(5:1a) Dunn’s Fadil Nallah by Luanda for Tukela Eyecatching 10mths puppy. Pleasing head and expression with dark eye. Clean neck into good shoulder, would like more return of upper arm. Needs to drop in brisket but well ribbed back. Level topline, Well angulated rear quarters. Movement good but still a little loose at the moment. This will tighten up with maturity **BPD.** 2 Worthington’s Veldtkammer Winds of Change at Tungattosh R/Wh 10mths with strong bone. Good head with nice dark eye. A little short in the neck but good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, Deep chest but would prefer a little more ribbing back. Strong rear quarters but straight in the stifle. After settling he moved quite well. 3 Mylonas’s Rozelridge El Primo 10 mths finer in bone than 2. Nice head and expression. Good front and rear angulation. Movement difficult to assess as he would not settle.

**JD**(11:3a) 1 Greeves Hespa Hermes M/Wh 17mths well boned. Attractive head with dark eye and pleasing expression. Strong neck into excellent front quarters. Good depth of brisket, would have preferred a little more ribbing back. Level topline. Rear angulation well muscled with good turn of stifle. Moved out with drive. 2. Plested’s Nzawi Kaiser Chief M/Wh Masculine head with kind expression. Clean long neck into long shoulder with rather straight upper arm and a little out at elbow. Deep chest and level topline. Moved a little close behind today. 3 Sammut, Storey & Piehl’s Kiromol Kanuka R/Wh Good head and dark eye. Lovely long clean neck into good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Just needs to drop in brisket, well ribbed back . Level topline Little straight in stifle but moved steadily.

**YD**(3) 1 Craven’s Hespa Henry Higgins JW R/Wh Strong young dog with good bone. Lovely head and expression Good length of neck into excellent lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Well ribbed back and level topline. Powerful rear quarters. Covered the ground with purpose. 2 Webster’s Janak Zandr Masculine head with kind expression. Very good bone and substance. Good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm . Well ribbed back, level topline, strong rear angulation. Just didn’t concentrate on movement today. 3 Lowson’s Kani Akilah Encane Hasini for Jengachenga (Imp Ned) R/Wh Attractive head and dark eye. Standing on good bone but a little wide in front. Length of neck and good lay of shoulder but a little straight in upper arm. Brisket good depth but could do with longer ribbing. Rear angulation good with well let down hocks. Moved out well.

**GD**(3) 1 Morais’s Nyassa King of Leon R/Wh with very good bone. Attractive male head with dark eye. Strong neck into excellent lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Deep brisket with good ribbing back. Level topline. Good rear quarters and turn of stifle. Movementhsteady and balanced. 2 Lily’s Mirengo’s Mokoro. M/Wh Smaller dog with good bone but just carrying a little extra weight today. Lovely dark eye and kind expression. Nice lay of shoulder. Deep chest and level topline. Good rear quarters with good turn of stifle. Moved out with purpose. 3 Murphy’s Amahle Mpho at Lusapho R/Wh Very nice head with clean neck into long shoulder blade and short upper arm but good return. Deep chest but standing a little wide and out at elbow. Rear quarters good. Moved very well.

**PGD**(7) 1 Walker’s Amahle Juma M/Wh Good. bone and substance Lovely head with dark eye and kind expression. Clean neck of good length into good lay of shoulder but a little upright in upper arm. Deep chest and very well ribbed back. Good rear angulation allowing balanced movement. 2 Lower’s Mirengo’s Mukuru L/Wh at the top end of the standard but still with good proportions. Masculine head with lovely dark eye. Long clean neck into good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Deep chest and well ribbed back. Good rear quarters. Although still to mature, he moved effortlessly covering the ground with reach and drive. 3 Barnard’s Neelanjali Jackson for Tsjakka JW Good Liver colouring with correct light eye. Although a smaller dog he is nicely proportioned with good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Deep chest and good ribbing. Strong rear quarters. Moved true and covered the ground with purpose.

