

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW - 26 September 2004

Judge: Mrs Janet Nolan

I was delighted to be invited by the RRC of GB to award CCs for the first time at this prestigious Club Show. I would like to thank the exhibitors (without whom there would be no show!) for an excellent entry and my ring stewards who kept the proceedings running smoothly throughout the day.

I thoroughly enjoyed this appointment. The venue is excellent but even with rubber matting, the floor leaves a lot to be desired, which was sadly reflected in the movement of some exhibits I know can do better. As usual there were absentees but a happy atmosphere prevailed throughout the day and it was good to hear enthusiastic applause for all placed hounds.

I had some quality hounds to go over. I believe the strength of the breed lies in the bitches at the moment. For my interpretation of the standard, some of the dogs I found to be a little overdone in bone and substance. However, it is good to see that the 'cathedral front' and upright shoulders, which were so prevalent in the breed a few years ago have almost disappeared. This is a hunting breed with a requirement for strength and stamina - well laid shoulders, a deep chest and strong flexible pasterns are essential with strong well-muscled quarters giving drive from behind. A few hounds lacked muscle tone. Tail carriage needs to be watched; some hounds are far too proud of their 'sterns' and hoist them high when on the move, which spoils their outline. Overall, however, I think the breed is in good heart and there were hair-splitting decisions for top places.

All hounds were presented in gleaming condition with sparkling teeth! Dentition/mouths were acceptable in all exhibits as were ridges and crowns on all placed hounds. Lovely to see several light wheaten and liver nosed hounds here today. Temperaments without exception were excellent. I was delighted with my final line-up.

DOG CC and BIS: Ch. Mirengo's Muko Mako

BITCH CC and RBIS: Ch. Veldkammer Lady Done a Bunk JW

BPIS: Leoness at Featherbed

BVIS: Ch. Vizara Shemesh of Shabani (imp)

MINOR PUPPY DOG (4)

1. Carlton's UMHLANDLA LUWAMBA. 8 months red wheaten. Quite an exuberant youngster - I do like to see puppies enjoying themselves! Masculine head, expressive round dark eyes. Clean neck into well laid shoulders, well boned legs and good feet. Deep chest, well ribbed back with correct tail set. Moderate bend of stifle, hocks well let down. Strode out well in

profile, accurate coming and going. Promising puppy.

2. Storey's KIROMOL IT'S NOW OR NEVER. 7 months red wheaten. Taller, well boned puppy. Good head with long deep muzzle, nice dark eye. Still quite immature in body - forechest needs to develop. Good layback of shoulder, strong legs and tight feet. Well ribbed back with correct tailset, strong hocks, good bend of stifle. Movement good in profile, tends to 'throw' his front feet at the moment comings towards. Another nice puppy.

3. PRIORPARK JUBA FOR NZURI.

PUPPY DOG (6)

1. Street's CHASLADS JACMIKS HANDSHAKE. 12 months old dark red wheaten. Very eye-catching youngster with so much ring presence. Masculine head, quite broad in top skull with correct earset and strong deep muzzle. Clean neck into well laid shoulders, strong bone good feet. Deep chest. Well proportioned body with strong quarters, correct tailset, hocks well let down, good bend of stifle. Movement measured and accurate in profile with good reach but tended to crab a little going away. Very well presented. Like this puppy very much - will follow his progress with interest. **BPD.**

2. Deacon and Wilding's KIROMOL KATO. 7 months red wheaten. Taller and rangier than 1 - will need time to mature and grow into himself. He has a nice head and strong deep muzzle. Would prefer a cleaner neck. Good shoulders, well boned legs, feet ok. Shade long in back and topline needs to strengthen. Tail set on a little high. Good quarters, stifle and strong hocks. Profile movement ok but was not too happy with the floor and tended to crab coming and going.

3. KYLINI IJSOKKI

JUNIOR DOG. (5)

1. Morris's NALLIM TISHLOBO. 16 months old. Very attractive liver-nosed dog with excellent coat colour and dark pigmentation. Correct amber eye, good ear set, broad masculine head, muzzle deep but a shade short. Good layback of shoulder, strong legs and tight feet. Forechest still developing but good depth of brisket, well ribbed back into strong quarters, tail set ok, good turn of stifle. Moved with long easy strides.

2. Brookes's EILACK KITO MARCUS. 15 months old red wheaten. Preferred head on this boy. Very typical Ridgeback with a kind eye. Correct shoulder angulation, deep chest, little steeply cut up underline - needs to strengthen in loin, standing slightly straight behind today. Profile movement OK but not the reach of 1 and crabbed coming and going. Nice youngster but immature and needs to strengthen all round.

