

**BEST IN SHOW**  
**RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB**  
**OF GREAT BRITAIN**  
**OPEN SHOW 13 JUNE 1999**

Judge: Patricia Clayton



**Ch. Mwenga Massengai**

Owned and bred by  
Mr. M. & Mrs. T. L. Agnew

# RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN OPEN SHOW SUNDAY 13TH JUNE 1999

Uttoxeter Race Course, Uttoxeter

Judge: Patricia Clayton (Barvae)

I was honoured to Judge this 24 Class Event for the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Great Britain and would like to thank the hard working Committee for inviting me on this occasion, and for their most generous and very useful Gift. My thanks also go to the exhibitors for their sporting acceptance of my decisions, all the hounds were presented in lovely clean condition and looked a picture moving round the spacious out-door Showring—the grass surface on the Racecourse has been replaced by tarmac, which unfortunately became very hot during the Show, consequently some hounds did not always give of their best where movement was concerned. I was looking for a balanced, active hound with purposeful movement on the day, as many of our hounds do not extend in front or drive from behind. I did see some variance in type, however on the whole, temperaments and outgoings were excellent. Judges do have a responsibility in maintaining quality. There was a super entry of 104 dogs making 144 entries with 22 absentees.

I first Judged this very interesting breed in its native Country at Gwelo in September 1973, and when I later returned to Judge in South-Africa had the opportunity of visiting the Trekkers Memorial Monument and Museum in Pictoria which displays in marble the story of the Trekkers journey from the south—after you have climbed the 365 steps to the entrance—but nevertheless, a must for any Ridgeback enthusiast.

I thank my two stewards for doing such an excellent job which allowed me to concentrate on the dogs.

Sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make this Show such an outstanding success, especially the behind the scene team—you all did a wonderful job of work here.

My final line-up of unbeaten dogs and bitches was most pleasing, and one which I thoroughly enjoyed sorting out.

I was very happy to award **Best in Show** to Agnew's homebred **Ch. Mwenga Massengai**.

**Reserve Best in Show** and **Best Puppy in Show** went to Cahane's bitch **Exhurst Shiana**.

**Reserve Best Dog** was Firth's **Mwenga Hentiesbaai**.

**Reserve Best Bitch** was Willey's **Masai Mara Isabella of Exhurst**.

**Best Puppy Dog** was Sandland's **Batonka Zeke** and.....

**Best Veteran in Show** was Butler's bitch **Ch. Gavenda Bronwen** aged 7½ years.

Full report follows

Patricia Clayton

# CRITIQUE

## Dogs

### Class 1. Minor Puppy Dog (4 entries)

1st Hickman's **Madukani Kai** sound in construction for 7 months with a good head, expression and bite, moved out freely, correct ridge, lovely temperament.

2nd Turner's **Hespa Hausa** tall youngster of 8 months, not as mature as winner, has nice head, clean outline, tight feet and shapely hindquarters.

3rd Kingswood's **Janak Morghann**

### Class 2. Puppy Dog (3 entries)

1st Sandland's **Batonka Zeke** a lot to like about him, correct proportions of head, strong front, good bone, tight excellent feet, is firm in body with a good reach of neck, moved soundly, fore and aft, in lovely presentation was **Best Puppy Dog**.

2nd Firth's **Homebred Otavi Chobe** a quality one of ten months, is well balanced throughout, with well muscled rear and excellent bend of stifle, had not the drive of winner in profile.

3rd **Janak Morghann**

### Class 3. Junior Dog (5 entries)

1st Morris's **Shabani Santuru** this young hound of 13 months has a good head, eye and expression, correct scissor bite, strong neck set into well laid shoulders, stands on good front with nice bone and plenty of substance, has well angulated stifle, moved true both ways.

2nd Armitage's **Kwe Kwe Kifo** another very well balanced youngster of 15 months with plenty of bone, nice head and expression, tight feet, but needs to settle down on front movement.

3rd Webster's homebred **Janak Txaar**

### Class 4. Maiden Dog (2 entries)

1st McGann's **Kupenda Kupendura Saba** Attractive red wheaten of 20 months pleasing in head with good reach of neck, has well placed shoulders, strong bone, and nice tight feet, firm muscled hindquarters, which he uses well on the move, lovely temperament. Strode out easily and smoothly, fully demonstrated his powerful gait, responding well to his handler.

2nd Swale's **Kenwu Secret Agent** has all the essentials for his 2 years plus, and is well made throughout, but not as positive as winner when moving towards me, nevertheless, was well handled and presented in super condition.

### Class 5. Novice Dog (4 entries)

1st **Kupenda Kupendura Saba**

2nd Clark's homebred **Azuli Ajax** pleasing 2½ year old, a nice specimen of the breed who showed well and was capably handled, lovely outline with nice deep chest, correct ridge and tailset, moved out with style.

