

THE RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW - 21st September 2003

Judge: Dagmar Kenis Pordham

I so enjoyed my day with this wonderful breed. Overall the quality was really top class; particularly amongst the bitches. I was also impressed by the overall soundness of the exhibits, and here I mean not just physical soundness, but in character as well; I was most impressed by the excellent temperaments. The males were not as even in overall quality; but I found many most interesting youngsters.

Best in show was won by Mrs. Simper's Matabelle Moulin Rouge. A truly beautiful young bitch of 24 months; with the required elements of substance and strength, coupled with a look of quality, and yes, elegance. Here I don't mean elegance as refinement, but as the sum total of beauty of outline, presentation and grace. She has a beautiful head and expression; slightly disdainful as many of these top quality animals sometimes are. Lovely neck, just strong enough, lovely true front, shoulder well laid back, and elbows well under body. Just the right amount of bone for her size. depth of chest to balance her outline, proper bone and nicely padded feet. Strong over the loin and topline, excellent tailset. Clean, well muscled hindquarters, nicely angulated. Lovely finish of coat. Lovely mover, covering the ground easily and powerfully. Her first CC, I understand.

The Dog CC was Ringer's Flametrees The Dophan of the Glen. Really handsome young dog of 21 months; so right for his age. For me his head is so absolutely right, in proportions, eye placement, planes and earset; Good strong muscular neck, excellent shoulder, forechest; upper arm still somewhat upright; I feel it will settle back with age, as our sighthounds do. Just right for depth of body, firm strong topline, hindquarters again needing to soften in muscle tone, and he will then get more turn of stifle. Excellent driving movement especially from his wide rear quarters. For me he combines the basic requirements in the general description, in the Standard so very well: handsome, strong, muscular and active, symmetrical in outline. So intrinsically masculine a young dog, without being overdone.

Minor Puppy Dog (5)

1. Fuller & Nuttall's **Kysys from Kubah**. At six months, of course a baby still; but a very well boned puppy full of quality. Very nice masculine head, ears rather loose as yet; Very well angulated forequarters, nice firm topline and well matched rear quarters. Think him a most promising puppy.
2. **Walamadengie Awesome**. Another very promising baby puppy, not the size or strength of build of winner, but scoring on his balance and lovely finish. Lovely head, nice ears. Nice forehand, firm topline, excellent bone for size. Not quite happy with his tail carriage and although he moved happily and freely, did not match the freedom and reach of movement of winner.
3. **Veldtkammer Braces von Rottzridge**.

Puppy Dog (4)

1. Throssel's **Kaskazini Sayan Kotor**. Really liked this nine month old; who out moved the others in this class easily with his free action; with lots of drive from his hindquarters. Very nice outline, well angulated forequarters and strong hindquarters for his age. Lovely head and ears, nice neck and clean front, elbows close to body. Excellent topline, croup and hindquarters. Yes, he carried his tail rather high; but for me this is typical of a male puppy who is very happy.
2. Baldwin, McManus & Fulton's **Mangwe Grand Edition**. Well-conditioned and rather darker wheaten dog, certainly one who will always command attention. Has probably just had a growth spurt, as he is today rather upright over the forequarters, especially in upper arm, and elbows rather wide apart. Excellent firm topline, good croup and wide well muscled hindquarters. Needs to drop in brisket for overall balance. Not the freedom of action of winner today.
3. **Imola Integrale**

Junior dog (4)

1. Collier's **Chimanimani C'est La Vie**. Medium sized dog, rather longer in proportions, which to me spells denotes a hound type dog. Very attractive, rather lighter wheaten colouring. Lovely head and expression, excellent forequarters, elbows well held in when standing, but rather wider when moving towards me. Nice topline, rather steep in croup but tail well set; nicely angulated hindquarters, to match his front. Moved with a light powerful action as seen from the side.
2. **Shongwe Jabala of Gabisa**. Another nice young dog, rather different in type/outline and of a slightly deeper shade of wheaten colouring. Lovely masculine head, nice front but rather forward shoulder, good upper arm. Very good firm topline, nicely angulated hindquarters, stands very broad here. Nice free powerful action.
3. **Karafiki Runako Boyani**

Special Yearling dog (2)

1. **Chimanimani C'est La Vie**
2. **Kirafiki Runako Boyani**. Deep red wheaten dog, rather long coupled. Very strong masculine head with rather a lot of loose skin around the throat. Moved with a particularly extended action, while still holding his topline.

