

THE BASSET HOUND CLUB 2021 OPEN SHOW CRITIQUE

What an honour to judge the Basset Hound Club show. The depth of quality especially in the younger classes was so refreshing to see, this must bode well for the breed. Temperaments were excellent. Along with the atmosphere; a thoroughly enjoyable day. A special thank you to more than efficient stewards and a massive thanks to the exhibitors who valued and had faith in my honest opinion.

Veteran Dog

1) FitzPatrick Odahamier, Murray & Storton's Diheath Mint Royal. Ten year old just starting to show his age, nevertheless well made throughout, he has a correct front with strong bone, shapely quarters, strong hocks, moved ok. I liked his size and balance. Stood alone but thoroughly deserved his place.

Minor Puppy Dog

1) Cudlip's Harvidene Take A Chance On Me. At just 6 months he has an exciting prospect, full of breed qualities he took everything in his stride. He has a good head piece, correct planes, fine leathers, lovely clean eye, correct pigment, correct bite, he has good bone, good neck and shoulder, shapely quarters, moved ok, everything coming together nicely; one to watch.

Puppy Dog

1) Ellich's Malrich Living Legend. Here was another very good tri youngster, handsome young male, he has a lovely dark eye, good planes, fine well set ears, he has well angulated front and rear with a good shoulder and upper arm, correct topline and ribbing. I loved his overall shape standing, sadly he was unsettled on the move giving his handler a hard time. He is a quality youngster with time on his side. Good luck; another young male to watch.

Junior Dog

1) Cudlip's Woferlow Voyager at Harvidene. Just into junior and what a cracker this young man is; a quality tri. Totally balanced and so well put together. Handsome head, lovely eye, super fine low set ears, correct bite, he has a prominent forechest, is well boned with strong neck, good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, good ribbing and firm topline, he has strong bone and moved ok but just needs to tighten up in front. Another with a strong future.

2) Freudenreich's Lockolea Rocket Man. Attractive youngster, liked his size and balance, well made throughout with strong bone, strong topline, ok shoulder. He is slightly longer cast than first, he has shapely quarters used on the move. I would like tighter feet.

Post Grad Dog

1) King's Zawadi Stand By Me. I found this male a tad larger than most but a strong specimen all through, he has a handsome head, correct head planes, good eye, well set fine ears, great pigment, strong through the loin, firm topline, strong quarters. A steady mover moving with precision if perhaps not with the most enthusiasm.

Open Dog

1) Melbourne and Murray's Wreckless Eric. A 5 year old favourite of mine, I judged him a few years ago and he can still hold his own. He has matured into a handsome male, he thoroughly deserved his place today. He is balanced, of good size, correct topline, accurate coming and going, in good jacket and condition and well made throughout. He has a sound rear with good bone. Best Dog.

2) Woodworth's Armadio Firestarter. 3 year old attractive headed male, lovely fine low set ears, he has a good spring of rib and length of back, strong through the loin, good bone, neck and well laid shoulder, good feet, just didn't match the movement of first. Res Best Dog.

3) Cudlip's Harvidene Debinere.

Veteran Bitch

1) Pearson's Ch Romanbay Russia With Love To Armardio. Beautifully presented 7 year old, loved her size and balance, she has a beautiful melting expression, carrying correct weight, has a good topline and underline, strong loin, correct shoulder, strong through the loin, sufficient bone, lovely quarters. A credit to her owner.

2) Allchorne's Ch Diheath Guns and Roses. Another smart older lady, a credit to her owner, at 10 years old this bitch is full of quality, she is well bodied wearing a good jacket, gorgeous head, melting expression, everything in the right place. She has a ok front with strong shapely quarters. She could not just match the winner for fluidity or topline on the move, but a bitch to be proud of. I liked her a lot.

3) Robinson's Switherland Love To Gossip.

Minor Puppy Bitch

1) Cudlip's Harvidene Mama Mia. Just 6 months, what a sweetheart with a temperament to match, loved her type, cracking head, teeth, ears, beautiful melting expression. She has got everything in the right place presenting a lovely outline. Hope she fulfils what I feel will be a bright future.

Puppy Bitch

1) Coultas, Perfect Peach v Grunsven. What a beauty this young girl is at 9 months of age, a superb female brimming with breed type, she has an excellent feminine head with a melting expression, expressive eye, she has good bone, a correct neck, well laid shoulder and upper arm, loved her overall shape and strong quarters, she flows from her exquisite head to her well set tail. When it came to the best I couldn't deny this beautiful girl the top spot. Best Bitch, Best Puppy and Best in Show. I wish her all the very best for the future.

2) Ellrich's Malrich Last Tango in Paris. Another cracking young female, very little to separate the first and second, excellent specimens, Paris just needs more confidence and carry her stern a little higher, she has good bone, great head and expression, lovely front with strong quarters, she is so balanced, once she gets to know her game improves and concentrates she'll be one to watch.

Junior Bitch

1) Melbourne, Murray Fitzpatrick and Odahamier's Diheath Elvis, pretty headed female who has a lovely overall shape, she won this class on the stack, she has clean lines, condition and muscle tone, neither of these exhibits gave their best I felt, she's a touch close behind and I would have liked to have seen more animation and enthusiasm. Perhaps it just wasn't her day.

2) Freudenreich's Lockolea circle of life, 17 month old different type to first, she has a correct head, good shoulders, tight elbows, a strong topline, shapely quarters, good bone, she was carrying too much weight which spoiled her overall outline and balance. Just did enough in movement.

Post Grad Bitch

1) Allchorne's Nelgus Spring Time, a nice type, stood alone, she is a pretty eye-catching bitch with a soft expression and expressive eye, good reach of neck which flows into a well laid shoulder. She is a balanced female who holds a good outline standing and on the move. A pity she was throwing her front leg. I liked her a lot.

Limit Bitch

1) Hards' Mellow Molly v Grunsven at Braemoray (Imp Nld) Out of a larger mould but totally balanced, she is a good mover in all directions, moves at just the right speed using her strong hocks, a strong feminine head, she has a decent shoulder and upper arm a strong neck and firm topline standing on good legs and feet.

Open Bitch

1) Jones and Pearson's Armadio I'm On Fire, lots to like about this female and she was close up to the top spot, she has a correct outline, she is of good size, well bodied with a feminine balanced head, lovely fine ears, good bite, great pigment, kind expressive eye, powerful neck into a well laid shoulder, firm topline, lovely quarters, well muscled. She is accurate coming and going showing extension in her side gait. Presented in good condition. Res Best Bitch.

2). Allchorne's Nelgus Cinnamon Spice, a 4 year old attractive tr , super head, melting expression, great ears, correct pigment, strong neck leading into correct shoulder, level topline, strong quarters. Loved her overall shape. Not as tidy on the move as first being slightly closer than ideal.

Judge.

Jean McDonald – Ulliott (Hibeck)