

CRITIQUE ON THE BASSET HOUND CLUB 70TH ANNIVERSARY CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW. 3 AUGUST 2024

I found many excellent representations of our breed. There is no perfect dog and we all have our preferences when it comes to type and style, however, from a structural point of view I found lots of sound and healthy dogs that would not be taxed working in the fields. Yes, there were a few less than desirable bites, or incorrect angles, but nothing so severe to be considered alarming. In general most fronts were good and correct, I would advise to watch for correct return and length of upper arm. Most had good to excellent prosternum. I think the most consistent fault was incorrect or straightness in the rear, in varying degrees, this hampered and made for limited drive in the rear; something to consider as you plan your future breedings. Overall, I think the quality of the Basset Hounds at this show was extremely good, and I was also overjoyed to see that they were well loved and well looked after. It is with my most sincere and heartfelt appreciation to express my thanks in being selected to judge this prestigious and memorable event. It is an assignment that I accepted with the utmost seriousness and respect. To all the exhibitors that entered and placed their trust in me, for my opinion on their dogs, and for making me feel so welcomed – thank you! I truly enjoyed this wonderful show. I wish to give thanks to the Basset Hound Club Board members and all the committee members, the show was exceptionally well run and organized. The decorations, raffle, vendors, dinner and entertainment were beautiful, delicious and so much fun! The hospitality was second to none, from the moment we arrived, we were well looked after and well attended. Well done Basset Hound Club! And Congratulations on your 70th Anniversary!

VD (2,0) 1) Jones' Qubo Avaleur Du Sabre Met Clanwillow, good angles in the front, excellent front, good rear. 2) Allchorne's Ch Nelgus Thyme Bomb JW, lovely head, great topline, good rear. Preferred first's better front assembly.

BPD (3,1) 1) Parkes' Bessalin Mad Hatter, very lovely puppy, very correct, good front, clean movement. 2) King's Zawadi Life of Pi, lovely head, ribs were a little short and flanged (could be age related). First moved better and overall more correct.

MPD (3,0) 1) & Best Puppy, Jones' Clanwillow Fire and Ice, very correct front, strong topline, very nice on the move. A very accomplished and promising puppy! Beautiful breed type without exaggerations, strong, clean movement. Correct upper arm length with long smooth ribbing. 2) Bowers' Sasilasy Edge of Chaos at Lyonglen, lovely head, good bite, topline was less desirable, movement was limited. Preferred first on the move, more accomplished. 3) Johnston's Blewill Run Like the Wind.

PD (4,0) 1) Melbourne & Murray's Diheath Chekov, a very nice puppy, shows a lot of promise, ribbing was very nice, front angles were very correct, good bite. 2) Coultas' X-Factor Fonz V Grunsven, tail was down, lovely head and leathers, movement was limited in the front, possible due to being a bit forward in the shoulder. Preferred the first as overall the better exhibit in this class. 3) Parkes' Bessalin Red Hot Chillie, good front when looked at straight on, ribbing was good, movement was limited also possibly due to being forward in the shoulders.

JD (2,0) 1) & RCC Pop's Quantas-Napoka Wild Python, very nice youngster with a lovely correct head, arched neck going smoothly into a level topline, neck could be a little longer, fluid movement, front and rear drive were very balanced. A strong contender, this beautiful male is still young and already has so many fine points. A very fluid and effortless mover, his condition and muscling are exemplary. Nice tight feet, with correct upper arm length, and an equally correct

rear allow for that fluid movement. 2) Allchorne's Nelgus Golden Nugget, timid personality, very nice prosternum, strong topline, movement was bit limited in the front. Preferred first's better balance overall, very pleasing to watch on the move.

YD (2,0) 1) Rodgers' Ch Switherland Bazooka, beautiful masculine head, structure was well balanced, good on the side move and good front angles, a little heavy. 2) Hampton's Big Long Blues Prometheus, strong topline, nice long smooth ribbing, a bit straight in the shoulders, for his size was bit light in bone. Preferred first, very nice dog with nice balance.

