

Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Great Britain Championship Show

18th January 2025

Judge: Mr Mike House-Kemgordoni

Thank you to the committee of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Great Britain for this judging appointment. Thanks to my two stewards who worked tirelessly. My sincere gratitude to all exhibitors for your entry and for your courteous manner and patience throughout the day.

Temperaments of the dogs were impeccable, ridges and dentition all acceptable.

Ultimately I was looking for a hound clean in outline, strength in bone and pastern with good reach and drive. I found overall quality very good, but may I make a few observations for breeders to consider. I found many did not have correct length in body and dogs which I admired disappointed in movement being very close behind.

Class 1 Minor Puppy Dog (6 – 4 ab)

1st Pearce, Mr S J & Mrs A R Kinyemi Song of Serengeti Sepiwi Sekayi for Msingi (Imp Den)

What a start to the show! An exceptional youngster with so much promise. Maturing well for age with balanced muscle tone throughout, not overdone. Excellent proportions, pleasing to the eye. Attractive head, clean with good length of muzzle and depth of stop. Perfect neck length ratio to body frame. Correct angle of shoulder with good front infill. Balanced rear quarters, angles complimenting front with correct tail set. Good bone quality standing on excellent feet, Moved out well with good stride for one so young. One I will watch with interest.
BPD & BPIS

2nd Catharell, Mrs C & Miss M L Kinabula's Making Magick for Faahac

Another pleasing youngster, not quite as advanced in maturity as number 1. Appealing in head proportions with good width of muzzle and beautiful dark round compelling eye. Quality in construction with a good outline balance. Ribbed well back into pleasing rear assembly angulation and turn of stifle. Moved out well, although a little close behind at rear.

Puppy Dog (8 – 3 ab)

1st Pearce, Mr S J & Mrs A R Kinyemi Song of Serengeti Sepiwi Sekayi for Msingi (Imp Den)

2nd Tanner & Baldwin, Mrs F P & Mr G T Barfordridge Igor

Youngster close to twelve months of age, well developed and balanced with moderate angulations. Appealing masculine head, correct proportions with good length and depth of muzzle, kind eye with good ear set. Strong quarters, good depth of ribbing well back, nicely shaped with beautiful underline carriage. Hocks well let down standing on quality feet. Moved out well with an easy stride. A tad uneasy when going over him today. A good stamp with many qualities to admire.

Junior Dog (4 – 1 ab)

1st Jolly, Mrs N Priorpark William Wallace for Clanbruachan

Fourteen month old boy maturing steadily and well balanced at this stage of his development. Masculine head profile with a strong neck leading into a sturdy back supporting well shaped ribbing. Good width in front with correct moderate angulation. Well balanced quality and shape of bone. Pleasing to the eye in profile from shoulder into top line, over loin to tail set. Moved out well when he got into his stride.

2nd Demain, Mrs T L Kazembe Counter Strike

Similar in age to number 1. Maturing well, although not quite as advanced in his development. Very appealing head proportions framed with a good ear set. A strong neck with adequate front infill. Well bodied frame on good bone with well let down hocks.

Yearling Dog(2 – 0 ab)

1st Barker, Mrs K L Delianza What's Your Motive JW

Am impressive twenty month old, clean and stylish outline combined with stamina. Built on a very solid frame, strong with well-muscled loin. Excels in head proportion with a good length of muzzle accompanied with a kind eye. Good front assembly infill and width. Quality depth of chest, ribbing well back. Standing on good bone. Strong rear quarters, pleasing slope in croup giving a perfect tail set, finishing with correct turn of stifle. Moved well.

2nd Thomas-Basset, Mrs T Fiadma's Stiggins

Handsome head with a strong depth of muzzle. Correct frame angulation for front and rear assembly. Standing on strong bone and correct well arched feet. Good height and length ratio in profile. Pleasing depth of ribbing. Back strong leading into well positioned tail set.