3. BATONKA BELMONT AT NYUKI.

SPECIAL YEARLING (3)

Three youngsters very different in type. I Am sure they will change places as they progress.

1. Fuller and Nuttall's KYSYS FROM KUBAH. 18 months old red wheaten of

medium size.. Nice head, good depth and length of muzzle. Correct layback of shoulder, good feet. Deep chest, well ribbed up strong quarters with correct bend of stifle. Tail set ok. Movement best in class - free striding, accurate and true coming and going.

2. EILACK KITO MARCUS

3. EVERGRACES MAGIC MAESTRO AT LILONGWE (IMP)

GRADUATE DOG (7)

1. Tredwell and Symonds ZORO JAMES OF SHOMBAY. 23 months light wheaten dog. Nice head with lovely dark eye. Strong neck into well laid shoulders, good return of upper arm. Deep chest, strong quarters, nice turn of stifle, well let down hocks. Moved well in profile, bit erratic coming and going.

2. Fuller's KITO MASHAMA AT NYUKI. 18 months old liver nose. Would prefer better pigmentation and eye colour. Medium sized dog. Attractive head and expression. Good layback of shoulder, deep chest. Shorter coupled than 1. Good bend of stifle. Moved well in profile but paddled a bit coming towards.

3. THOKOZANI KUNZITE KING.

POST GRADUATE DOG (6)

1. Throssell's KASKAZINI SAYAN KOTOR. 21 months old red wheaten. Strong masculine head, nice eye. Well muscled shoulders, deep chest, strong over loin. Correct tail set, good hindquarters correct bend of stifle. Free striding movement when he settled.

2. Hargreaves's THOKOZANI KUNZITE KING. 3 year old mid wheaten. Attractive head and expression. Would prefer cleaner neck Good layback of shoulder, deep chest, strong legs but pasterns and feet could be tighter. Strong quarters, tail set on a bit low, adequate bend of stifle. Strode out well in profile but moving wide going away and 'throwing' his hocks a little. Not too happy on this floor.

MINOR LIMIT DOG (3)

1. Bowlus's SOFALA JEFFERSON. 28 months old mid wheaten dog. Very attractive medium sized hound with good bone and enough substance. Lovely head and expression. Well laid muscular shoulders, strong legs, good feet. Deep chest, well ribbed up to strong quarters. Correct tail set and stifle, hocks well let down. Moved out well today with good length of stride, accurate coming and going. Like this hound very much.

2. Fletcher's OUSEBAY TROJAN WARRIOR FOR KANTARIS. 3 years old mid wheaten dog. Taller and rangier than class winner. Very nice head and expression. Long neck, shoulder ok. Deep chest but still slightly narrow in front. Nice outline but standing straighter in stifle today. Long striding, effortless movement.

3. KUWINDA SWEET WILLIAM

LIMIT DOG. (10)

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Very difficult class to assess. On another day placings could be quite different but today this is how I saw it.

1. Van Leuven's ZANE (imp). Strongly built 4 year old red wheaten with dark mask. Quite a broad head, typical expression. Correct shoulder placement with very deep chest, good legs and feet, strong over loin. Correct tailset and bend of stifle. This is a balanced hound with free striding effortless movement - best mover in this class.

2. Campbell's MUSANGA SANGA MUKANA (imp). 23 months old red wheaten. Liked this youngster very much. Lovely head and expression. Clean neck into well laid shoulders, good legs and feet. Pasterns need to tighten. Good depth of chest, well ribbed back into strong quarters. Movement ok but not the strength and stride of winner today. When fully mature should make a very nice hound.

3. LUKULU UMNQOBI AT MSULWA.

OPEN DOG (15).

This was an interesting class - several quality hounds went cardless today.

1. Woodrow's CH. MIRENGO'S MUKO MAKO. 4 year old mid wheaten. Judged this hound as a youngster and loved his breed type then. Beautifully balanced with a typical head and kind expression. Calm attitude. Strong neck into muscular well laid shoulders. Good legs and feet. Deep chest, strong over loin with excellent quarters, hocks well let down. Moved effortlessly in profile with drive from behind. A worthy champion who made this his day. Pleased to award him the **CC and BIS**. Well done!

2. Ringer's FLAMETREES THE DOPHAN OF THE GLEN. Another lovely hound. Two years and nine months - just reaching maturity. Dark masked red wheaten with lovely head and alert expression. Slightly longer cast than class winner but again well balanced with excellent front, well boned legs and super feet. Strong over loin, moderate bend of stifle, well let down strong hocks. Very close up to 1 but not quite the drive in movement today. However, liked him very much indeed. **RCC**.

