

Midland Basset Hound Club

35th Breed Championship Show

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Judge - Dogs: Mrs Aileen Sharpe (Bullieburn)

My thanks to the Committee of The Midland Basset Hound Club for my judging appointment which I enjoyed immensely. My thanks also to the exhibitors for taking my decisions with such good sportsmanship. We all have to learn how to win with pleasure and lose with dignity. All joint decisions with the judge for Bitches were agreed amicably.

I was very pleased with my top winners and another couple of strong contenders were seriously considered but went home empty handed. Exhibits were well presented, clean and in apparently good, healthy condition. There was no evidence of skin issues, no weepy eyes, no over-wrinkling, no excessive skin. I found two level bites. I was looking for sound and easy flowing movement, correct shoulder placement to allow this movement and strong, deep, smooth and sufficient length of ribbing to provide heart and lung room as well as support the spine. This all comes from correct construction. Some upright shoulders were in evidence which delivers a rolling action over the shoulders therefore providing insufficient forward reach. A Basset would not last long in the field with upright shoulders - Fit for Purpose is the order of the day. We have, at last, lost most of the heavy, too low to ground and overburdened specimens - hopefully, a lesson learned.

After having judged the dogs, and sitting by the ringside watching some of the later classes of bitches, I sense that the balance of power within the Breed is with the bitches. However, looking at both dogs and bitches, I want to call to the attention of some, perhaps new or inexperienced breeders, that they must not lose sight of the identifiable attributes of the Basset Hound.

CLASS 1 - VETERAN DOG (2 Entries)

1st : Newman's - Ch. Woferlow Border Patrol

Nine year old Tri dog belying his age. Lovely to see bassets still very fit as they become elder statesmen. Dark, clear eye, masculine head, good length of leathers, good bone, tight feet, strong neck, level topline, long, rounded ribcage, elbows tight into ribs, strong rear quarters. He spanked around the ring at a fair rate today. **Best Veteran Dog.**

2nd : Allen's - Ch. Fivevalleys Forester

Close decision between first and second. Another nine year old who did not look his age. A substantial, handsome lad that I've always had a soft spot for. Generous, but not overdone head with good stop, occiput, and clear, sombre eyes. Chest let down into the crook, well laid shoulder, nicely ribbed, but his topline ran up slightly. Moved a bit close behind although maintained good propulsion and pace. Shown well and in immaculate condition- an honest stallion hound.

CLASS 2 - MINOR PUPPY DOG (5 Entries / 1 Absent)

1st : Beale & Newman's - Woferlow Kanye West

A straight forward and uncomplicated lad- only 6 months old but showing real style. His handsome head is still to mature but showing signs of promise with a dark, clear eye, good stop and occiput, broad skull and good leathers. He has good bone, lovely tight feet, just enough wrinkling on the lower front legs, chest not yet let down fully, but not surprising as this is still a very young male. He has reach in the front, moves straight and true coming and going. Elegant neck with good reach, leading down to shoulders which, again still have some maturing to do but are certainly very acceptable. Super topline, strong ribcage, rounded, smooth and long. Rear quarters developing very nicely. A delight to go over and, with a little appropriate guidance and practice this lovely boy could be a pleasure to watch on the move as he has the correct reach in front, the desired action from the rear quarters and drive with power- an elasticity and efficiency of movement -lovely! Take your time with him.

2nd : Newman's - Woferlow Alexander Bell

Although of an age with 1 and from the same kennel, he looks to be from a slightly smaller mould. Rather handsome about the head, a true basset expression, a bit of a twinkle in his dark eye, and a really naughty fellow giving his handler a hard time - but then he's a puppy! Good bone, even front although chest still to drop fully to the crook, excellent front reach on the move, good lay of shoulder, elegant neck with good reach, level topline, ribs smooth and rounded although a tiny bit shorter than those of 1. While he careered around the ring in true naughty puppy style, I think his balance of construction will eventually demonstrate that he has good rear drive and power. 1 & 2 - a close decision.

