

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

Open Show, 8 June 2003

Judge: Carina Dunn

I was very honoured to be invited to judge this show and pleased to receive an excellent entry of 97 dogs making 124 entries. Unfortunately, due to the weather, judging had to take place indoors. The thunder upset a few dogs. The floor surface made obvious a number of less than ideal feet and a fair bit of pinning in. All ridges were acceptable as were by far the majority of bites, but there a couple that were suspect. Even with this size of entry, I found it very difficult to judge to type. Several dogs that looked promising standing just fell apart on the move. In fact, I found movement very worrying, as was the lack of muscle tone on a lot of the dogs. BIS was Simper's Matabelle Moulin Rouge, RBIS was Dunn's (no relation!!) Ch Flametrees Obeche at Khananga and BPIS was Davis' Imola Integrale.

MPD (4, 1 abs)

1. Davis **Imola Integrale** BPIS Substantial, self masked mid wheaten puppy of nearly 8 months. Strong, deep muzzle, good ears. Strong neck, good shoulders, standing a little bum-high on the day. Movement at present a little untidy but managed to get glimpses of good reach and drive. A happy lad, I look forward to seeing him mature.
2. Bate **Masai Lion at Ingutchini** Mid wheaten liver nose of nearly 9 months, having great fun! A little on the heavy side. Super shoulders and good forechest, better length of body than 3. Not the strongest muzzle of 1. Good rear angulation but also standing bum-high. Front, feet and pasterns need to strengthen.
3. Wref **Swali True Thunder**

PD (1)

1. Wigglesworths **Ranginui Mangago** Smaller stamp of dog rising 1, mid wheaten with dark mask. Fairly masculine head, dark eye, good depth to muzzle. Good length of body but drops away a bit over the croup. Good rear angulation. Front, feet and pasterns need to tighten.

JD (5, 2 abs)

3 very different dogs.

1. Barnes **Diamondridge Donatello** Big, strong, very heavy boned red wheaten dog of nearly 14 months. Dealt best with the floor and moved with power and reach, although I would prefer more length to his upper arm. Had enough length of body for his height. Enough rear angulation and very strong hocks. Pasterns strong and feet fine. I would prefer a rounder eye and perhaps more length to his muzzle.
2. Colliers **Chimanmani C'est La Vie** Light wheaten dog of standard size of nearly 13 months, well handled on a loose chain. Very alert expression but muzzle could be stronger, lovely strong, clean neck. Good length to height ratio, but drops away a bit over the croup. Needs to tighten in front and feet could be tighter.
3. Seamans **Sansilver Sibuko**

SYD (4, 1 abs)

3 very different dogs again.

1. Wheeler and Campbells **Nyassa Sadiki** Difficult decision between 1 and 2 but the better front assembly of 1 gained him his place. Liver nose of standard size who took a while to relax and settle but as he settled he moved with drive and reach and moved true. Masculine head, but not keen to use his ears, good round eye of correct colour. Enough neck and enough length of body for his height. Good front assembly with enough return of upper arm, good forechest. Feet could be a bit tighter. A dog who could make more of himself.
2. Barnes **Diamondridge Donatello**
3. Merricks **Rooinek Draquius**

ND (3)

1. Goodwin and Davies **Myuki Mask of Zorro** Tall, mid red wheaten dog of 18 months. Very showy. Lovely head and expression, dark mask, good round eye, good ear carriage. Good neck, upper arm could be longer, good depth of chest, well ribbed back. Good bone, pasterns and feet. Nice tail set, enough rear angulation. Moved with reach in profile, but very exuberant and rather untidy in front.
2. Merricks **Rooinek Draquius** Third in previous class. Tall, mid wheaten dog with sweet expression but rather bored by it all. Good bone, front assembly and forechest but a little short in body for his height and drops away after the ridge. His rear angulation does not match his good front.
3. Hargreaves **Thokazani Kunzite King**

Tyro Dog (0)

PGD (4)

Such different dogs again

1. Mansfield and Whittingtons **Matabelle Monsonedi of Huntersleap** Mid wheaten, self masked dog, I really liked this dog for type, size, bone and substance. Masculine head with gentle expression. Lovely neck, correct body length to height ratio, good depth of chest. Good rear angulation with strong hocks, good rear movement. Super topline, correct tail carriage. Lay of shoulder is fine but he is short in upper arm and today was pinning in on the move.
2. Barnes **Diamondridge Donatello**
3. Fletchers **Ousebay Trojan Warrior for Kantaris**

Minor LD (2, 1 abs)

1. Holbrooks **Ngami Celeborn** Really red wheaten dog of 18 months, strong and muscular. Very strong head for his age, deep muzzle. Strong neck which could be a little longer, as could his length of body and needs to drop in chest, but he is young yet. Good rear angulation but upper arm is a little short. Happy dog who was exuberant on the move, good length of stride but although his pasterns are fine when standing, they need to strengthen on the move.