3rd **Kenwu Secret Agent**

### Class 6. Tyro Dog (4 entries)

1st **Kupenda Kupendura Saba**

2nd **Kenwu Secret Agent**

3rd **Kwe Kwe Kasper**

### Class 7. Post Graduate Dog (5 entries)

1st Noden's **Bhaka Son of Oztash** of excellent type for his 21 months, is balanced throughout with good head and front, has plenty of bone, good body, depth and ridge, well

angulated rear with good tailset and carriage, moved out with drive both coming and going, shown in super condition.

2nd Dunn's **Mangwe Shinto at Khananga** good type dog of 2 years plus, is pleasing in head and expression, has good neck, body and topline, a very active mover, but not the bone of winner.

3rd Grayson's homebred **Isiqua's Ijsa**

#### **Class 8. Limit Dog (12 entries)**

1st Duffy & Hollingworth's **Mwenga Mcheche** upstanding three year old with plenty to like about him, has good head with dark eye, nice reach of neck with well laid shoulders, firm body coupled with strongly muscled hindquarters, moved out with plenty of drive fore and aft, responding well to his handler.

2nd Butler's homebred **Gavenda Ross** 2 years, has good overall proportions, bone in balance with body, pleasing in head with correct bite, stands on strong front, with good angulation of shoulders, presented in super condition with lovely temperament, winner had the edge on movement today.

3rd Booth & McCarthy-Booth's **Tshaka Top Notch in Jarhiba**

#### **Class 9. Open Dog (11 entries)** A lovely quality class to judge.

1st Agnew's homebred **Ch. Mwenga Massengai** a mature dog of quality, has excellent head proportions, expression, eye and correct bite, a good reach of neck, very strong front with good tight feet, excellent angulation front and rear, good depth of ribcage, strong topline, with good ridge and alert temperament, covered the ground with a powerful smooth and easy gait, responding well to his experienced handler, shown in lovely hard condition. was **Best Dog** and final **Best in Show**.

2nd Firth's **Mwenga Hentiesbaai** 4½ year old, note litter brother to winner, built on similar lines, is good in outline and head with plenty of bone, presented in super hard condition, brother had the edge on movement here. Was my **Reserve Best Dog**

3rd Harden's **Ch. Kwe Kwe Kumi**

#### **Class 10. Special Beginners Dog (7 entries)**

1st **Tshaka Son of Oztash**

2nd Dillon's **Mangwe Gbarnga** a capably handled hound who showed and moved well, of pleasing type with strong bone, firm body and muscular quarters, not the drive of winner.

3rd Carlton's **Umhlandla Idayimani**

#### **Class 11. Veteran Dog or Bitch (7 entries)**

1st Butler's homebred **Ch. Gavenda Bronwen** 7½ year old is beautifully balanced and well constructed with quality head, good front, legs and feet, has ribs extending to back, nice ridge and firm hindquarters, moved out with style and drive.

2nd Carlton's **Nyassa Riia of Janak** another pleasing dog of good type with correct outline, has plenty of bone, good head and expression, sound moving in good condition.

3rd Davies' **Ch. Gavenda Rhiann** I note same way bred as winner, but an earlier mover.

#### **Class 12. Special Veteran Dog or Bitch (2 entries all absent)**

### **Bitches**

#### **Class 13. Minor Puppy Bitch (7 entries)**

1st Craven's **Hespa Hebe** attractive deep red wheaten who is homebred, a useful youngster of 8 months, showing a lot of quality and promise, has feminine head, correct bite, stands on good legs and feet with plenty of bone, has good neckline with excellent angulations and ridge, moved with long free strides responding well to her handler, very pleasant temperament.

2nd Agnew's **Janak Xamax of Mwenga** outstanding baby of 6½ months who is very well made throughout, appealed in head and expression, correct eye colour, excellent bone, good

length of body and ridge, well turned stifle, has plenty of drive from rear in profile, needs to settle down coming and going, but has time on her side.

3rd Cairns **Chimanimani Celtic Legend at Rooinek**

**Class 14. Puppy Bitch** (8 entries)

1st Cahane's **Exhurst Shiana** this youngster filled the eye for type and quality, moved with drive and real elegance around the ring—excellent in size, proportions and balance, feminine in appearance with good body, deep chest, well sprung ribs and strong quarters, moved soundly both ways, should have a good future, I loved her happy temperament, presented in super condition a credit to her owner, was **Best Puppy in Show, Best Bitch** and **Reserve Best in Show**.

2nd Sales' **Mangwe Sasha** another nice type puppy with all the essentials, nice head, dark eye, good front and tight feet, has clean outline with nicely muscled quarters, a little close behind today, needs to settle down on movement.

