

THE RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

50TH ANNIVERSARY CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Judge: Elizabeth Webster (Janak)

I would like to thank The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Great Britain and the exhibitors for granting me the privilege of judging the 50th anniversary show. I believe that the standard of dogs has improved steadily over the last few years and in some cases good dogs were not placed because of the strength of the class. The weather played a decisive role, it was cold and windy, to which quite a few of the dogs showed their dislike by arching their backs, causing them to lose hind angulation. The cold wind also affected ear carriage and facial expression. The later bitch classes and the bitch challenge were most affected as they came rather late in the day.

Minor Puppy Dog 3 entered, 2 absentees

- 1) **Holbrooks Ngami Celeborn.** Handsome, tall dog with strong bone, good head type. Needs to firm up in front action and develop in body, he has a good long stride.

Puppy Dog 5 entered, 2 absentees

- 1) **Morris's Nyuki Takamali Shujaa of Morlingcourt.** Medium sized puppy with good angulation and head. Front movement needs to tighten.
- 2) **Bennie's Burncote Nukooro at Nehando.** Good type, red wheaten, has a slightly light eye colour and was flying his ears which spoiled his expression.
- 3) **Goodwin and Davies' Nyuki Mask of Zorro.**

Junior Dog 8 entered, 4 absentees Good class with one really good exhibit just would be so was placed third.

- 1) **Skelly's Zougani Zamba.** Handsome well-grown, light wheaten. Well-proportioned with balance and good bone, excellent feet. Should have a good future.
- 2) **Fletcher's Ousebay Trojan Warrior for Kantaris.** Tall very elegant dog with good facial. Was lacking in maturity against winner.
- 3) **Kirk's Thokozani Hint of Gold.**

Special Yearling Dog 4 entered, 2 absentees

- 1) **Dunlop's Kuwinda Tiger.** Medium sized red-wheaten with good outline and lively head and expression. Moved well, but I did not like the tall carriage.
- 2) **Fuller's Tia Fitina at Nyuki.** Tall rangy dog with good depth of body. He is a little upright in shoulder and was unsettled in movement.

Postgraduate Dog 4 entered, 2 absentees

- 1) **Wilson's Kulal Kikombe.** Really good type with attractive head in good proportion and correct rounded eye shape.
- 2) **Kuwinda Tiger.**

Minor Limit Dog 5 entered, 3 absentees

- 1) Samuel's **Ozubi's Russet**. Has very good movement and heavy bone, would do so much better with a finer head. He is a bit lippy, which adds to the look of heaviness. He has good conformation.
- 2) Grayson Wood's **Isiqa's Ijsa**. Dog with a look of quality who had a better head than winner, but although sound enough could not match the easy movement and was showing age a little. Close decision.

Limit Dog 14 entered, 4 absentees

- 1) Mills' **Jhumha Jarza of Nzuri**. Excellent mover, very mature with good body shape. A little bit heavy in head.
- 2) Ellis' **Satnall Sorcerer**. What a good type of dog. Medium size, not an ounce of coarseness, good outline, movement OK, not as purposeful as winner.
- 3) Coyne's **Ozubi's Jonagold**.

Open Dog 17 entered, 6 absentees

- 1) Maidment's **Ch. Mirengo's Mojomo of Osbeni**. My choice to win CC and BOB. He is a fully mature dog shown in top condition with correct balanced build and attractive head and expression. This coupled with sound lengthy stride satisfied all that I was looking for. Not put off by the cold windy conditions.
- 2) Rossiter and Fox's **Ch Sonstraal Somali**. Light-wheaten top class dog with classic proportions.. Worthy champion with excellent head properties. Today he was a little bit overweight. Res CC.
- 3) Hutcheson and Ogilvie's **Ch Sonstraal Baron Samedi**.

Veteran Dog or Bitch 7 entered, 2 absentees

- 1) Coyne's **Ozubi's Kukumuka Dubu**. 8 year old bitch, lovely type retaining excellent free, sound movement, with lovely head and expression.
- 2) Firth's **Ch Mwenga Mgeni**. 9 year old bitch, youthful and lively, a worthy champion, front movement not quite as good as winner. Has a look of quality.
- 3) Morris' **Okovango Kazi of Shabani**.