**MLD**(7) 1 House’s Lobengula Shine for Me R/Wh Strong dog standing on very heavy bone. Masculine head of good proportions. Neck a little thickset. Long shoulder blade with good return of upper arm. Deep chest well ribbed back. Strong rear quarters. Covered the ground easily. 2 Cheshire’s Wingsdancin Angel Sheknah M/Wh Lovely shape in profile. Attractive head and kind expression. Long clean neck into excellent lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Good depth of brisket and well ribbed back. Good rear angulation. Front movement was a little restricted which was disappointing. 3 Watson’s Ilizulu Bah Humbug R/Wh Strong dog standing on good bone. Nice head with dark eye. Good lay of shoulder but a little straight in upper arm. Level topline. Well muscled rear quarters. Moved out with drive.

**LD**(13:4a) 1 Nolan’s Harambee Ku Kujo ShCM M/Wh Very good bone and substance. Masculine head with dark eye and kind expression. Clean long neck into excellent shoulder and upper arm placement. Good depth of brisket and length of ribbing. Strong rear quarters with well let down hocks allowed this dog to cover the ground with reach and drive. Pleased to award him RDCC. 2 Hodge’s Colkerrin’s Sunlight. Slightly lighter frame than 1 with pleasing shape. Good head with dark eye. Long reach of neck into good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Deep chest, level topline. Well muscled rear quarters. Nice balanced movement. 3 Tredwell & Symond’s Shombay Dark Knight Rises R/Wh Good bone and substance. Lovely head with good proportions. Strong neck and good lay of shoulder, just a little short in upper arm. Chest not yet dropped to elbow, well ribbed back. Good rear angulation. Moved out with purpose.

**OD**(13:3a) Quality class of dogs to go over. 1 Jeffery’s Ch Zenzele Chase the Ace JW M/Wh Handsome dog with good bone and substance without exaggeration, Masculine head, dark eye and kind expression. Clean neck into excellent lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Deep brisket with good ribbing back. Level topline. Powerful rear quarters allowing him to reach out with accuracy and balance. DCC & RBIS 2 Barnard’s Ch Jockular Lord Leonti at Tsjakka JW M/Wh . I gave him BP when I judged last, and am pleased to see he has matured into a handsome, upstanding dog. Lovely head with kind expression. Clean neck with good shoulder and upper arm placement. Good length of ribbing and strong rear angulation. He moved out with balance covering the ground lightly. Could change places with 1 on another day. 3 Ashman’s Eilack Kito Kijani JW ShCM R/Wh Pleasing head with nice expression. A little short in neck but good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Deep chest but would have liked more ribbing back. Level topline, good rear quarters, well let down hocks. Move out straight and true.

**VD**(6:2a) 1 Lowson’s Ch Mwenga Hasani for Jengachenga M/Wh Very handsome head, clean neck into good shoulder and upper arm. Good depth of brisket and well ribbed back. Needed the extra height to complete the picture. At 9 years old enjoying his day out covering the ground with ease. 2 Hicks Nuthouse Manhatton M/Wh Slightly heavier in bone than 1 but has good substance, has masculine head with dark eye. Front and rear angulation good. Deep chest with good ribbing. Moved out with purpose. 3 Carlton’s Umhlandla Bukekayo Liver nosed dog with good eye and coat colouring. Strong dog standing on well boned legs. Good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm and well ribbed back. Moved out steadily.

**SVD**(3) 1 Woodrow’s Mirengo’s Mukwela M/Wh Good head with dark eye nearly 11 years old and still covering the ground with balance. Long clean neck into excellent front angulation. Deep chest and well ribbed back. Good rear quarters. 2 Hodge’s Multi/Int/Am Ch Columbia Blue Sky of Courage (IMP USA) M/Wh another grand old veteran with good bone and substance. Good front and rear angulation, Well ribbed back. Moved out true with ease. 3 Vincent’s Ch Umhlandla Injabulo for Jematti 9 years old with good bone and hardly a sign of his age. Pleasing head and nice dark eye, Strong neck into good shoulder placement. Deep brisket, well ribbed back just a little shorter in loin than 1 & 2. Good drive from behind allowing him to move out with purpose.