PGD (3,0) 1) Woodworth's Armardio Against The Wind JW, strong well-muscled dog, solid topline, good rear movement, good ribbing, top skull was little broad. 2) Cudlip's Tanneron Hideaway at Harvidene, very lovely head, good long ribbing, fluid mover. Preferred first as well-conditioned dog that moved very well. 3) Bufton's Kenzduo Shore at Royalinne, strong topline, prominent prosternum, leathers could be a little longer with more drape, light in bone.

LD (7,1) 1) Strudwick's Armardio Ride Like ThecWind Among Kumamatata JW, well put together dog with balance and overall substance, good shoulders, prominent prosternum, good ribbing, head was bit heavy for me, rear angulation was very correct. 2) Beale's Woferlow Victorzsasz, good head, muzzle was bit short, strong topline, good overall substance. Preferred first as more balanced and was very pleasing on the move. 3) Cudlip's Woferlow Eclipse at Harvidene, lovely head, strong topline, neck went into shoulders a little steep, but overall nice balance.

OD (10,3) 1) CC & BIS Ribeiro's Pt Ch Goldenessence Blade Runner, a stunning tri male, with superior attributes. A strong dog of substance but with effortless movement and light on his feet. His head had correct planes, dark correctly shaped eyes, without haw. But by no means would I call this dog "dry", he had enough without being too much. He held his level topline both at speed and normal gait. Ribbing was long, smooth and well sprung. I think his most notable attribute is the strong movement, his reach in the front was deliberate and tracked true with no looseness in the elbows, and his powerful rear showed in every step. It was a sincere enjoyment to judge and watch this dog. His temperament is curious and happy, and was wonderfully presented by his breeder and owner. Congratulations! 2) Williams' Longmynd Cedric Smartson By Brompt, strong contender, very pleasing masculine head, strong topline, lacked prosternum, superior front reach and movement, long smooth ribbing, long arching neck went smoothly into well laid back shoulders. Preferred first as a strong mover with many exceptional qualities. 3) Jones' Clanwillow The Emerald King, very nice classic Basset head, leathers were long and draped, strong topline, long and smooth ribbing, prominent sternum, rear angulation was lacking hindering rear movement.

SBD (1,0) 1) K Z at Royalinne.

VB (3,1) 1) & Best Veteran, Pearson's Ch Roamanbay Russia With Love To Armardio JW, beautiful red and white veteran bitch, excellent condition, beautiful head, great angles front and rear, strong topline, lovely arching neck, moves very well. She stole my heart, her grace and dignity show through her beautiful structure. This structure is what allows her to move so correctly and without fault at her age, she is a basset personified, her breeder is to be commended on her excellent condition! 2) Allchorne's Nelgus Cinnamon Spice, lovely tri veteran bitch, good front with prosternum. Preferred the overall balance and strong movement of the first.

BPB (3,1) 1) Parkes' Bessalin White Rabbit, very nice puppy with good topline and prosternum, pretty feminine head and neck going smoothly into well laid back shoulder. 2) Bailey's Brompt Bigbutt Beryl Brown, another very nice puppy, with good topline, lovely head and leathers. Both

puppies show a lot of promise and good movement. The first was a little more put together on this day.

MPB (5,2) 1) Jones' Clanwillow Ice Queen, nicely balanced with a lovely head and good toplines, front angles are correct and good ribbing. Rear angles were a bit straight. 2) Green's Nefritis Black Beauty at Braithwell, very elegant with good length of body and long arching neck, front was a little wide, could be due to age and maturity. Preferred first as more balanced, moved well and more mature. 3) Archer's Roamanbay Reddy to Rock, pretty head and prosternum, good topline, a little steep in the shoulders, timid personality.

PB (5,2) 1) Cudlip's Harvidene La Bambola, promising youngster, strong topline. Very nice side, front and rear movement. Long arching neck. 2) Melbourne, Murray & Fitzpatrick-Odamamier's Diheath Marta, pretty feminine head with long draped leathers, good topline, ribs on both sides were flanged (maybe with time will improve?) Prominent prosternum, nice reaching movement in the front. Preferred first as overall more balanced and pleasing movement. 3) Bufton's Pretty Rose at Royalinne, pretty head, topline was a bit weak, prominent prosternum, could use better rear angulation.