Special Veteran Dog or Bitch 3 entered, 0 absentees

- 1) Carlton's **Nyassa Riia of Janak**. 11 year old bitch. Elegant with lovely head and expressive eyes
- 2) Maitland Jones' **Mtwapa's Makelele**. 10 year old bitch of good type and conformation, not as energetic as winner, but looking very good for her age.
- 3) Scott's **Belstone Simba of Selukwe**.

Minor Puppy Bitch 8 entered, 2 absentees

- 1) Holbrook, Morts and Higson's **Ngamin Eowyn**. Well grown bitch puppy, combining elegance with substance. Moved quite well.
- 2) Jackson's **Nyassa Zosi**. Big girl for age, but has substance and elegance. I hope that she does not grow on too much.
- 3) Baird's **Nurisha Hello Dolly**.

Puppy Bitch 8 entered, 4 absentees

- 1) Nuttall's **Nyuki Kilifi's At Home With Monduri**. Medium height bitch with good conformation and proportion of build, good head, good movement. Best Puppy.
- 2) Baird's **Hello Holly**. Good type with balanced build and elegance, front movement needs to settle down.
- 3) Waddington's **Mwenga M'xima**.

Junior Bitch 12 entered, 3 absentees Good class with strong competition

- 1) Brand's **Htsima Abeo Holly**. Eye-catching young bitch, totally unfazed by the cold wind, moved well

and confidently around the ring. Strong and well built, but feminine. Good head. Very well handled, Bitch CC.

- 2) Nelson's **Zougani Zuma**. Excellent prospects and should have a good future. Well grown, combining strength with elegance, light-wheaten.
- 3) Cairns' **Rooinek Tintaglia**.

Special Yearling Bitch 13 entered, 1 absentee

- 1) **Htimsa Abeo Holly**.
- 2) Nelson's **Zougani Ziba**. Top flight bitch of ideal height and type, feminine but not weak.
- 3) Grayson Wood's **Isiqa Flijs**.

Graduate Bitch 7 entered, 2 absentees

- 1) **Htimsa Abeo Holly**.
- 2) Green's **Amini Sahibu**. Good type with lovely head and expression, moved quite well.
- 3) Bamford and King's **Shabani Sekai**.

Postgraduate Bitch 7 entered, 3 absentees

- 1) Fawcus' **Namna Kwaheri Rosa With Adaeze**. Classy elegant bitch of medium size with good eye shape and expression. Excellent general conformation.
- 2) Boyd's **Sikulubani Zakiya**. Taller bitch and slightly loner cast but of good type, not enjoying the weather at all.
- 3) Hynd's **Ekundo Msichana of Hyndridge**.

Minor Limit Bitch 5 entered, 1 absentee

- 1) Parson's **Touch of Kryha**. Lovely conformation, light wheaten with excellent movement. Plenty of strength in build but still feminine. In the challenge was not too happy with the cold but she is top class.
- 2) Storey's **Kiromol Kizazi**. Built with flowing lines, an excellent bitch, was standing a little over-angulated behind. Has a long stride, but was holding head low on the move.
- 3) Kirby and Mansfield's **Faahac Fushana**.

Limit Bitch 13 entered, 8 absentees

- 1) Fawcus' **Htimsa Adaeze Tara**. Light-wheaten bitch of medium height, beautiful head and calm expression. Moved well, a little bit narrow in build, to be hypercritical.
- 2) Watson's **Hespa Heavenly At Madukani**. Lovely bitch with good balanced build, she has a good long stride, is a bit upright in the shoulder. Close decision here, she was not liking the windy conditions.
- 3) Wilson's **Shawema Golden Fascination**.

Open Bitch 10 entered, 4 absentees

- 1) Barnes' **Diamondridge Déjà Vu**. What a lovely, feminine bitch with sweet expression. Medium height, presented in beautiful condition, ideal type. In the challenge, hind movement was the deciding factor. Reserve CC.
- 2) Wilson's **Shawema Golden Conquest**. Taller red-wheaten bitch with good bone and long sound movement. Worthy champion, but I preferred the feminine look of the winner.
- 3) Ringer's **Flametrees Brown Sugar**.

Special Progeny 2 entered, 1 absentee

- 1) Rossiter and Fox's **Ch Sonstraal Somali**. An impressive group of true-to-type Ridgebacks. Clearly passing-on his excellent virtues.