**MPB**(4:1a) 1 Simpson’s Sofala having a Good Time at Renescent M/Wh 8 months with nice bone. Pretty head. Long neck into good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Good length of ribbing. Standfing a little high behind today. Moved out steadily when settled. 2 Conlon’s Ngirozi’s Heart and Soul 7 months old with good liver-nosed colouring. A little finer boned than 1 with good front and rear quarters. Deep chest and good ribbing. Moved out well. 3 Wellbank’s Malekas Rich and Rare R/Wh 8 months Good head and clean neck and good front assembly. Deep chest but ribbing just cuts up a little at the moment. A little unsettled at first, but moved OK

**PB**(3:1a) 1 Nelson’s Gabisa Woo Woo at Zougani M/Wh 11 months with good bone and substance. Feminine head with good dark eye. Clean neck into good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Deep chest, level topline. Good turn of stifle. Moved out with balance BP 2 Kirby & Mansfield’s Shingwidsi Tshadi Rose M/Wh 10 months Not so mature as 1 and standing a little high behind today. Nice Head proportions. Very good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Tight elbows and good depth of chest. Took a little time to settle but moved out well.

**JB**(11:5a) 1 Nash’s Mutoko’s Lledwenau Lowrie JW M/Wh Eye catching bitch of lovely shape. Good bone and substance. Very pretty head and expression. Lovely long clean neck into excellent shoulder placement and return of upper arm. Deep brisket and well ribbed back. Very good rear quarters with well let down hocks. Moved effortlessly covering the ground with reach and drive. Pressed hard for reserve bitch CC. 2 Plested’s Nzawi Just Flow with It R/Wh Strong head and good length of neck. Very good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Good deep chest but ribbing tucks up too quickly. Moved out steadily. 3 Broadsmith’s Gunthwaite Kiss and Tell at Chainama R/Wh Strong boned bitch with attractive head and expression. Clean neck into good lay of shoulder but upper arm a little short. Good depth of brisket and ribbing well back. Good rear angulation allowed her to move out with ease.

**YB**(8:4a) 1 Broadsmith’s Gunthwaite Kiss and Tell at Chainama. 2 Torr’s Gunthwaite Dolly Diva at Bovijo R/Wh Good bone. Feminine head. A little light in eye colour. Clean neck. Deep chest and well held topline. Good front and rear angulation. Covered the ground steadily. 3 Tanner-Oliver-Smith & Baldwin’s Janak Dronning Maud L/Wh Pretty head with dark mask and lovely dark eye. Rangier bitch than 1 with long clean neck into excellent lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Good depth of brisket and well ribbed back. Well let down hocks Her movement let her down today as she was a bit erratic and difficult to assess.

**GB**(5:2a) 1 Greeves Amber Inko R/Wh Nicely proportioned head with dark eye. Strong neck into good lay of shoulder but upper arm is a little straight. Good depth of brisket but would prefer longer ribbing back. Good rear quarters. Moved out well. 2 Hurn’s Abayomi The Light Fantastic of Matikiridge M/Wh Rangier bitch than1 with lovely head and feminine expression. Clean neck into good shoulder placement but upper arm is rather short. Good depth and ribbing of brisket. Good rear angulation. Movement a little erratic today. 3 Brien & Young’s Imange Msitu Mashamba R/Wh standing on good bone. Attractive head and expression. A little thickset in neck but good lay of shoulder and upper arm. Deep chest with good ribbing. Rear quarters good with well let down hocks. Moved very well.

**PGB**(11:6a)Gray’s Kijivu’s Kaira M/Wh bitch of lovely proportions. Very pretty head and expression. Good clean neck into correct front angulation. Good deep chest and very well ribbed back, Level Topline. Good rear quarters. Moved out with ease covering the ground with reach and drive. 2 Adderlwy’s Tambyssa’s Aphrodite M/Wh Heavier boned bitch with good substance. Attractive head and dark eye. Clean neck although a little thick-set. Very good front and rear angulation. Good depth of brisket. Moved true out and back. 3 Crowle’s Mtwapa Maalum M/Wh Lovely head and dark eye. Clean neck of good length into excellent shoulder but a little upright in upper arm. Deep chest well ribbed back. Level topline. Moved out steadily.