Graduate Dog(3 – 0 ab)

1st Hicks, Mr J & Mrs S Nuthouse Mastermind

Smart liver nosed wheaten, masculine head with clean planes, good length and depth of muzzle. Moderate in size and well-muscled throughout. Strength in neck flowing into good slope of shoulder and return of upper arm. Well ribbed back with muscled loin, strong quarters and width of thigh. Excellent oval bone standing on strong spring of pastern portraying an impressive silhouette. Moved out well.

2nd Darnell, Miss J Rubiltra Gunna B Victorious

I adored this boy's expression. Beautiful clean masculine head with good proportions, length of skull, length and depth of muzzle with the most enchanting round eye. Shapely length of neck flowing into good slope of shoulder and return of upper arm. Good brisket giving depth of chest. Nice shape of body with quality rear quarters, width of thigh and well let down hocks. Quality of bone on good feet. He was a little uneasy today. A close decision between number 1.

Post Graduate Dog(2 – 0 ab)

1st Raymond, Mrs N D Sofala's Raffaello (A.I.) JW

Masculine head with perfect clean lines, breed text book with flat skull, strong length and depth of muzzle. Clean powerful cheeks and charming round eye, with colour blending in perfectly against his wheaten coat. A good length of neck holding his head proud on the stack, highlighting correct fill of forechest and width. Correct shoulder angulation into good shape and length of ribbing. Strong rear quarters with well let down hocks. Using his strength of pastern with effortless ease of movement.

2nd Green & Thomson, Mr A & Miss G Rottzridge Celtic Legend at Kotamury

Red wheaten youngster with a powerful construction, masculine head with good width of skull, depth of stop with a strong powerful muzzle and jaw. Portraying all male throughout. Strength in neck into clean shoulder with good depth of ribbing. Well-proportioned bone on good feet. Strength in rear quarters with correct rear angulation, good width of first and second thigh with well let down hocks. Would prefer slightly cleaner lines and proportion in body length. .

Minor Limit Dog(6 – 0 ab)

1st Parsons, Miss H Priorpark's Par The Course JW

Young impressive male with vibrant wheaten coat, solid in frame with strength of loin. Clean head with a strong muzzle and a kind round eye giving a gentle expression. Shapely length of neck flowing into correct slope of shoulder mirrored with return of upper arm. A beautiful front assembly with clean underline and lean muscled rear quarters with well let down hocks. Well boned standing on perfect shape of foot. A little close behind when moving out but with a controlled foot fall with effortless stride. One to watch with maturity.

2nd Murphy, Mr A & Mrs A, Cox, Mr C & Mrs L Carlincox Mash It Up JW

Powerful red wheaten with a strong masculine head, strength in neck into good shoulder angulation. Quality front infill and brisket with depth of chest and well ribbed back. Good bone on strong pasterns. Strength in back and power in rear assembly, correct slope of croup into tail set. Covered ground well with purpose, but needs to control his reach in forearm.

Limit Dog(11– 0 ab)

1st Barnes, Miss K J Diamondridge Dreadnought JW

Young eighteen month old wheaten, developing into a well-constructed, balanced frame with correct angulation in quarters fore and aft. Masculine head with a kind expression. Well-proportioned throughout with impressive reach of neck into quality shoulder and front assembly. Strength in back with muscular loin. Good shape of ribbing well back standing on quality of bone. Overall silhouette giving an impressive showcase. Moved out well with effortless controlled footfall.

2nd Mitchelson, Mrs G F & MR P Amahle Red Hot Zephyr at Voortrekker

Mature in development picturing a clean vibrant shade of wheaten. Standing proud showing well balanced and strength in structure. So easy to the eye with correct flowing angulations throughout. Impelling head frame with correct stop, strength in muzzle with perfect ear size and set. An amazing front assembly, chest infill with slope of shoulder and mirrored return of upper arm. Good shape of bone with excellent feet. Impressed in movement, strength in pastern with good rear drive. A very difficult decision between number 1.