3rd : Pearson's - Woferlow Ring My Bell

Res : Fields' - Fivevalleys Malachite

CLASS 3 - PUPPY DOG (4 Entries)

1st : Cudlip's - Paris Lady Barnetts At Harvidene (Imp Cz)

Standing very confident, this nine month old red & white possessed a self-importance which was quite charming. He just said "I love me". Dark, clear and calm eye, stop and occiput correct, level front with chest let just sufficiently down into crook, tight feet. Neck elegant and arched with good reach, shoulders laid well. His elbows came well into the ribcage which was long smooth and rounded, providing a sound base for his topline which just rose a little towards the rear the result of a long upper thigh. A positive, powerful mover very much with his handler, even at this young age, and he certainly looked fit for a day's work.

Best Puppy Dog and Best Puppy in Show.

2nd : Newman's - Woferlow Ceelo Green

A different type to 1. Just 6 months old and very much a baby with loads of maturing and muscling up to do and he has plenty of time to do it. Nice head with good stop and occiput, leathers well placed just below the eye level. Nicely arched neck leading to good shoulder angle and a level topline. Tight feet, good bone. Lovely "apple bottom", a trifle straight on the hocks. A little light in eye for his very dark colouring -this had an impact on his expression.

3rd : Pearson's - Woferlow Ring My Bell

Res : Fields' - Fivevalleys Malachite

CLASS 4 - JUNIOR DOG (2 Entries / 2 Absent)

1st : Webb's - Dalpino Wolf Scholl For Suaisa (Imp)

This was a fetching 13 month old lad with a strong masculine head, dark, clear eye, soft, curling leathers set below the eye line. Shortish neck leading to a reasonably laid shoulder, short forearm, moderate front reach. Good bone, front still to drop fully into crook and sternum to wholly develop. A tad short on rib but it was not detrimental to his topline. Moved true both coming and going and I expect, if he is allowed to mature at his own rate, he will reward his handler with a good driving action. Some active work is required on his pasterns which are a little on the weak side. This youngster still has a lot of maturing to do, and this may take a while, so a lot of patience may be required.

2nd : Jawaid's - Darwin De La Casa De La Atalaya

Very substantial 13 month old dark tri. Generous male head, neck a little short therefore insufficient reach, shoulders had a passable angle. Good bone, needs his sternum to develop. Ribcage of good length, smooth, rounded and carried well back. Level topline. Fore offside pastern needs strengthening. A bit straight on hocks which impinged on his movement- not enough drive. Perhaps some ringcraft training would be advantageous for both dog and handler. For me, he was just acceptable for wrinkle, weight and furnishings - he is still a young dog so please be mindful of his future.

CLASS 5 - YEARLING DOG (12-24 Months) (4 Entries)

1st : Freer's -Switherland Classic Design

A red and white, 19 month old, handsome and substantial hound showing great promise for the future. He was a delight to watch on the move- muscle rippling and flowing with his action. If a dog moves well, he's made well, and this was very true here. Broad, masculine skull, dark, quiet and clear eye, adequate stop and occiput, leathers placed just right below the level of the eye. Front nicely let down into the crook, good bone, feet could be tighter. Good reach of neck which was well arched and strong, a tidy shoulder, long and rounded ribcage, level topline held well on the move. In stacked stance I felt that his rear feet were placed just a little too far back - I would have liked to have seen them about an inch forward just under the very back end of his bottom- this would have balanced the picture perfectly. In natural stance and left to his own devices, he was actually correct- ah, you see, he knows best where he's comfortable! **Reserve Dog CC.**

2nd : Webb's - Dalpino Wolf Scholl for Suaisa (Imp)

1st in Class 4 - Junior Dog

3rd : Jawaid's - Harvey Van Hollandheim

Res : Jawaid's - Darwin De La Casa De La Atalaya

CLASS 6 - MAIDEN DOG (1 Entry)