Graduate dog (7)

1. Jones' **Premier Piper**. In this class of boisterous young males this four year old dog stood out with his calm sensible attitude. Nice basic outline, very well balanced in quarters; no exaggeration here. Pleasant masculine head, nice strong neck, reasonable front and shoulder, nice depth of body to balance out his outline. Nice strong hindquarters. Very nice side action, and scoring on his clean movement coming and going.
2. **Zane (imp)** Younger dog, very interesting and, for me, a dog of great strength and a certain quality coupled with it. Strong head, rather more dark around muzzle and ears. Rather strong in neck; very well angulated forehead, with the slightly soft pastern that often goes with it. Nicely angulated hindquarters. Lovely free powerful side action. Could be a bit more firm in topline in the move.
3. **Ajali Mungo**

Postgrad. Dog (4)

1. Fletcher's **Ousebay Trojan Warrior for Kantaris**. Beautiful young dog, still looking like a pup at 24 months of age; boding very good for the future as he cannot go "over the top" but he has a good nature well. A dog very much in balance, every part fitting together and with matching fore and hindquarters; angulation; a very nice shoulder smoothly set into firm topline. I would use the Germanic expression "dry" for this dog, and it is a compliment. Nice head and expression, although somewhat large for his age. Very nice gathered action; just free enough; very sound action. Certainly one for the future.
2. **Umshumbwe Sukulu**. A young looking and rather long cast dog; looking better in this class than in the previous where he was unplaced. Strong head, rather soft ears; reasonable front, shoulder rather forward set; topline not very firm and tends to stand high over his rear quarters. Very extended, free, action.
3. **Hekaya Nyandoro**

Mid Limit dog (4)

1. Van Leuven's **Zane (imp)**
2. **Isiqa's Ijsa** Now six years old this is a very typical dog with no exaggerations, of medium size, lovely head and expression, the greying only helping to enhance it. Excellent neck with a lovely smooth line flowing over withers, firm topline, croup to nicely angulated rear quarters. Elbows nice and tight, belying his age, but feet now rather soft and needing more depth of pad.

Limit dog (4)

1. **CC. Flametrees the Dophan of the Glen**.
2. **res. CC Twine's Bansang Minder**. Another strong and most handsome male who to me is the essence of a strong hunting dog. Although a dog of slightly longer proportions which can sometimes interfere with coupling, this dog is so wonderfully well conditioned that he is all in balance. Lovely head, and earset, good over the neck and shoulders, excellent topline, beautifully wide powerful rear quarters. Strong active mover. The CC's were certainly a close call between these two wonderful young dogs.
3. **Lukulu Umnqobi at Msulwa**

Open dog (17)

1. **Hutcheson & Ogilvie's Ch. Sonstraal Baron Samedi.** As I write this report, I note that this is the third son of Ch. Rex Ventors Beks at Nyassa in this lineup; he who must have been quite a stud force. This three and a half year old dog is of a very athletic build, a fit and agile dog; built on the slightly longer lines which define a hound to me. Very well balanced overall, with well angulated forehand and a strong rear with well let down hocks. Lovely masculine head. Strong athletic mover. In the final line-up was so very close up to my green card winners, but he has rather softer pasterns and I do wish for a more arched foot. Dog of enormous quality overall, and presented in optimum condition.
2. **Ch. Sonstraal Somali.** Beautiful and wonderfully masculine dog, nearing seven years of age. Built on the stronger lines and most typical, for me. Different in outline from the winner, shorter bodied and higher on the leg; excels in his shoulder layback and strong coupling. Nicely angulated hindquarters. Lovely powerful mover still. Overall a hound of wonderful overall balance.
3. **Ch. Hespera Highlander of Africaner**

Veteran (2)

1. **Parsons's Tataqua Rooibos** Very nice and typical bitch, looking so well for her seven years, still fit and active. Nice head, well angulated front, good topline and nicely angulated hindquarters. Free and happy in her action.
2. **Ch. Kairaba Fantasy at Rooinek.** Another lovely bitch, rather more strongly made, but carrying "top weight" Most attractive rather lighter wheaten colouring, which I find so attractive. Nice head and soft, loving expression; Well angulated forequarters, rather softer in foot now.

Special Veteran (2)

1. **Maitland-Jones' Mtwapa's Makelele** Very active and fit eleven year old bitch, excelling in her free and true movement still. Sweet head with kind expression ; well angulated forequarters, starting to show her age in her lack of arch in feet. A lovely bitch overall.
2. **Belstone Simba of Selukwe** Lovely feminine head, in rather softer condition than winner today. I do enjoy seeing the veterans as I feel the show different aspects of breed type, and so I enjoy the wisdom in their eyes!

Minor puppy bitch (4)

1. **Cunningham's Walamadengie Lady Elegance** . Very forward and attractive baby of six months, nice head, good ears and expression; Lovely front for her age, legs well boned with excellent feet. Excellent firm topline with nice strong hindquarters. Very free mover, powerful.
2. **Shingeti Ashaki** Another very nice baby puppy, nice head and expression form excellent earset; nicely angulated forehand; elbows nice and close; lovely free extended action. Very promising but perhaps less forward for her age than winner.
3. **Shingeti Chaltuu**

Puppy bitch (8)