3rd **Chimanimani Celtic Legend at Rooinek**

**Class 15. Junior Bitch** (4 entries)

1st Shepherd's **Shingeti Samara** has pleasing outline, with typical head and feminine expression, good bite, very nice neckline, correct front, a little light in bone, nice ribcage, good length of body and ridge, is well muscled with good rear angulation, moved out with plenty of drive responding well to her handler, in lovely condition.

2nd Regler's **Shabani Savannah** I note is litter sister to winner of Junior Dog Class, built on similar lines, very good type, is pleasing in head has good reach of neck, well placed shoulders, good body and ridge and hind angulation, moved freely with correct temperament, feet not as tight as winner.

3rd Thomas and Stannard's **Nubeewa Gamekeepers Girl**.

**Class 16. Maiden Bitch** (4 entries)

1st **Janak Xamax of Mwenga**

2nd Smith's homebred **Htima Millie of Laurel** well balanced girl of 14 months with a pleasing head, stands on strong front with good bone and feet, has strong neck and good bend of stifle, not the drive of winner in profile.

3rd Finnigan's **Nyassa Azula**

**Class 17. Novice Bitch** (4 entries)

1st Wilcox's homebred **Belstone Zulika** this youngster of 21 months has good head with a pleasing expression, is clean in outline with good straight front and well arched feet, good shoulder placement, firm topline with nicely muscled quarters, is balanced throughout, moving true fore and aft, in first class condition.

2nd **Janak Xamax of Mwenga**

3rd **Htima Millie of Laurel**

**Class 18. Tyro Bitch** (4 entries)

1st Turner's **Siawa Mchumba** good specimen of the breed, who showed well with pleasing head, good reach of neck, has well placed shoulders, good bone, deep chest, strong body and muscular hindquarters, would have preferred a little more turn of stifle, shown in lovely hard condition, moved true coming and going.

2nd **Htima Millie of Laurel**

3rd Moore's **Rocksham Rio at Kylini**

**Class 19. Post Graduate Bitch** (8 entries)

1st Maitland-Jones' homebred **Mtwapa's Kumbe** lovely moving bitch of 2½ years displaying a smooth and powerful gait in profile, attractive outline, excellent in size with correct balance and proportions, feminine in appearance with good body, deep chest, well

sprung ribs and strong quarters which she uses well, has well defined ridge, moved out true fore and aft.

2nd Armitage's **Kwe Kwe Kimari** this 2 year old girl has a quality head, good bite, long elegant neck, good front, feet, ridge and temperament, moved with a lot of energy, not the substance of winner.

3rd Broadsmith's **Lionrock Cascara at Chainama**

**Class 20. Limit Bitch** (13 entries)  
An interesting class to Judge.

1st Davies' **Majazi Jana** nice bitch of 2 years, is of good type and very sound in structure, has feminine head, good expression, correct eye colour, plenty of bone, nice feet, good length of body and angulation front and rear, correct ridge, of nice temperament, shown in super hard condition.

2nd Agnew's **Faahac's Faith in Mwenga** another hound of excellent quality, showing considerable promise, is well made throughout, has typical head with good breadth of skull, a good reach of neck, correctly sloping shoulders, deep chest, strong body and muscular quarters, did not make the most of herself.

3rd Fraser's **Makarikari Rosalina at Nubeewa**

**Class 21. Open Bitch** (10 entries)

1st Willey's **Masai Mara Isabella of Exhurst** five years old, I note sired by third in Veteran Class—upstanding bitch of quality, lovely head and expression, good neck flowing into excellent shoulder placement, strong bone, tight feet, good depth of chest firm in body, ridge correct, has well muscled hindquarters, moved soundly with plenty of drive, is balanced throughout, in profile looked the part, as though she could keep going all-day with plenty of energy in reserve. was **Reserve Best Bitch**.

2nd Firth's **Ch. Mwenga Mgeni** 5½ years old, another quality hound of outstanding breed type and structure, she is feminine in appearance with deep chest, well sprung and powerful hind quarters with well bent stifle, not as positive coming towards me as winner but must always be in the cards, in super presentation, responding well to her experienced handler.

3rd Morris's **Okovango Kazi of Shabani**.

**Class 22. Special Beginners Bitch** (5 entries all absent)

1st **Umhlandla Ubhekilanga**

2nd **Azulia Ashona of Singharaja**

**Class 23. Brace** (8 entries)

1st Carlton's—both standing still and in motion had good control over hounds, similar in type.

2nd Agnew's

3rd Morris's

**Class 24. Special Progeny** (4 entries)

1st Agnew's a good progeny group displaying uniformity with the Standard.

2nd Regler's

Sincere thanks to all concerned.

21st June 1999.

## CLUB OPEN SHOW



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B.I.S. **Ch. Mwenga Massengai** (left)

R.B.I.S. **Exhurst Shiana** (right)