1st : Fields' - Fivevalleys Malachite

7 month old tri coloured baby with lots of maturing to do. He has a lovely calm and kind expression and a nicely shaped head which should, hopefully, develop well. Good reach of neck, shoulder has a reasonable angle. He is quite a long dog who needs a good length of ribcage to support the spine and carry a good topline. However, this was, to some extent inadequate and he drew up his stomach and roached his back on the move. He did move at a good pace with a bit of drive from the rear and some reach at the front. He has a good bend of stifle and very good hocks. Muscle is starting to come through as well. Keep striving to develop his good points. Decent schooling may improve his deportment - perhaps some ringcraft training would be of benefit - the handler needs to pay more attention to what her dog is doing and learn how to be at one with her dog. We were all like that at the beginning, so don't lose heart and have some fun with your puppy!

CLASS 7 - NOVICE DOG (1 Entries / 1 Absent)

No Entries

CLASS 8 - POST GRADUATE DOG (2 Entries)

1st : Hirst's - Diheath Bob Dylan At Kejana

Compact and sound lad. Handsome head with a dark, clear eye, good stop and occiput, leathers placed just below line of eye. A fraction light in eye which affected his expression. Level front with chest nicely let down into his crook. Good bone, just sufficient wrinkle on front legs below knee. Elegant neck. Slightly upright shoulder this adversely affecting his forward reach. Long, deep and rounded ribcage, level topline, held firmly on the move, well let down hocks and good bend of stifle. Handler moved him well.

2nd : Jones's - Fidanza Jacksons Thriller At Gennome

2yrs 9 months. A cabby type with a satisfactory head showing a calm and kind eye, leathers only just sufficient to meet standard and lacking inward curl. I detected a weakness in pasterns resulting in turning out of the front feet. A fraction upright in shoulder, short forearm, good length and depth of rib. Level front with chest let down into crook. A little straight in hock, but a lovely "apple bottom", well muscled.

CLASS 9 - MID LIMIT DOG (2 Entries / 1 Absent)

1st : Pearson's - Malrich Diamond Geezer At Armardio

A very substantial 2yr 5 month old tri-colour looking good in profile. Generous head, with good stop and occiput, dark eye, shortish neck. Heavy in shoulder, a little short in forearm. Long, smooth and deep ribcage, reaching well back, even front with chest well let down into the crook. Hocks could be a little better let down. What a smashing "apple bottom" he has and he is well muscled. Moved at a good speed but very much on the forehand - not driving from the rear.

CLASS 10 - LIMIT DOG (3 Entries)

1st : Johnston's - Burnvale Quantum

This is a handsome rich red and white 21 month old young man presenting a very neat and tidy profile- he took my eye in an easy way. Strong masculine head, dark, clear eye, curling, soft leathers, good stop and occiput. Level front with chest correctly into the crook. Arched neck with decent reach, good lay of shoulder, strong, smooth, long and rounded ribcage- carried well back, level topline which he held on the move. He reached soundly in front and drove well bringing his rear feet well under his body for propulsion – a lovely back end view showing a clean pair of heels going away. This looks like a very good prospect for the future but, I think, will take his own time to mature fully- worth the wait, I expect.

2nd : Allen's - Kortebin Wyvernwarrior By Fivevalleys

Maculine head, dark, clear eye, super arched and reach of neck, excellent topline, good lay of shoulder, elbows fitting well into his smooth and rounded ribcage which was carried well back. Sufficient wrinkle to forelegs, nicely let down hocks, a lovely apple bottom. Showed a clean pair of heels going away, but, on the move, just a wee bit close behind and in front.

