

THE BASSET HOUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

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It was an honour to judge the Bitches at The Basset Hound Club's Championship Show and I would like to thank the Club for inviting me. I was impressed with the overall quality of the bitches. There were several who will improve with more maturity and seasoning and show a lot of promise for the future. Many thanks to our very capable steward for keeping us on track!

My co-judge, Mrs. Iva Cernohobova, and I unanimously agreed to award BIS to the DCC winner, Rodgers' SWITHERLAND SORREL. This young r/w hound is just over 2 years, typical of the quality we have come to expect from this kennel. Very impressive young hound. Difficult to fault, beautiful head and neck, lovely topline and length of body, smooth shoulders, moved and showed so well. Well-proportioned and very well-balanced overall. We were also unanimous in our choice of Best Puppy in Show, Srudwick's ARMADIO RIDE LIKE THE WIND AMONG KUMAMATATA, r/w, almost a year old, moved and showed well. Has a great topline which he held on the move. Lovely head and an impressive amount of lip on this young lad!

VETERAN BITCH (3 entered, 1 absent): 1. Allchorne's NELGUS CINNAMON SPICE, 7 years young, sound tri, well put together, moved truly coming and going. Nice head and expression and a super topline. Our co-judge and I unanimously agreed she should be awarded Best Veteran in Show. 2. Gray's DIHEATH BOHEMIAN AFFAAIR, 10 years young, r/w, looked and moved well and enjoyed her day out. Both bitches were a credit to their owners.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (4-0): 1. Coultas's VERA VAN GRUNSVEN, pretty tri, full of quality with a very pleasing head and expression, nice bone and substance, well put together, moved well, should have a bright future. Best Bitch Puppy. When it came to Best Puppy in Show, she threw away her chances by not cooperating with her handler. 2. Ellrich's MALRICH TUNNEL OF LOVE, blanket r/w, promising puppy with a nice head and expression, has a good front and sternum, smooth body and ribcage. 3. Rumsey's BROMWYLVA COOKIE DOUGH, pleasing head set on a good length of neck, lovely length of body, good bone, moved well. A little soft in topline at present. Needs some more time to mature.

PUPPY BITCH (6-1): 1. Archer's ROMANBAY RED HOT PEPA SAUCE, dark tri puppy, topline a little soft but straightened out on the move. Showed really well. Pretty head and expression, nice neck with a good body and good bone. Lots to like. Should improve with maturity. 2. Newman's WOFLERLOW RIVER RIDGE, tri, pretty head and expression, smooth shoulders, well-bodied, good forechest, little soft in topline at present but didn't always want to cooperate with her handler. 3. Cudlip's WOFLERLOW FOOLISH PLEASURE AT

HARVIDENE, litter mate to above but in a slightly smaller frame. Very neat, nice little front and forechest, very pretty, lots to like.

JUNIOR BITCH (4-1): 1. Pearson's ARMARDIO WIND OF CHANGE, blanket r/w, littermate to Best Puppy in Show. Loved her length of body, beautiful topline, set up well, pleasing head, and neck, smooth shoulders, lovely bend of stifle. Headed up a promising class of young bitches. 2. Weston's TAIL WAGGING TINA V GRUNSVEN, very pretty open tri bitch, not quite the length of the winner but has a lot of quality about her and is very pleasing. Lovely bone and substance, feminine head and expression, has a good length of neck and leading to a nice level topline. She didn't cooperate very well with her handler but is very promising and should have a bright future. 3. Jones's CLANWILLOW GOLDEN SUNSET, r/w, less mature than the two above her but she has great length of body, a lovely topline, pleasing head and expression. Well handled and shown. Needs a bit more time to fill out her frame and mature.

YEARLING BITCH (1): 1. Jones's CLANWILLOW FUTURE DREAMS, tri, stood alone in this class but a lot to like and a worthy winner. She is well-balanced, low to the ground, pretty head, level topline, moved well. Well handled and shown.

POST GRADUATE BITCH (7-0): 1. Ellrich's LAST TANGO IN PARIS, blanket r/w, well balanced, beautiful make and shape, very attractive head, smooth shoulders with an excellent topline, nice bend of stifle, perfect depth of body. Moved and showed well. I liked her a lot. RES.CC. 2. Mclean's SWITHERLAND GABRIELLA AT STOOKEWOOD, blanket r/w, pleasing head and expression, neat front, good turn of stifle, has a nice long-body. Topline a little soft. 3. Parkes' BESSALIN L'ELSIR D'MORE, dark tri with a pretty head and expression, neat front, good depth of body. Topline a little soft.

LIMIT BITCH (9-2): 1. Archer's ROMANBAY REBELLIOUS FLAME, blanket r/w, attractive head and expression, nice length of neck leading to a great length of body, has plenty of substance. Shoulders a little set forward and topline could be firmer. Moved and showed well. 2. Freer's SWITHERLAND WHOOPIE PIE. r/w, another with a terrific length of body, lots of quality, nice head and neck, smooth shoulders. Liked her forechest and turn of stifle. Looked a little immature still. 3. Cudlip's HARVIDENE SAPPHIRE, pretty dark tri, very attractive, a little smaller frame than above, good bone, topline and depth of body, attractive head and expression. Moved well.

OPEN BITCH ((6-1): Strong class. 1. Hards' MELLOW MOLLY V GRUNSVEN AT BRAEMORAY, l/w, quality bitch with an attractive head and expression, lots to like about her overall, well balanced, has a great topline and length of body, showed and handled very well. 2. Pearson's CH. ARMARIDO I'M ON FIRE, JW, blanket r/w, worthy champion, is already the

dam of two puppy class winners today so has passed on her undoubted qualities to her offspring.
3. Cudlip's HARVIDENE MAMMA MIA, open tri, a solid, sound bitch with a lot to like.

BREEDERS BITCH (1): Freer's CH. SWITHERLAND ALABAZAR, beautiful, feminine tri with such style and a look-at-me attitude. Has wonderful movement, covering the ground with ease which I like to see. Very sound and perfectly balanced. Not as heavy set as some but so full of quality and I was very happy to award her the Bitch CC. Also in conjunction with my co-judge, we awarded her RBIS and BOS.

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