

# CRITIQUE

## THE RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Sunday 26th September, 1999

Judge: Vikki Cook

This efficiently run show was a pleasure to judge. There was a noticeable warmth between exhibitors and I am pleased to report that the temperament of the dogs was excellent, neither excessively aggressive nor nervous which augurs well for the future of the breed. In all classes I was looking for handsome, upstanding dogs in good muscular condition (but not loaded). Movement is most important. Some dogs appearing balanced when standing "fell apart" on the move. I was looking for a free and active stride with good reach and drive. Some upper arms were rather short and poorly angled resulting in a choppy upward front action which is most untypical.

Exhibitors should congratulate themselves as the majority of dogs were shown in excellent bloom although a few did have very dirty teeth. I did not find any faulty ridges and appreciated receiving the courtesy notice from the Midlands & Northern R.R. Club reiterating its importance in the breed standard.

### **Class 1. Minor Puppy Dog** (5 entries)

#### 1st **Sansilver Khwebha**

Dark golden built on very clean lines and well boned throughout. Pleasing outline for such a baby. Good head and eye shape. Should have a bright future.

#### 2nd **Nyassa Metz at Godolphin**

Houndy golden moved well as I would expect from his conformation.

#### 3rd **Imola Isa**

### **Class 2. Puppy Dog** (7 entries)

#### 1st **Chainama Mzuzi**

Tall black masked gold. Well grown on for age. Impressive reach and drive with excellent shoulders and strong hocks. Very well boned with good feet. Pleasing expression. Out moved the rest of the class. **Best Puppy Dog.**

#### 2nd **Hespa Highlander**

Very good value, slightly longer but lots of quality.

#### 3rd **Hespa Hausa**

### **Class 3. Junior Dog** (9 entries)

#### 1st **Chainama Mzuzi**

#### 2nd **Otavi Chobe**

Unlucky to meet 1 on such good form. Neat outline, well turned stifles. Good reach of neck. Pleasing head and expression.

#### 3rd **Hespa Hausa**

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

#### 1st **Belstone Dexter**

Dark red with an amber eye. Very functional with clean outline, nice and houndy with plenty of heart room. A sparkling character.

#### 2nd **Madukani Kai**

Good head and eye. Drove well from angulated quarters. Level back and pleasing head carriage.

#### 3rd **Batonka Zeke**

**Class 5. Post Graduate Dog (8 entries)**

**1st Tshaka Son of Oztash**

Some dogs in this class were over muscled and loaded, which destroys the elegance which accompanies the characteristic power of the breed. However, the winner appealed to me greatly. A masculine dark golden with no hint of coarseness. So balanced standing and moving. A quality dog.

**2nd Nyuki Golden Gunner**

Red/wheaten. Built on more compact lines. Clean neck going into well-laid shoulders. A pleasing hound.

**3rd Kenwu Secret Agent**

**Class 6. Limit Dog (11 entries)**

**1st Eilack Elias**

Impressive dark red. Well built, masculine, sound in all departments. Very balanced, really covered the ground on the move with an economic forward, free gait. **R.C.C.**

**2nd Ousebay Mungo's Magic**

Another sound hound. Very stylish and most beautifully presented. Close decision with 1.

**3rd Nyuki Kallikubanah Out of Monduri**

**Class 7. Open Dog (14 entries)**

**1st Ch. Sagwazi Lightning Ridge**

I was delighted to award this dog top honours. He fulfilled my priorities. Handsome, strong, muscular and active. Great outline with superb free and active movement. A most worthy champion. **C.C. & B.I.S.**

**2nd Ch. Vizara Shemesh of Shabani**

Another quality red. Good topline, clean well laid shoulders, drove well from strong hocks. Very pleasing outline, moved soundly. Expertly handled.

**3rd Imola Iso Wele**

**Class 8. Veteran Dog or Bitch (9 entries)**

**1st Ch. Gavenda Bronwen**

Feminine and elegant. Very impressive and full of quality. Shown in tiptop condition. Obviously enjoying her day out.

**2nd Ch. Gavenda Rhiann**

Built on similar lines. Another very pleasing bitch. Houndy and beautifully presented. A most enjoyable class to judge.

**3rd Marsabit Mgeni**

**Class 9. Minor Puppy Bitch (3 entries)**

**1st Sansilver Kusa**

Feminine and refined red. Really covered the ground on the move. Excellent outline standing and moving. Elegant, yet powerful. Should have a bright future.

**2nd Imola Indianapolis**

Dark golden with clean skull and pleasing expression. Powerful quarters but not yet quite settled on the move. Plenty of time to become sensible!

**3rd Diamondridge Deja Vu**

**Class 10. Puppy Bitch (7 entries)**

**1st Zapella Farasi**

Compact red. Well balanced, moved freely. A great deal to like about this bitch. Powerful, yet feminine, not exaggerated in any department. Most appealing expression, wise yet full of fun. I shall watch her career with interest. **Best Puppy in Show.**

**2nd Hespa Hebe**

Rangier bitch, really covered the ground on the move. Well boned and excellent muscle tone. Pleasing outline. An honest bitch.

**3rd Khali Eldorado Meishe**

**Class 11. Junior Bitch** (14 entries) A good class.

1st **Rejan Creme de la Creme**

An impressive youngster excelling in upper arm. She used her front so well on the move. Sound as a bell fore and aft. Overall a most pleasing picture. I am confident a bright future awaits her.

2nd **Genenieve of Claughton**

Well balanced golden. Grand depth of chest, strong well tucked up loin. Honest all through. Another very pleasing on the move.

3rd **Mangwe Sasha**

**Class 12. Novice Bitch** (5 entries)

1st **Belstone Fiddlesticks**

Feminine but workmanlike. Free mover; super tight feet, good outline.

2nd **Whangerei Chantilly**

Wheaten. Well-laid back shoulders, good bone and depth with well sprung ribs.

3rd **Nordostufial Zamu**

**Class 13. Post Graduate Bitch** (20 entries)

1st **Gavenda Sapphire**

Very mature dark golden. Feminine but functional. Classic type, refined but still could do the job for which she is intended.

2nd **Kwekwe Kimari**

Well angulated gold. Pleasing head and expression, long strong neck. An honest bitch.

3rd **Nyuki Golden Fizz**

**Class 14. Limit Bitch** (14 entries) A very good class

1st **Faahac's Faith in Mwenga**

A compact, self masked dark gold. This bitch really appealed to me. Good angulation and depth, well ribbed back. Presented in first class body condition. Great rapport between dog and handler. Quality all through. **R.C.C.**

2nd **Azuli Aylish**

Another classic type. Young, but the best is yet to come. Another sound and impressive mover.

3 **Nyassa Ashanni**

**Class 15. Open Bitch** (18 entries)

1st **Voortrekker Bamba**

Classic good bitch. Feminine, balanced and powerful. Symmetrical outline, upstanding and sound on the move. Excellent in front and rear angulation. Expertly handled. A most stylish pair. **C.C. & R.B.I.S.**

2nd **Mwenga Maath of Jawak**

Honest and sound. A great deal to like. Not a "glamour puss" but this is not what the breed standard demands. Her femininity was obvious yet I am confident that she could do the job for which nature intended.

3rd **Kiromol Kibbi**

**Class 16. Special Progeny** (4 entries)

1st **Patterson's Ch/Ir.Ch. Tombezi Gypsy Girl**

2nd **Thorne's Kwekwe Kim**

3rd **Regler's Ch. Vizara Shemesh of Shabani**