3rd : Williams' - Limgoning Keegan

CLASS 11 - OPEN DOG (6 Entries)

1st : Ellrich's - Ch. Malrich King Of Diamonds

Here's a fellow who knows what's expected of him and he doesn't fail to please. To some extent more cobby in type, but in proportion nonetheless. In profile, a handsome head. He has a dark, clear eye, leathers correctly placed and of sufficient length, soft and curling. Elegant neck which has sufficient reach, chest let down into the crook, strong bone. Smooth, deep and rounded ribcage, carried well back, level topline, carried perfectly on the move. He could move at a good pace - not too fast, not too slow - bringing his rear feet well under the body therefore providing him with excellent propulsion. Moved straight coming and going, showed a clean pair of heels going away and with good reach in front. I could just see him happily bustling about the fields all day. At one with his handler. **Dog CC and Reserve Best in Show.**

2nd : Cudlip's - Ch. Harvidene Breakaway

A dog I have long admired from the ringside. He has the length of body and the ease of movement that I enjoy observing. Masculine head, curling, soft leathers, dark eye, muscular but elegant neck, good lay of shoulder, tidy front with chest dropping nicely into the crook. Good bone, just sufficient wrinkle on forelegs below knee. Long, smooth ribcage carried well back supporting a level topline. I deliberated long and hard and considered giving him the RCC but, on the day, was of the opinion that he wasn't just as focused or as motivated as I know that he can be.

3rd : Freer & Rodgers' - Switherland Royal Image

Res : Feetham's - Kimbleholme Top Secret

VHC : Cudlip's - Bassbarr Ivan Idea (Imp Hun)

CLASS 12 - BREEDERS DOG (1 Entry)

1st : Allen's - Ch. Fivevalleys Forester

2nd in Class 1 - Veteran Dog

Overall Dog Results



Our Judge - Mrs Aileen Sharpe with her
C.C. Dog : Ellrich's - Ch. Malrich King Of Diamonds
&
Reserve C.C. : Freer's -Switzerland Classic Design



Mrs Aileen Sharpe with her
Best Puppy Dog : Cudlip's - Paris Lady Barnetts At Harvidene (Imp Cz)
&
Best Veteran Dog : Newman's - Ch. Woferlow Border Patrol

Judge: Mrs Aileen Sharpe (Bullieburn)

Judge - Bitches: Mrs Tina Watkins (Blackvein)

This being my first appointment since the inception of Breed Watch and Health Checks, I found it most interesting. , I feel that some less accomplished breeders and exhibitors should seek advice of those with more breed experience. I say this because conformation not acceptable for the show ring in the past seems to be creeping into the lower classes. Handling needs to be watched, exhibitors think pulling the hound's head back over the shoulders and the tail over its back is correct. The Basset is supposed to be an oblong and with an elegant neck that carries its tail sabre fashion, the tail is an extension of the spine and should not be displayed as a teapot handle. Bad or indifferent handling can easily spoil the overall balance; it shortens what can be a very well-made outline. The overall quality of my entry was very good. However I found several level bites, sadly rising toplines, are definitely on the increase. We are also losing our lovely long well-rounded "smooth" ribs. Room for vital organs to work effectively is essential for a working hound – they are being replaced by unacceptable short ribs with flanging which spoilt some otherwise very nice exhibits, very disappointing! I am pleased to say all had ample ground clearance. I found no vastly overdone heavily wrinkled hounds which were apparent a few years ago; none showed signs of red skin, irritation or excessive skin. I felt all of the hounds under me could easily do a day's work if required to do so. Pleased my co-judge and I reached our conclusions for top honours amicably and without too much debate.

CLASS 13 - VETERAN BITCH (3 Entries / 1 Absent)

1st : Feetham's - Ir Ch. Kimbleholme Make A Wish

I last judged this lovely lady back in 2005 and wrote of her: Quality r/w. Lovely head and expression, darkest of eyes good depth of lip and well-set leathers. Arched neck of length, shoulders laid well back, tight elbows plenty of sternum and sound front. Ribs long and deep. Level topline. Good quarters and angulation, nice feet and massive bone. Good tail set. She moves well with drive and purpose. Super picture overall oozes femininity. The same is true of her today, her movement for a 10 year old is superb covering the ground effortlessly still driving from her rear and reaching well forward. Ample ground clearance. Considered her for the RCC.

