

## THE BASSET HOUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021

My grateful 'Thanks' to the Officers & Committee of The Basset Hound Club for the invitation to judge their Club Show and for the generous hospitality shown to me. Thanks also to all the exhibitors for entering their dogs under me and for the sporting way they received my decisions.

I enjoyed the day immensely and was very satisfied with my winners and placed dogs. One thing that I noted and needing to be watched by breeders and exhibitors are 'Feet'....there were far too many flat and splayed feet which detracted from the otherwise quality of the dog. Eyes are better but still need carefully watching.

### **PUPPY DOG**

A class of 2 very promising, quality youngsters

1<sup>st</sup> Ellrich's MALRICH LIVING LEGEND a well grown 9-month-old Tri of quality and attractive overall make and shape. He is an eye-catching youngster who impresses in head, front, body and bone development. He has promise and obvious breed quality. Good balance in front and rear angulations with an overall profile presenting a well-balanced picture. Firm moderate angled hindquarters of good width which I just preferred to 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sound, firm in top line and loin with body of balanced & proportional length. Free moving with the better hind action. After a long morning, as unsettled when moving in the challenge for Best Puppy.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cudlip's WOLFERLOW VOYAGER AT HARVIDENE an 11-month-old well grown Tri male who, maybe, has a more mature overall look in body than 1<sup>st</sup>. Attractive in head, masculine and of breed typical in length, width, planes and proportions. Well boned and bodied, strong front, good feet, slight turn out. Well ribbed back and substance of body with firm top line and having pleasing overall length and proportions. Active in movement but not as precise as 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **JUNIOR DOG**

1<sup>st</sup> Freer's SWITHERLAND BLUEBERRY PIE a well grown 16-month-old R/W who has a masculine breed typical head both in length, width, shape and proportions. Handsome, clean cut appearance with low set ears, fine in texture, pleasing curl and length. Smart all through. Strong, good length arched neck set well onto powerful looking forequarters. Pleasing body, front and fore-chest, good length of ribbing, with spring, substance and width of body. Very good true front with large, well boned, well knuckled feet. Pleasing under-line and ground cover. Free action on the move with pleasing extension and side gait.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jones' CLANWILLOW DIAMOND MIRACLE a 13-month-old of similar colour markings and shape to 1<sup>st</sup> and comparable comments and merits apply. Tended to be unsettled both standing and on the move. He has pleasing bone and body development. Attractive head and expression which I preferred to 3<sup>rd</sup>. When standing naturally he is of good proportions with decent balance in angulations and has good bone and body cover although tended to appear up on his rear and needs to drop into himself.

3<sup>rd</sup> Freudenreich's LOCKOLEA ROCKET MAN a 16 month R/W who also is well boned and well bodied like the others in this class. Although preferred the head of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in this class he has substance and plenty of scope and promise for onward development. He needs to settle and have a more positive action on the move.

## **POST GRADUATE DOG**

1<sup>st</sup> Freer's SWITHERLAND DARK DESTROYER a striking typy 2-year-old Tri who has a masculine good length head of pleasing proportions and muzzle depth. Strong underjaw. Dark eyes with a placid expression. Pleasing ears shape, set and curl. True front, tight elbows and decent fore-chest which I preferred to others in this class. Well ribbed and bodied with firm top line and had pleasing overall length and proportions. Needs more confidence to give of his best. Free, active in movement but needs to settle.

2<sup>nd</sup> Allchorne's NELGUS THYME FLIES a 2½ year old L/W who is attractive in appearance and of good proportions in profile having good overall length, proportions and balance. He has an attractive head although I preferred the eye and expression of 1<sup>st</sup>. Well made in front with moderate fore-chest, stands true and stable but could be better knuckled. He has good length and substance of body with spring and is ribbed well enough back. OK angles front and rear. Free movement and pleasing in side gait.

3<sup>rd</sup> Shadbolt's SEDONIAS RAM RAIDER WITH AKURA a 2¾ year old L/W of pleasing length and body substance. Masculine in head with lengthy muzzle, calm in expression. Preferred front, feet and forechest of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Well boned front although needs to tighten. Pleasing top line, spring and length of ribbing. Needs to be more settled and precise on the move.

## **LIMIT DOG**

1<sup>st</sup> Archer's ROAMANBY REDDY TO RUMBLE a well-constructed 2 year old who is well boned and well bodied and of mature appearance. A masculine hound who is attractive in head and expression which I just preferred to 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pleasing depth in muzzle and overlap of flews. Satisfying in proportions both in head, neck and overall body and has the basic construction all through. Well grown, well boned with good spring and depth with firm body substance and well-made front and forequarters. In standing profile tend to look better let down in hindquarters than 2<sup>nd</sup>. Firm and level in top line. Movement free in side gait and pleasing action behind.

