BASSET HOUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW- SUNDAY 19TH JULY 2026

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to The Basset Hound Club for the kind invitation to judge at such a well-organised and friendly show. It was a real pleasure to be part of the day, and, as a replacement judge, I was very conscious that I had some very big shoes to fill. I would therefore like to send my very best wishes to Heather Storton.

My thanks also go to all the exhibitors for such a wonderful entry and for the sporting and friendly atmosphere throughout the day. I was very pleased with the overall quality. There were some particularly close decisions, which made the final placings far from easy.

I must also thank my stewards for their excellent help and efficiency, ensuring that everything ran smoothly and allowing me to concentrate fully on the judging.

A special thank you to my co-judge, Tina Watkins, for making the appointment such an enjoyable experience. Her company and good humour were much appreciated.

Finally, my sincere thanks for the very thoughtful judge's gift. It was a lovely gesture and greatly appreciated.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to making the day such an enjoyable and memorable one.

Nicky Beale

BABY PUPPY DOG (1)

1st CLARKE -Lanebern Love and Pride- 5 Months old Black Blanket. First time in the show ring and such a happy, confident boy. Lovely shape with plenty of promise for the future. I'm sure he will give his owners many enjoyable and entertaining times, and I look forward to watching his progress.

VD (2)

1st SAUNDERS- Wellsbayview Sorrento- Black Tri colour. Aged 7 -Masculine head and expression well set leathers, excellent angulation front and rear, well held top line, good bone, and tight feet. Clean throughout, sound on the move. Very close decision between 1st & 2nd lovely veterans both looking great and a fine example of our breed. BVD

2nd ALCHORNE- Nelgus Thyme Bomb JW ShCEx- Black Blanket. Aged 10, lovely head, good length of neck flowing into a good level topline. Well angulated rear which he used on the move.

MPD (1)

1ST CRUICKSHANK -Culsalmond Bling It Ron - Just 7 months old Red Blanket. Masculine looking boy with a nice head, dark eyes, and inward curling ears of correct texture and length. Good front with a nice long ribcage, excellent top line, moved with reach from the front but his rear needs to strengthen up.

PD (4)

1st CUDLIP-Deucecoupe Good Vibrations at Harvidene -Well grown, 11 months old, R&W. A balanced head, dark eyes, inward curling ears of correct texture and length, perfect bite. Good length of neck which flows into well laid back shoulders. Strong hindquarters, lovely movement, with great reach and drive. BPD

2nd JONES- Clanwillow Love and Dreams- Tri 11 months old, a gentle expression, good dark eye, good lay of shoulder, spring of rib, level topline, and good bend of stifle. Sound mover. Will take time to mature.

3rd COULTAS-Deucecoupe Four on the Floor - Black Blanket 11 months old, - Masculine head with a lovely dark eye. Lengthy neck. Good forechest. Carried his topline well on the move. Level topline with a well-set tail.

JD (1)

1st POP-Quantas-Napoca Dandy Diamond- R&W, just over a year old, masculine head with a lovely dark eye, deep flews with a lengthy neck. Good forechest, correct topline, taller in leg giving him good ground clearance. Moved well to and from.

YD (2)

1ST LANE-Goldenessence Deep Impact over Lanebern- Black Blanket ,21 months old - Masculine head with a lovely dark eye. Correct ear set, lovely neck and forechest, well angulated front and behind. Carried his topline well on the move.

2nd LAND-Clanwillow The Jazz Singer- Tri. Nice head with a soft expression, deep lip. Strong neck going into tidy front and balanced rear, level topline with a well set tail. Happy mover

GD (2)

1ST KING- Zawadi Life of Pi- R&W, masculine head with the gentlest of expression, dark eyes with correct ear set, prominent forechest with a deep chest. Level topline, good bend of stifle and tail carriage.

2nd LAND-Clanwillow The Jazz Singer

PGD (2) 1 Absent

1st RODEN-Harvidene Love Potion. Well grown, Black Tri, well balanced combining considerable substance. Pleasing head with good depth of muzzle, dark eyes, inward curling ears of correct texture and length. Correct front and prominent sternum, heavy over the shoulders, overweight and this spoils his outline. I have seen this boy much lighter in frame, could do with losing a few kilos

LD (6)

1st JOHNSTON-Blevil Ron Like The Wind To Burnvale- Black Blanket. Handsome male who is very well balanced with a strong head and a dark eye, low ear set, and plenty of flews. Prominent forechest. Neat front and elbow tucks in nicely, excellent ribs, super topline. Moved well with a correct tail set. It was my pleasure to award this boy RCC.

2nd ALLCHORNE-Nelgus Golden Nugget- R&W. Balanced head with good expression, nice ear set. Strong neck leading into a well laid shoulder. Good hind quarters. Level topline and good tail set. He wasn't as relaxed on the move as he could have been.

3rd JONES- Clanwillow Fire And Ice JW- Dark Tri. A nice soft expression with correct ear set, nice balance between front and hindquarters. Shown in good condition.

OD (7)

1st CUDLIP-Harvidene Festive Cheer -R & W. Extremely well balanced combining considerable substance with great quality. Excellent head, dark eyes, inward curling ears of correct texture and length, perfect bite. Good front leading into well laid back shoulders. Nice length of ribcage, Level top line. Strong hindquarters, lovely movement, with great reach and drive. CC & RBIS

2nd POP-Quantas-Napoca -White Pepper- R&W, masculine head with a good dark eye, deep flews, very good ears of correct texture and length with a lengthy neck. Good forechest, correct topline. Moved well to and from.

3rd JONES- AM GCHS Clanwillow Back To The Future- Tri, Masculine head, dark eyes, inward curling ears of correct texture and length. Good depth of chest, level topline and tail carriage. Overall, a nice type.

DOG CC -Harvidene Festive Cheer

RDCC-Blevil Ron Like The Wind To Burnvale

BPD- Deucecoupe Good Vibrations at Harvidene

BVD- Wellsbayview Sorrento