1. and Best puppy in show: **Thorne's Kwekwe K'Hani** This little lady is just so right for her age and development; Most lovely in outline, well balanced in her quarters. Lovely head, excellent front for her age, very good topline and such nice hindquarters, hocks well let down. Powerful mover. A bit strong in skull which should fine down with age; an excellent free mover and my notes also say "just so pretty"
2. **Umhlandla Uthekweni** Another lovely bitch, with a lovely head and expression, nice earset. Good over the front, excellent topline and strong hindquarters. Lovely action.
3. **Kyliniis Queen**

Junior bitch (15)

1. **Davis' Chyulu Hills Risiton.** Very nice young bitch, very well presented and conditioned. Lovely head and excellent earset, Nice and clean over the front, proper amount of bone, good feet. Excellent firm topline, nice depth of chest; Wide well muscled hindquarters, properly angulated. Scores on her free active action.
2. **Eilack Chyna.** Another very nice bitch, well finished for her age. Nice head, and earset; good strong neck, firm topline. Lovely strong hindquarters. Would stand wide over the elbows occasionally. Good strong powerful mover.
3. **Mtwapa Karafara**

Special Yearling bitch (7)

1. Parke's **Veldtkammer Kiss Don't Tell**. Beautiful bitch of 14 months; she simply needs to mature in order to gain top honours. Lovely head, very feminine but of very nice planes; nick neck, just strong enough, excellent topline, croup and hindquarters. Wonderful movement, light, active and powerful. Outstanding young bitch.
2. **Nyuki Nugget's Gem**. Tall, substantial young bitch that I was very taken with as well. Nice head, good neck, well angulated forehead, strong hindquarters. Somewhat softer in topline today. Lovely mover.
3. **Eilack Tuli with Kuwinda** I note that these three are half sisters.

Graduate bitch (8)

1. Webster's **Janak Sarula** Very nice typical bitch, well presented and conditioned. Nice head, good neck, very good true front, just the right depth of body for balance. Wide and powerful hindquarters. A bitch of no exaggerations; very much a strong hunting hound. Strong active mover.
2. **Isiqa's Esme for Glenorin** Another very nice bitch; presents a very nice outline. Nice head, good neck, very nice over the front with well laid shoulder; nice rear quarters; active free mover.
3. **Eilack Tuli with Kuwinda**

Postgraduate bitch (6)

1. Hynd's **Ekundo Mschiana of Hyndridge**. A bitch I liked very much for her type and quality, beautiful head and expression. Nicely angulated front and rear quarters; excellent bone and feet for size. Scored on her free powerful movement
2. **Mtwapa Shukrani** A very houndy, perhaps not so strongly built, but well muscled and athletic young bitch. Lovely feminine head, proper length of neck, well laid back shoulders. Firm over the topline, lovely wide well muscled hindquarters. Today stands rather wide over the elbows.
3. **Shingeti Aliko at Suhuba**.

Limit bitch (12)

1. Simper's **Matabelle Moulin Rouge**. Minor Limit bitch (4)
2. Grayson Wood's **Isiqa's Flijs** Such a nice bitch, at 29 months starting to come in to maturity. Very nice proportions, with well matched fore and rear quarters. Lovely head, good neck, proper depth of body for strength, strong topline. Easy free driving action.
3. **Sofala Sembala**. Rather a more feminine bitch, but still with the look of strength. Nice head, good strong neck, good shoulder layback, good topline croup and hindquarters. Not the best in front of winner, but a very nice bitch overall.
4. **Sikulubani Zakiya**

Limit bitch (12)

1. CC and BIS **Simper's Matabelle Moulin Rouge**.
2. **Miss Chief at Nyuki** Slightly older bitch, also one which combines strength and feminine very well. Nice head, lovely earset; nice neck, again a nice clean front, well angulated, with proper bone and feet. Nice topline and croup, good wide hindquarters. Lovely free side action.
3. **Flametrees Simply the Best at Zokozza**

Open bitch (18)

1. and res. CC, Craven's **Ch. Hespera Hebe**. Lovely powerful bitch, full of quality. Beautifully conditioned, and with a beautiful outline and so well balanced. Very nice head, good neck, excellent front with that bit of spring in her pasterns that denotes a good shoulder layback. Very well coupled, excellent croup and wide powerful hindquarters. At coming up to five years of age it is so good to see a powerful bitch such as this still be so cleanly muscled over the front. Long easy active action. A very close decision between two beautiful bitches, quite different in age; in the end the sheer beauty of the younger bitch won through, but I cannot speak highly enough of this fully mature bitch, for me so very close to the Standard.
2. **Hespera Heavenly at Madukani**. I note a full sister to the winner of the class., two years younger, and one could say a younger copy, perhaps? Similar head, lovely clean neck and forequarters, nice and strong in topline, well angulated strong hindquarters. Again, this long powerful stride; well, her owner should have much to look forward to!
3. **Bruet Song of Kasenga**.

Special progeny (2)

1. **Nyuki Golden Fizz**
2. **Umhlandla Idayimani**

BEST IN SHOW



Mrs Simper's Matabelle Moulin Rouge BIS Open & Champ Show