3. NYASSA SADIKI.

VETERAN DOG/BITCH (8).

Would have liked a red card for all these veterans. All presented in super fit condition - lovely class to judge.

1. Fairfax's CH. VIZARA SHEMESH OF SHABANI (IMP). Old favourite of mine. 8 years old red wheaten dog. Lovely head with sparkling eyes, strong neck deep chest, good legs and feet. Level topline with strong well muscled quarters, hocks well let down. Moved accurately with power from behind. In super fit condition and looking calm and relaxed. Real credit to his owner. Pleased to award him **BVIS**. Well done!

2. Maddox's MULFRAVEAN ZALIKA DEMELZA. 8 years old mid wheaten bitch. Very pretty head with round dark eyes. Melting expression! Strong neck into super shoulders, good front, strong legs and feet. Deep chest, well ribbed back into strong quarters. Moved happily and accurately. Very nicely constructed bitch - dog just had the edge today.

3. OUSEBAY STAR WAKIM

SPECIAL VETERAN DOG/BITCH (4).

Another enjoyable class to judge.

1. Carlton's UMHLANDLA IDAYIMANI. 10 years and 3 months red wheaten dog. Quite a substantial boy but in no way coarse and in superb condition for his years. Strong head, kind expression and hardly a grey whisker in sight. Clean neck into well muscled shoulders. Strong legs and really good feet for his age - still up on his toes with strong flexible pasterns.. Deep capacious chest, good ribbing strong topline, adequate bend of stifle. Moved with an easy stride and good drive from behind.

2. Ringer's CH. FLAMETREES RUBY TUESDAY. 10 years red wheaten bitch. A lovely bitch who again is in tip top condition for her years. Feminine head and expression, good front, legs and feet. Deep chest, strong topline and well muscled quarters. Carrying her years well but not quite the drive and strength of movement shown by class winner today. Another worthy champion - like her very much.

3. Wright's MICKLEMORE BAYLEY. Deserves a mention here. 12 years old light wheaten gentleman. Lovely 'old fashioned' type head with alert and wise expression. Nice body with good depth of chest. Seemed very pleased to be having a day out and moved around the ring with great determination. A real trouper - lovely to see him again.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (4)

1. Doughty's RUBILTRA CHIKOMBA. 8 months. Pretty mid-wheaten bitch. Nicely boned, well balanced. Pretty head, good reachy neck into correct shoulders. Good legs and feet. Good depth in chest, well ribbed and quarters developing well. Still a bit soft over topline. Correct bend of stifle, correct tailset. Moved steadily.

2. Harrower's JIMANNS HASHIE BASHIE. Love the name! 9 months old - another nice one. Head narrower than 1 and a little forward in shoulder at the moment. Good legs and feet. Front ok, standing high behind and slightly straight in stifle today. Nice movement in profile.

3. KUWINDA BLACK VELVET.

PUPPY BITCH (4)

1. Farleigh's LEONESS AT FEATHERBED. 11 months old beautiful red wheaten bitch. Pretty head and lovely expression. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulders, excellent front, wellboned legs, strong pasterns, tight feet. Strong topline with slight rise over the loins, correct bend of stifle and well let down hocks. She has a good reach in profile movement and was accurate coming and going. Confident and surprisingly mature in outlook. By the same sire as winner of PD - real stamp of quality here. I think these two will challenge in the future - today this little bitch just had the edge for me. Pleased to award her **BPB and BPIS.** Well done!

2. Shepherd's EASTNORAINA RUBY KRISMASI OF KUWINDA. 10 months

red wheaten. Quite a tall rangy girl - will need time to grow into herself. Nice head, shorter in muzzle than 1. Good depth of chest for age, well ribbed up, a trifle long in back and quarters need to strengthen. Plenty of scope here. Movement free striding in profile.

3. LAJANIENS ROOTIN TOOTIN

JUNIOR BITCH (13).

Very nice class of quality youngsters.

1. Swales' MWANI AISHA. 1 year old just out of puppy. Very pretty dark wheaten bitch. Very feminine head and expression. Lovely front with good layback of shoulder, strong bone and pasterns, good tight feet. Excellent topline and strong quarters - presented a well balanced outline. Very sound mover - won her this class. Liked this youngster.

2. Fawcus's ADAEZE AKIKI BLOSSOM. 13 months mid-wheaten. Another to like with typical head and expression, excellent shoulders, well boned legs, pasterns could be stronger, feet ok. Good depth of chest and well ribbed up to strong quarters. Good stride in profile but tended to throw her front feet coming towards me.