Best Veteran Bitch and Best Veteran in Show.

2nd : Ellrich's - Malrich Bubbles

Quality 8 1/2 year old Tri. Feminine head and dark eye with sweet expression. Good length to leathers, reachy neck with neat front and nice sternum. Ribs deep and well rounded, carried well back, balanced with a good covering. Lovely bone. Well angulated behind with good tailset, and correct tail carriage. Moved out well and sound overall.

CLASS 14 - MINOR PUPPY BITCH (5 Entries)

1st : Green's - Sedonia's Razamataz To Braithwell

7 month tri, happy little person. Smaller framed with good bone throughout. Lovely head plains with well-defined occiput, sweet expression and dark eye of correct lozenge shape, good depth of lip, low set curling leathers, nice arch to her neck, good front and angulation, sternum still developing but fitting well into her crook. Good length to ribs, well rounded, deep and smooth. Elbows fitting closely. Level topline leading to well angulated hindquarters. Correct tailset and carriage. Nice tight feet well knuckled, bearing her weight evenly. Moved soundly for a baby, full of quality and still developing very promising. My only criticism would just prefer a little more length overall. **Best Puppy Bitch.** Sadly faded in the challenge - **RBPIS.**

2nd : Wright's - Eternal Sunshine For Halloran

Another very nice pup. Broken tri. Well off for bone. Lovely feminine head, parallel head plains, with defined occiput, correct shaped dark eye with melting expression, deep lip. Fine curling leathers set on low. Good length of neck leading to well laid shoulders and a front which is developing well. Strong level topline long well sprung ribs with good bend of stifle. Tailset good and carried sabre fashion. Well off for bone. Feet not as tight as 1st but sure this will come. Movement strong and purposeful.

3rd : Newman's - Woferlow Christabel

Res : Fields & O'Connell - Fivevalleys Pearl

VHC : Town's - Lady Emerald Of Fidanza

CLASS 15 - PUPPY BITCH (6 Entries / 1 Absent)

1st : Woodworth's - Woodrich Hera

Tri. Ample bone throughout. Pretty and feminine, soft expression with a lovely dark lozenge shaped eye would prefer a little more stop, not the head plains of the winner of previous class. Well set leathers reaching just beyond the point of the nose, nice arch to her neck although a little upright in shoulder her front is still developing and needs time. Elbows well tucked in. Good length to ribs well rounded and deep, level topline and nicely angulated hindquarters tight feet well knuckled with well let down hocks. Moved out true both fore and aft. Would prefer a little more length overall.

2nd : Newman's - Woferlow Arabella

Very much a baby just 6 months, nicely put together loved her head qualities darkest of eyes with correct shape, beautiful expression. Neck arched and shoulders well angled elbows close, needs to drop in front but as time. Sternum developing nicely. Rounded ribs reaching well back, topline needs to strengthen. Good rear angulation, feet need to tighten. Tail set on well with correct carriage. Nice bone. Didn't want to cooperate with her handler but moved just enough for me to assess her.

3rd : Johnston's - Burnvale Regal Images

Res : Fields & O'Connell - Fivevalleys Pearl

VHC : Town's - Fidanza Here Comes Trouble

CLASS 16 - JUNIOR BITCH (6 Entries / 3 Absent)

1st : Hirst, Hirst, Melbourne & Storton's - Diheath Marmite At Kejana

Compact youngster, feminine, lovely expression dark eye with nice conformation, Deep lip, would prefer slightly better head plains back skull falls away. Well arched neck with good shoulder placement and well developed sternum. Good angulation both fore and aft. Deep round ribs carried well back. Topline strong with well-muscled quarters with lovely bend of stifle, feet tightly bunched. Tailset and carriage correct. Moved out with purpose, full of confidence her gait free and effortless.