2<sup>nd</sup> Williams' LONGMYND CEDRIC SMARTSON BY BROMP a smart 16-month-old Tri is breed typical in appearance, displays quality and obviously masculine. Attractive head which is all in proportion both in length and width, good eyes giving a gentle expression. True and proportional width in front; well bodied all through with enough spring and ribbed well enough back; firm in top line. A free mover, true enough in front although a little unsettled in rear action.

3<sup>rd</sup> Shadbolt's SEDONIA'S AMBASSADOR OF AKURA a very smart, houndy 4-year-old Tri. Attractive in head both shape and appearance. Overall, he has pleasing length and substance of loin and body. Wide enough across his front and needing to tighten. Moved with a free confident action but needing to settle front and rear.

## **OPEN DOG**

1<sup>st</sup> Freer's CH/IT CH SWITHERLAND SMART IMAGE an 8-year-old super quality L/W who is of excellent construction, make and shape. He is well proportioned and is a balanced houndy male who has an attractive side profile and a breed typical appearance. He is full of quality with smart clean lines and is of ideal length. Firm and level in top line and an underline with enough ground clearance to easily enable him to achieve his moving and working capabilities. Handsome head which is 'all-male' breed typical and houndy. He is

soundly constructed in front and forequarters with obvious fore chest, tight elbows and has correct proportional width and well knuckled, padded feet. Moving he has a free, easy, sound action with good width and parallel hocks. I was pleased to award him the Dog CC and, in agreement with my co-judge Gavin Robertson, a 'unanimous' Best In Show.

2<sup>nd</sup> Armstrong's CH LAURALEE CODE RED a mature 6-year-old Tri who is eye catching in side profile being all in proportion, balanced and having pleasing overall length.

Handsome in head, breed typical in overall shape and appearance with a pleasing expression enhanced by his correct eyes. Ideal bone and body cover with a firm top line and strong, firm hindquarters. Moved freely, purposefully and soundly with confident head and tail carriage. My reserve Dog CC winner and a well-deserved Reserve Best in Show.

3<sup>rd</sup> Newmans' WOLFERLOW KYLO REN a rising 3-year-old handsomely marked Tri who is breed typical in shape, proportion and appearance. He has a reasonable fore-chest, well boned front although needing to tighten. Pleasing top line with slight rise over the loin and spring and length of ribbing. Needing to be more precise and more settled in rear action on the move.

### **BREEDERS DOG**

1<sup>st</sup> Ellrich's MALRICH STAND 'N DELIVER a mature 5-year-old very attractive Tri who has all the basics which should be considered when selecting a stud male. He has a very smart appearance in profile especially in body length and top line. Typy, masculine head which is balanced, well-proportioned with satisfying head planes and pleasing depth of muzzle. Good length and shape of neck, especially well made in front and forequarters, balanced in angulations front and rear, well ribbed back and full well-rounded hindquarters. Moved with great purpose with especially pleasing side gait.

2<sup>nd</sup> Melbourne's DIHEATH JAMAICA a smart 3-year-old Tri who is slightly longer and lighter in substance of body than 1<sup>st</sup>. Masculine and breed typical in head although preferred expression of 1<sup>st</sup>. True enough and well boned front but would prefer more prominent forechest. Moved with a free action but tended to crab slightly.

**BEST MALE & BEST IN SHOW** - Freer's CH/IT CH SWITHERLAND SMART IMAGE

**RESERVE BEST IN SHOW** - Armstrong's CH LAURALEE CODE RED

**BEST BITCH & BEST OPPOSITE SEX** - Armstrong's LAURALEE A KIND OF MAGIC

**BEST PUPPY IN SHOW** - Freer's SWITHERLAND HOT DANCER a 9-month-old rich L/W very breed typical feminine hound of pleasing overall shape. She is firm in substance and is well grown for her age but has plenty of scope for improving on what is an ideal foundation. She is well made in conformation, attractive in head with well set, good length ears of desirable texture, gentle in expression, typy and obviously feminine. She has an ideal length of body which is nicely covered and is balanced in profile. Sound in front and forequarters with tight elbows and nicely angled hindquarters; nothing in exaggeration. Moved freely with a positive action and reach which edged her to Best Puppy in Breed.

JUDGE: GRAHAM HILL