3. MIRENGO'S MAIYA WITH MUTOKO

SPECIAL YEARLING BITCH (2)

1. Main and Ramsden's JIMANNS DIXIE CHICK. 21 months old dark wheaten. Quite a broad head with long deep muzzle. Nice expression. Good shoulder placement, strong well-boned legs and feet. Deep chest, longish body, perhaps a shade over-angulated behind but strong hocks well let down. She moved well in profile. Just needs to mature and tighten up all round.

GRADUATE BITCH (2)

1. Jeffery's KYLINI USQUEEN. 2 years old red wheaten bitch. Very pretty head and expression. Good layback of shoulder, well boned legs, strong pasterns and tight feet. Good depth of chest and length of rib, nice topline with slight rise over loin. Strong quarters. Movement was accurate and true.

2. Maitland-Jones's MTWAPA'S KENGELE. 2 years old wheaten bitch. Pretty feminine head with a kind eye. Well developed front and good shoulder placement. Strong legs and feet. Deep chest, slightly 'soft' in underline today but strong topline and quarters. She has a steady, positive gait, looks as though she could go all day. Very nice type.

3. UMHLANDLA EGOLIOENI.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (10)

1. Farleigh's MTWAPA'S KAFARA. 2 years old light wheaten - litter sister to 2nd in previous class. Very similar in type but slightly larger all round. Pretty head and expression. Excellent front and lay of shoulder, deep chest, well ribbed back to strong loin and quarters. Strode out well in profile, accurate

coming and going. Another lovely bitch

2. Adderley and Jones' KYLINI UJSPY. 2 years old dark masked wheaten. Lovely head, round eye with typical expression. Good front and shoulder placement, strong well boned legs, feet could be tighter. Level topline which she kept on the move, correct tail set. Movement free and active.

3. KWE KWE K'HANI.

MINOR LIMIT BITCH (4).

Four lovely bitches.

1. Carlton's UMMLANDLA UTHEKWENI JW. 22 months mid wheaten bitch. Full of quality and so well balanced. Lovely head with correct earset, dark eyes and kind expression. Good length of neck into well laid shoulders. Deep chest, firm topline, strong quarters. Moved around ring freely, accurate coming and going.

2. Storey's KIROMOL KULULA. 27 months light red wheaten bitch. Very nice head with sweet expression. Again a very good front with correct layback of shoulder, strong well boned legs and super feet. Tall bitch, deep chest, just a shade long in back, well muscled hind quarters correct bend of stifle. Liked her sound, free striding movement.

3. SHABANI SHULAH.

LIMIT BITCH (14).

Another good class.

1. Shepherd's EILACK TULI WITH KUWINDA JW. 2 year old red wheaten. Neat and full of quality. Lovely feminine head with alert expression. Good front and layback of shoulder. Strong in pastern, light feet. Well sprung ribs, strong topline and powerful quarters. Moved very well in profile, accurate coming and going. Well balanced outline.

2. Rust's BINTA CHA CHA. 3 years dark wheaten bitch. Narrower in head than 1. Very feminine, nice dark eye and steady expression. Clean neck into well laid shoulders, good front and tight feet. Deep chest, well sprung ribs and level topline. Correct turn of stifle and strong hocks, well let down. Free striding movement. Nice bitch.

3. MISS CHIEF AT NYUKI JW.

OPEN BITCH (15).

Best class of the day with some worthy champions going cardless. This was no reflection on their quality. I was spoiled for choice here but the first three were in absolute top form today - decisions were close and they will change places I am sure.

1. Parkes' CH. VELDKAMMER LADY DONE A BUNK JW. 26 months old dark red wheaten bitch. Have admired this bitch from the ringside and was delighted to have the chance to go over her. Did not disappoint. Lovely head and expression, super front, long neck into well laid shoulders. Well boned strong legs and feet, deep brisket, well ribbed back with super powerful quarters. She has strength and balance but remains feminine and looks as though she could do a day's hunting. Can sometimes be lazy in movement but moved with drive here. Pleased to award her the **CC and RBIS.** Well done.

2. **Parsons' CH. TOUCH OF KRYHA.** Almost 4 years old and in great form today. Dark masked light wheaten. Lovely front and excellent shoulder placement. Deep brisket, strong topline which she retained on the move. Strong quarters with good hind angulation. She moves with a long easy stride which appears effortless. Very 'houndy' in outline. Like this bitch very much - a close decision here. **RCC.**

3. **REX VENTORS GABRIZA (IMP).**

SPECIAL PROGENY DOG/BITCH (1)

1. Carlton's UMHLANDLA IDAYIMANI

Best in Show

CH Mirengo's Muko Mako

Reserve Best in Show

CH Veldtkammer Lady Done a Bunk JW



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