LD (5)

A difficult decision between 1 and 2 as both have a lot to like.

1. Burgess **Lukulu Umnqobi at Msulwa RBD** Mid light wheaten dog of standard size rising a while to settle but did then move well, with drive and reach and moving true and efficiently. He took a long head with good dark, really round eye, alert expression, strong neck. Good lay of shoulder but upper arm could be slightly longer. Preferred his body length to 2. Good rear angulation. Enough bone and good pasterns and feet.
2. Twines **Bansang Minder** Red wheaten dog of nearly 2. Balanced dog, with a lovely expression but muzzle could be slightly longer. Good clean, strong neck. Good lay of shoulder and enough rear angulation. Would prefer more length of body. In super muscular condition and moved well.
3. Mills **Jhumha Jarza of Nzuri**

OD (7, 2 abs)

1. Dunns **Ch Flametrees Obeche at Khananga BD, BBIS** Mature, red wheaten, very showy dog. Really uses his very expressive head. Round eye, good ears, would prefer slightly deeper muzzle. Good, clean neck, enough body length for height, well ribbed back. Enough bone, good feet and pasterns, enough rear angulation. He was the most accurate mover in the class, and in the challenge for best dog he moved in an efficient, true and unexaggerated way, but in the challenge for BIS he was playing the fool and throwing his front and paid the price.
2. Brownlees **Saragwe Hodari Jambaro** Mature light wheaten dog. I really liked his size, body length and bone and his relaxed, easy, long-striding movement. Good bone, good lay of shoulder but upper arm a bit short, pasterns fine. Enough rear angulation. I preferred 1's head and tail carriage.
3. Butlers **Gavenda Ross**

Special Beginners Dog (3)

1. Ranginui **Mangago**
2. Rooinek **Draquius**
3. Thokazani **Kunzite King**

Veteran Dog or Bitch (3)

1. **Boyds Irish Ch Barachelan Zolabaela at Sikulubani BV** Substantial 7½ year old bitch. Head planes not quite parallel. Super straight front, and well angulated shoulders with good length of upper arm, good bone, good body length, good rear angulation. Good feet and pasterns, strong hocks. Moved really well, efficient, free, easy movement, with good length of stride.
2. **Cairns Ch Kairaba Fantasy at Rooinek** 9 year old light wheaten bitch in good condition. Sweet head with lovely expression, good eye and earset. Good front, good body length. Good rear angulation and bone. A happy bitch who moved true but tends to lift her knees rather high on the move.

Special Veteran Dog or Bitch (2, 1 abs)

1. **Scotts Belstone Simba of Selukwe** 11½ year old bitch who is doing well for her age. Lovely head and expression, super round eye, nice neck, good body length. A balanced bitch but would prefer a bit more angulation at both ends. Moved true.

MPB (6, 3 abs)

1. **Adderley and Jones Kylini Ijspy BPB, RBPIS** Substantial, light wheaten bitch of 8½ months with dark mask. Good layback of shoulder with better upper arm than most, strong neck, good length of body. Strong hindquarters, moving with good length of stride but a little untidy in front.
2. **Thornes Kwekwe Khani** Very pretty red wheaten bitch of 8½ months with dark mask, very much a baby. Sweetest of expressions, super muzzle, deep and clean. Good bone, neat feet, good tailset. Quite well co-ordinated for such a baby. Preferred front of 1, would like better length of upper arm.

PB (4, 2 abs)

The weather affected these bitches, neither using their ears properly

1. **Storeys Kiromol Kulula** Substantial, mid wheaten bitch with white toes, of nearly a year. Heavy bone, neat front, good shoulders, good neck, nice length of body, rear angulation fine. Good length of stride on the move and tidy in front. Needs to strengthen in foreface and would like to see her a bit happier.
2. **Thornes Shawema Miss Zuki** Tall, light wheaten bitch with dark mask of 11 months. Sweet expression, deep muzzle. Good depth of body for age, good rear angulation. Would prefer more length of upper arm. Rather roaching her topline.