Open Dog(7 – 4 ab)

1st Davies, Miss K J Gunthwaites Fancy Man JW

Red wheaten with clean silhouette, balanced with moderate angulation. Clean head into strong shapely length of neck, proportionate front into brisket with good depth of chest, good shape of ribbing showing clean underline. Strong bone and pasterns on well arched shape of foot. A steady mover with clear and precise footfall.

2nd Hodge, Mrs K Kxoxo I'm Old Fashioned for Colkeririn JW (Imp Fin)

Lighter wheaten boy of similar age to 1. Portraying confidence with good ring presence. Handsome head with beautiful round dark eye. Pleasing reach of neck into clean shoulders and correct chest infill. Well balanced quality of bone and good feet. Strong rear quarters with good width of second thigh and correct tail set. Would just prefer a little more length in body. Moved away with good power and drive.

Champion Dog(7– 2 ab)

1st Muir, Mr & Mrs S Ch.Jimanns Ace of Spades

Outstanding specimen heading into his prime, demanding my attention. On the stack his presence shines standing over a lot of ground with clean lines and lean muscle tone. Incredible reach and strength in neck showcasing his handsome head, his dark round eye giving a melting kind expression. Quality in chest fill with perfect slope of shoulder mirrored with his return of upper arm. Beautiful shape in ribbing. So easy to the eye with balanced angles fore to aft. Strength in topline when on the move, striding out with power and control. Pleased to award this boy the DCC & BIS.

2nd Storey, Mr P, Mrs E & Piehl, Mrs L Ch.Kiromol Heaven Can Wait (A.I.)

A picture of balance and strength with clean muscle tone throughout. A male now in his prime demonstrating fit for purpose attributes. A handsome head with pristine lines and undoubtedly masculine. Quality of shoulder and upper arm, depth of chest and frame of ribbing. Excellence in bone quality and shape standing on perfect feet. His strength in pastern is undeniable which he uses with skill and power when in motion. RDCC

Veteran Dog(3 –0ab)

1st Vincent, Mrs C D Imola I'm Your Man at Jematti

Impressive, handsome male in hard condition, conveying a confident and calm ring presence. Attractive noble head with spectacular reach of neck to quality lay of shoulder. Strength in topline with excellent ribbing well back to strong muscular loin. Well balanced frame with excellent muscle tone and quality of bone. Strong pasterns providing power and control in movement.

2nd Whiteside, Mr A & Mrs A Jimanns The Doctor

Another splendid male with a lot to like, similar in age to number 1. Symmetrical in outline and easy to the eye. Handsome head with good measures, pleasing ear set with a kind expression. Good shape of neck and chest infill. Quality in rear quarters with good width of thigh, gentle turn of stifle to well let down hocks. Standing on superb feet. Close call between number 1.

Special Veteran Dog(1 – 1 ab)**Minor Puppy Bitch(9 – 1 ab)**

1st Bates, Mrs J M & Mr D H Gunthwaites Red Hot Rose

Nearing seven months of age, red wheaten, balanced in outline with quality in bone. Beautiful head portrait, excellent reach of neck to lay of shoulder with good depth of chest. Good shape and proportion in ribbing giving a lovely underline. Well put together with perfect angulations. Impressive strength in pastern for one so young. Moved well with purpose and confidence.

2nd Farleigh, Mrs M L Kinabula's Cup of Ambition

Seven months old wheaten, pushed number 1 all the way. A stunning picture on the stack with impressive clean lines. Appealing head with length of muzzle, well balanced drop in stop with delightful round dark eye. Shapely neck into well-toned shoulder placement. Perfect front assembly with correct front infill. Loved her height to body length ratio.

Puppy Bitch(10 –3 ab)

1st Akers, Mr M & Mrs K Carlincox Knock Em Off

Well-made youngster with exquisite outline. Beautiful head with quality in foreface. So easy to the eye with flowing lines from strength in neck to lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Correct front, good shape and length of ribbing giving a clean underline to well-proportioned rear quarters and correct tail set. Well off for bone on a quality frame. Well handled.