2nd : Allen's - Fivevalleys Melody

Red & White from a larger mould. Lovely feminine head, dark eyes of correct shape well defined stop, Deep lip, low set curling leathers and good head planes. Sweet expression. Long elegant neck leading to well laid shoulders good angulation both front and rear, pronounced sternum Long level topline with slight rise over the loin. Well-muscled with excellent bone throughout. Tail set on well and carried sabre fashion. Tight knuckled up feet weight carried evenly adequate ground clearance. Sadly not happy today taking too much notice of her surroundings.

3rd : Spibey - Switherland Dutch Girl

CLASS 17 - YEARLING BITCH (12-24 Months) (3 Entries / 1 Absent)

1st : Feetham's - Kimbleholme Little Witch

Tri. Feminine head qualities, correct head plains dark eye of good shape, nice depth to lip. Curling leathers set on low. Arched neck of good length. Clean shoulders with good front angulation, close fitting elbows. Sternum developing nicely and still needing to drop into front. Ribs of good depth carried well back. Topline long and level. Tail well set and carried sabre fashion. Rear angulation correct with good bend of stifle. Adequate bone for size and generous ground clearance. Feet tight and well bunched. Moved well covering the ground with ease, gait economical and true.

2nd : Ellrich's - Malrich Ana Steele

Blanketed red & white. Most appealing head qualities, eye in keeping with colour and good shape, adequate depth of lip leathers fine, folding and low set. Lengthy neck front not as well set as 1st due to different stages of development in the sternum. Level topline kept on the move nicely angulated behind. Feet knuckled feet moved out well – bit of an extrovert.

CLASS 18 - MAIDEN BITCH (2 Entries / 1 Absent)

1st : Fields & O'Connell - Fivevalleys Pearl

Red & White a proper baby although she looks older. Feminine head and expression lovely dark eye of correct shape, strong neck with good shoulders and rear. Unable to assess her fully as she was not at all happy totally overawed! However with time and patience she could turn the corner and overcome her inhibitions.

CLASS 19 - NOVICE BITCH

No Entries

CLASS 20 - POST GRADUATE BITCH (8 Entries / 2 Absent)

1st : Newman & Mease's - Barembak Metis

Broken Blanketed tri. Lovely head qualities, feminine with a melting expression. Parallel plains and prominent occiput. Lovely dark eyes with good shape. Nice depth of lip, low set folding fine leathers. Arched neck of good length. Clean shoulders and tight elbows. Sternum still to develop and she needs to drop into her front. Long ribs well rounded and deep, level topline kept on the move. Terrific rear angulation well let down hocks. Movement free and confident, covers the ground well, parallel, true fore and aft. Stands on well-knuckled feet with good bone throughout.

2nd : Pearson's - Malrich Katherine At Armardio

Red & White, Nice head with feminine proportions, dark eye of good shape not quite the head plains of 1st. Low set leathers, arched neck shoulder placement slightly upright but sternum still needing to develop. Not the ribs of 1st but carried well back, strong topline with slight rise over the loin. Good tailset and carriage. Muscled quarters and nicely angulated throughout. Feet tight and bearing her weight evenly Enjoying her day, moved out with purpose and at one with her handler.

3rd : Gilkes' - Woferlow Roxy Music At Birichino

Res : Feetham's - Kimbleholme Abracadabra

VHC : Webb's - Bassjoy Tutti Frutti At Diadene

CLASS 21 - MID LIMIT BITCH (5 Entries / 1 Absent)

1st : Jones' - Harropine Devil Wears Prada Via Fidanza

Red & White 2 1/2 yr old. Very typey. Feminine head and expression lovely dark eye of correct shape, low set leathers and well defined occiput. Strong neck and good shoulder placement with a well-developed sternum Ribs rounded and deep and carried well back. Elbows fitting nicely against ribbing. Topline strong with quarters well-muscled up with a good bend of stifle. Ample bone. Moved with purpose, would like to see just a little more animation and a size bigger. Surprised to hear she's only just produced a litter of puppies. Best shoulders in the class.