JB (6, 2 abs)

1. **Walters Janak Sarula** I did like this mid red wheaten bitch of 15 months. Attractive head, strong front, good neck, really super front. Good length of body and topline, good rear angulation. Good bone, feet and pasterns. Powerful mover. Rather spoiled by carrying excessive weight.
2. **Higgins Ngami Naomi** Most attractive red wheaten bitch of nearly 18 months. Happy bitch with feminine head with good round eye, super front, enough length of body and rear angulation. Nice bone, good feet. Sadly disappointing on the move, moving rather wide behind and loose in front.
3. **MacPhersons Chimanimani Cats Whiskers**

SYB (6, 1 abs)

1. **Morris Bruet Song of Kasenga** Tall and substantial, well boned, mid wheaten bitch of 20 months. Round eye, deep muzzle but needs to mature in the skull. Strong neck of good length. good lay of shoulder but would prefer a longer upper arm. Good length of body, powerful hindquarters well used to give powerful driving action. Strong pasterns, hocks and feet. Truest mover in class. Happy showgirl.
2. **Gates Just Niketta of Eagleridge** Another powerfully built bitch of 20 months. Mid wheaten with a good round eye but head could be a bit more feminine. Super front and forechest, good upper arm. Good bone. Strong hindquarters, but not moving so true behind as 1. I look forward to seeing her when she is a bit happier.
3. **Holbrook, Higson and Morts Ngami Eowyn**

NB (6, 1 abs)

1. **Just Niketta of Eagleridge**
2. **Shepherds Eilack Tuli with Kuwinda** Mid red wheaten bitch of just over 12 months. Very pretty head, nice neck, good bone for size, super feet. Preferred front assembly of 1, needs more upper arm. Could do with a bit more angulation at both ends.
3. **Schofields Ousebay Inca's Gold**

Tyro Bitch (4)

1. **Eilack Tuli with Kuwinda**
2. **Hicks Nuthouse Dreams** Very substantial mid wheaten bitch of 16 months, 4th in Junior Bitch. She was apprehensive which spoiled her expression and affected her movement. Rangy and immature with good forechest but lacking in upper arm, good ribbing. Good rear angulation, strong hocks standing but untidy on the move and she was also over-reaching.
3. **Lockes Noltan Leat**

PGB (9, 2 abs)

1. Cairns **Roonek Tintaglia** Tall, light wheaten bitch of rising 2. Pretty, expressive head, good neck, enough bone for size, lay of shoulder fine, would prefer more rear angulation and she has a tendency to straighten her stifles when standing. Rather a rounded rump.
2. Maitland-Jones **Mtwapa Shukrani** Mid red wheaten bitch with a constantly wagging tail. Pretty, expressive, feminine head. Good length of body, good bone. Elbows could be a bit tighter. Enough rear angulation, moves with drive but tends to crab due to exuberance. Look forward to seeing her when she settles.
3. **Wilson's Shawema Godlen Fashination**

Minor Limit B (5)

1. Carltons **Flametrees Zuli at Umhlandla** Mid red wheaten bitch of medium size and bone. Balanced bitch, very showy, very expressive head, good round eye. enough length of neck. Good layback of shoulder but a bit short in upper arm, enough rear angulation. Neat feet. Truest mover in the class.
2. Boyds **Sikulubani Sharifa** Mid light wheaten bitch with dark mask. Not as appealing in the head as 1. Good front assembly, better upper arm than most, nice neck. Enough bone but feet could be a bit tighter. Enough rear angulation and length of body. Slightly low tail set.
3. **Grayson Woods Isiq'a's Flijs**

Limit Bitch (8)

Lovely class which meant some difficult decisions.

1. **Simpers Matabelle Moulin Rouge, BIS** Super young red wheaten bitch of not yet 2. She was set at her best. She has the best of front assemblies, good lay of shoulder and length of upper arm, good neck, good length of body, well ribbed back, deep chest, and good rear angulation. Her head tends to broaden in skull, but she is young yet. Moved really well, accurately, with reach and drive and a good, easy, ground covering stride.
2. **Parsons Touch of Kryha RBB** Another super young bitch, light wheaten. I really liked her as well, but she lost today as she was crabbing a bit on the move, pulling away from her handler. Strong head, but still feminine. Strongly built, with good bone, good front and enough rear angulation.
3. **Boyds Sikulubani Zakiya**

Open Bitch (7)

1. **Barnes Diamondridge Dejavu** Mature 4 year old mid red wheaten bitch. Most appealing of heads, lovey expression, good round eye. Nice bone and body proportions, feet could be a bit tighter. Would like a longer upper arm, enough rear angulation. Very happy on the move, moving with good length of stride but tail carriage detracts from the overall picture.
2. **Baillie and Ringers Flametrees Golder at Zokozza** Red, liver nose bitch of 3 years. Feminine head, perhaps a little fine. Enough bone for size, could have better upper arm. Good strong hocks which she used well on the move, producing good driving action.
3. **Scotts Belstone Stephanie of Selukwe**

Special Beginners Bitch (5, 3 abs)

1. **Flametrees Zuli at Umhlandla**
2. **Jeffreys Kylini Ijsqueen** Mid wheaten bitch of only 8½ months, not at all disgraced by 3rd in PB. Nicely proportioned bitch puppy with good bone and feet, enough angulation at both ends but a little short in upper arm.