JB (7,1) 1) & BCC Pop's Quantas-Napoca Wild Bean, superior quality with a very nice front, well laid back shoulders and strong topline. Neck could be a little longer, nice correct rear angles and strong mover. Beautiful feminine bitch that would never be considered "doggy", but in no means is she slight in bone or fragile. Extremely athletic and effortless in her movement, she exudes proper breed type, without any exaggerations. She is young, but shows amazing promise. Expertly presented - well done! 2) Woodworth's Woodrich Summer Breeze, nice bitch, with a very correct head and leathers, topline was a bit weak behind shoulder blades and could use a little more bone. Limited rear movement. Preferred first as very balanced overall and moved extremely well. 3) Parkes' Bessalin Aint Miss Behaving, elegant with a lovely head, prominent prosternum, strong topline but high in the rear due to lacking rear angulation, timid personality.

YB (5,2) 1) Archer's Roamanbay Red Hot Pepa Sauce, very nice bitch with a feminine head, long muzzle and draped leathers. Long arching neck that went smoothly into well laid-back shoulders, strong topline, good front. Rear angles were a bit straight. Good reach and drive in the front. 2) Gray's Forever Long Ears Love At The First Sight, very nice side movement, good front with long neck, dip in the topline behind shoulders, a bit high in the rear, ribs were flanged. Preferred first as more balanced and correct and movement was very good. 3) Gommers' Vida V Grunsven, lovely basset type, strong topline, prominent prosternum, movement was limited in front and rear.

NB (2,1) 1) King's Quantas Napoca Wilma Zawadi, nice typey bitch, good substance with a prominent prosternum and good ribbing. Good rear angles, a little heavy.

PGB (3,2) 1) Pop's Quantas Napoca Trash Panda, beautiful well balanced, long arching neck going smoothly into well laid back shoulders, smooth long ribbing, prominent prosternum and strong mover.

LB (7,3) 1) B A M Behaving. 2) Cudlip's Harvidene Sapphire, pretty head, nice substance. Topline dipped behind shoulders, lacking prosternum. Preferred first who held her topline well on the move and front reach was strong. 3) Colvin's Lagniappe Time To Shine, good substance and prosternum. Steep in the shoulders and rear lacked angulation, leading to limited movement.

OB (13,3) 1) & RCC Coultas' Perfect Peach V Grunsven, beautiful and well balanced, front and rear were good and a strong mover. Level topline, good substance but a little heavy. Another strong

contender, a very lovely bitch, also with strong movement. A little more compact than my winner, but this did not hinder her movement or disguise her beautiful structure. Very clean coming and going with no looseness. Powerful reach and drive on the side movement. 2) Cudlip's Harvidene Moonstone, lovely head and draped leathers, good front and prominent prosternum, slight dip behind her shoulders, rear angles were good, a little limited on movement. Preferred the first's strong drive and structure. 3) Archer's Roamanbay Rebellious Flame, pretty feminine head, with good substance, good front, rear angles were a bit straight causing her to be a bit high in the rear and limit her rear drive.

BREEDERS B (3,1) 1) Coultas' Ch Deucecoup Marquesa, nice bitch with a strong topline, lovely head with a long arching neck going smoothly into well laid back shoulders, short hocks with correct angles in the rear, level topline. Moved well. 2) Muller's Lilly From Roofgarden, nice head, with draped leathers, topline was not quite level, prominent prosternum, good length of body, rear angles were a bit straight causing limited movement. Preferred the first's better movement and stronger drive and held her topline well.

SBB (2,1) 1) Bufton's Pretty Rose at Royalinne, pretty head, topline was a bit weak, prominent prosternum, could use better rear angulation.

Warm regards, Dr. Maria Elisa (Malisa) Martinez - Argentina