2nd Cox, Mr C, Mrs L & Musgrave, Mrs V Carlincox Don't Knock It

Litter sister to number 1 and pushed her all the way. Such a close call with so much to like. Beautiful head and reach of neck flowing into a quality shoulder placement. Good ribbing and strength in back, strong loin with correct set on of tail. Well balanced with correct angulations. Good shape in bone, well let down hocks, excellent feet and strength in pastern.

Junior Bitch(8 – 3 ab)

1st Larkin, Mrs J E Asharaa's Hey There Georgy Girl

Charming red wheaten youngster, pleasing to the eye with no exaggeration, so well balanced with flowing lines throughout on the stack. Lovely well-proportioned clean head, correct stop and good under jaw. Strong topline into quality rear quarters, correct set on of tail, gentle bend of stifle and well let down hocks. True in action with an easy flowing strike.

2nd Pearce, Mr S & Mrs A R Msingi Dream A Dream

Sixteen month wheaten standing with confidence. Appealing head with good measure in skull and foreface showing a kind eye. Strength in neck and good chest infill. Impressed in muscle tone and strength in loin. Moved out well.

Yearling Bitch(5 – 1 ab)

1st Nolan, Mrs H Priorpark Pearl of Wisdom for Rumialana

Fourteen month with a vibrant shade of wheaten showing a calm and confident demeanour. Well-made in structure with pleasing angulation in quarters. Quality front assembly with good chest infill, good shape in ribbing showing a beautiful underline. Well-proportioned bone with strength in pastern. Impressive in movement with power and drive.

2nd Larkin, Mrs J E Asharaa's Hey There Georgy Girl

Graduate Bitch(8 – 7 ab)

1st Kerr, Mrs A Priorpark Pure Theatre at Buhera

Youngster with beautiful head profile, kind eye and good ear set. Loved her strength and reach of neck through to shoulders. Strong top line and well-muscled loin with balance in bone and on good feet. Moved well.

Post Graduate Bitch(6 – 3 ab)

1st Parsons, Miss H Priorpark Proof In Pudding JW

Fourteen month wheaten, strong in structure, well balanced with clean lines throughout. Impressive front assembly with good infill to correct lay of shoulder. Well ribbed back with quality coupling and strong loin. Strength in bone with perfect shape of foot. Striding out with controlled and steady action.

2nd Whiteside, Mr A & Mrs A Jimanns Tavullia

Twenty four month wheaten, quality in head profile with length in foreface, strength in underjaw and kind eye. Appealing reach and shapely neck. Good angulations throughout, well ribbed back with pleasing underline.

Not as steady in movement as number 1.

Minor Limit Bitch(8 – 4 ab)

1st Smith, Mrs A J & Mr W J Ungowa Here You Come Again JW

Superbitch, well-constructed on a quality frame. Balanced angulations in profile. Impressive front assembly with strength in neck and chest through to good slope of shoulder and return in upper arm. Well ribbed back into solid muscled loin. Well boned standing on good feet, impressed me highly with her steady and controlled gait.

2nd Hudson, Miss Z Mutoko's Parkers Glory JW

Appealing bitch, lovely head profile with good length in foreface and kind eye. Clean neck with a good reach. Smart and well balanced outline with good angulations throughout. Strength in top line and quality ribbing with clean underline. Movement not quite as powerful in drive as number 1.

Limit Bitch(9 – 2 ab)

1st Salmon, Mrs K Lobengula Pearl

Wheaten bitch, smart in profile presenting confidence on stack. Top grade in head shape with perfect drop in stop to good measure of muzzle and strength in underjaw. Appealing eye blending into coat. Well-balanced frame with good angulations. Strength in back through to loin. Standing on strong pasterns giving her power and drive in action.