**MLB**(6) 1 Darling’s Sharufa Shadowing James M/Wh Lovely shape with very good bone and substance. Feminine head and expression. Long clean neck into very good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Deep chest, good ribbing and level topline. Good rear angulation. Moved with reach and drive. 2 Woodrow’s Mirengo’s Mazara Bani M/Wh Slightly rangier bitch than 1 with good bone. Pretty head with nice dark eye. Shoulder and upper arm placement is excellent. Good depth of brisket and well ribbed back. Rear quarters very good. Movement light and covering the group with purpose. 3. Nolan’s Harambee Ku Shani M/Wh another bitch with bone and substance. Attractive head with dark eye and feminine expression Good length of shoulder into correct lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Brisket deep and ribbing well back. Good turn of stifle. Moved out well covering the ground with ease.

**LB**(13:2a) 1 Parson’s Priorpark Aphrodite M/Wh Caught my eye as she came into the ring. A bitch with no exaggeration but good bone and substance. Feminine head with dark mask and eye. Long clean neck into very good shoulder placement and return of upper arm. Deep chest with very good ribbing back. Level topline on the move. Strong rear quarters. Moved out easily with reach and drive, BCC & BIS. 2 Gray’s Kijivu’s Kharis L/Wh another good boned bitch without exaggeration. A very pretty head with lovely dark eye. Long neck into very good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Good depth of brisket and length of ribbing. Good rear angulation. Moved straight and true RBCC. 3 Hick’s Nuthouse Never Say Never L/Wh Well proportioned head with dark eye. Good reach of shoulder and return of upper arm. Deep chest with good ribbing. Well let down hocks. Covered the ground steadily.

**OB**(14:4a) 1 Naylor’s Ch Khamilli Comes and Goes JW M/Wh Well boned with substance. Lovely dark eye with feminine expression. Clean neck into correctly laid shoulder and return of upper arm. Deep brisket would just have preferred more length of ribbing. Strong hindquarders with good turn of stifle. Driving from behind, she covered the ground easily. 2 Parker’s Ch Trendsetter Jani of Azuli ShCM R/Wh bitch of good proportions. Very pretty head and expression. Clean neck into very good lay of shoulder but upper arm is a little upright, Very deep chest and well ribbed. Good loin and strong rear quarters Well let down hocks, Moved with reach and drive. 2 Shaw’s Makibos Kilimalemrika ShCM M/Wh A little taller than 2 but good bone and substance. Feminine head with gentle expression. Long clean neck into slightly upright front angulation. Brisket deep and well ribbed back. Rear angulation good. Moved out well.

**VB**(10:3a) So nice to see all the veteran bitches in such good condition. 1 Hicks Nuthouse Martini Attractive head with good proportions. Clean neck into good shoulder and upper arm. Chest not quite to elbow but reasonable ribbing. Strong rear quarters. Moved straight and true. 2 Gray’s Kijivu’s Katoushka Very fit, shapely 9 year old showing no sign of her age. Just up to the standard with good bone and substance. Very pretty head and lovely dark eye. Good neck into excellent forequarters. Deep chest well ribbed back. Moved out well with purpose. 3 Thompson & Taylor’s Kelshanti Pendal Zula R/Wh Nice head with lovely dark eye. Very good bone. Good length of neck into excellent lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Brisket very deep with good ribbing. Level topline. Good rear angulation. Moved out with purpose and looked as if she could go on forever!

**SVB**((3) 1 Darling’s Ch Zougani Zawadi ShCM M/Wh 10 years old looking fresh and fit. Lovely feminine head with gentle expression. Lovely shaped bitch with good bone. Front and rear angulation good. Moved out with reach and drive.. Pleased to award her VB & BVIS. 2 Coyles Amiswarno Madrigal with Ozubi M/Wh. What a grand old lady at 12 years old really ejoying her moment in the ring. Feminine head with lovely dark eye. Long clean neck into good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Deep chest and good ribbing. Moved steadily covering the ground with ease. 3 Digby’s Chigani Adeola of Inbasha M/Wh Another spritely 10 year old with bone and substance. Attractive head with dark mask. Good clean neck. Front and rear angulation very good. Deep chest well ribbed back. Moved out very well.

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