2nd Jolly, Mrs N Negasi Elberith for Clanbruachan JW

Three year old wheaten impressive in silhouette with perfect ratios. Strength in front assembly with shape and reach of neck into perfect chest fill. Quality in quarters. Well-muscled loin and good width of first and second thigh with just the right amount of turn in stifle. Standing on good feet and moved out well. A close contender to number 1.

Open Bitch(11 – 4 ab)

1st Parsons, Miss H Priorpark Proud As Punch JW

Wheaten with so much appeal, not yet reached her prime and will have so much more to give. Lovley head with good measure and appealing kind eye. So well balanced with superb quarters.

Quality front with well-proportioned width in chest and fill. Well ribbed back, strength in pattern with excellent feet. On stack she demonstrates a beautiful balance between strength and elegance. Moved out with good strike and purpose. RBCC

2nd Salmon, Mrs K Msingi Love Me Do at Lobengula

A more mature bitch, quality and solid in profile showcasing a well-made frame. Impressive head with good length in skull and muzzle and strength in underjaw. Powerful neck into good lay of shoulder and return in upper arm. Loved her body proportions, great ribbing well back into solid muscular loin and appealing under carriage. Good in movement but not quite as fluent in gait as number 1.

Champion Bitch(4 – 2 ab)

1st Barnes, Mrs L & Miss K & Mr K Ch. Diamondridge Kazembe Golden Age JW

Red wheaten imposing in outline with strength and quality of frame. Impressive head with excellent measures, flat skull, length in foreface, deep of muzzle with a strong underjaw. A good reach and powerful neck into well

angled front quarters and chest infill. Quality in core with outstanding ribbing shape with depth and good reach into strong coupling and muscular loin. Well balanced in bone standing on excellent feet. Powerful rear quarters with good widths of first and second thigh. She used her qualities to the full in movement with controlled drive from the rear, strength in topline and reach in front. She is still young in age and will have so much more to give when she heads into her prime. She portrayed everything I was looking for today and could not deny her the BCC.

2nd Parsons, Miss H Ch.Priorpark Poetry In Motion JW

Another young bitch nearing two and a half years. A beautiful liver nosed with a rich wheaten shade. I adored her head profile with her flat skull, perfect drop in stop with length in foreface and powerful cheek bone. Lovely shape in neck into slope of shoulder. Well ribbed back with strength in loin. Well balanced picture on stack with good angulations fore and aft. Good shape of bone, excellent arch and strength in foot and hocks well let down.

Veteran Bitch(6 – 2 ab)

1st Barnes, Mr & Mrs K J Diamondridge Dream Catch Me JW

A splendid bitch just over seven and half years of age and in super condition. Quality head profile with good measures, depth in muzzle and strength in underjaw accompanied with the most adorable round dark eye giving a kind expression. Good reach of neck into correct slope of shoulder. Well balanced on the stack with good angulations fore and aft. Good ribbing into a strong core and muscular loin. Quality in bone with well let down hocks. She blew me away with her incredible movement which won her this class. Correct drive from rear and great forward reach with perfect foot fall. Delighted to award her BVIS

2nd Hicks, Mr J & Mrs S Nuthouse Queen of Clubs JW

Red wheaten of seven years of age and celebrating her birthday today! Appealing head with good ear set. Quality in forequarters with correct angulations and chest infill. Good shape in ribbing and carried well back. Strength in rear assembly with well-turned quarters and turn in stifle. Correct slope in croup and set on of tail. Quality bone with strength in pasterns. A lot to admire with this well-made bitch. Lovely mover but not quite the forward reach as number 1.

Special Veteran Bitch(1 – 0 ab)

1st Tanner & Baldwin, Mrs F P & Mr G T Janak Dronning Maud of Barfordridge

A splendid wheaten bitch with substance in abundance, standing with serene confidence. Eleven years of age and in super condition. Loved her quarters with superb angulation. Excellent lay of shoulder and mirrored return of upper arm. Strong back keeping her top line when on the move. Good widths in rear quarters, pleasing turn of stifle and well let down hocks. She moved so steady and true. It was a pleasure to watch.