2nd : Ledward's - New Bellecombe Samba At Drawdell

Blanketed tri. Full of quality and well balanced, loved her overall construction, and what a lovely girl to go over. Very feminine. Good head plains, darkest of eyes with correct shape. Low set leathers fine with curl. Lengthy neck, front assembly just a little forward in for me, well placed elbows. Beautiful ribs, well rounded, long and deep. Strong level topline with good tailset carried correctly. Hind angulation correct with good turn of stifle and let down hocks. Feet well knuckled weight evenly borne. Confident, moves out with purpose with a lengthy even stride. Sadly carrying a little too much weight for me today.

CLASS 21 - MID LIMIT BITCH (Cont'd)

3rd : Danel's - Bazbourne Widgerleydown Blue Diamond

Res : Cutler's - Malrich Versace Del Diamondice

CLASS 22 - LIMIT BITCH (6 Entries)

1st : Newman's - Woferlow Rock Chick

Blanketed tri. In the past I have seen this girl not wanting to cooperate with either her handler or the judge, so pleased this wasn't the case today. Balanced with a lovely clean outline. Feminine head and expression, plains good with prominent occiput. Darkest of eyes with correct lozenge shape, ample depth of lip. soft curling leathers set on low. Would prefer a little more length to her neck. Shoulders well laid with adequate sternum. Front sitting neatly into crook. Nicely angulated fore and aft. Strong level topline with deep well sprung ribs of good length. Quarters well-developed and muscled up. Well off for bone. Good tailset with correct carriage. Tightly bunched feet. Her movement is sound both going away and on return, gait free and economical. Could easily spend a day in the field. Considered for RCC.

2nd : Freer's - Switherland Imajean

Red & White, Balanced throughout. Thought this girl would be my winner, everything in the correct place and very hard to fault! Lovely feminine head, parallel plains, darkest of eyes of correct lozenge shape appealing expression, lip deep and square without being doggy. Leathers set on low, both fine and curling. Long elegant neck fitting into well laid back shoulders. Sternum well developed and fitting into crook. Ribs long, smooth and well sprung. Strong level topline with good tailset. Well angulated rear with nice bend to stifle. Feet well knuckled standing four square weight borne evenly. Movement sound and true both fore and aft. Sadly would not carry her tail.

3rd : Ledward's - Drawdell's Lady De Winter

Res : Allen's - Fivevalleys Muscadet

VHC : Williams' - Braithwell Miss Marple At Brompton

CLASS 23 - OPEN BITCH (8 Entries / 1 Absent)

1st : Armstrong & Rodgers' - Ch. Switherland Red Image

A superb picture of balance without any exaggeration oozes femininity in every sense of the word. A pleasure to go over and so very hard to fault I found nothing I would really want to change about her, very surprised to be told she was the litter sister to 2nd in my previous class and they share many of the same attributes. Super head with correct plains, lip deep but not overly so, soft kind expression. Eyes of good colour and lozenge shaped, long well set velvety leathers. Arched neck of good length, with developed sternum and well laid shoulders with correct angulation, sound even front which fitting into nicely defined crook, elbows well tucked in. Ribs long, smooth well-rounded and reaching well back, my notes say best of the day. Strong level topline which she holds on the move, good tailset and sabre like carriage. Muscled quarters with lovely bend of stifle, and apple bum. Tightly knuckled up feet with well

let down hocks, good bone throughout standing square weight evenly borne. Full of confidence moving out soundly, parallel showing good reach to front and a lovely driving action from behind, gait parallel covering the ground effortlessly. **Bitch CC** and **Best in Show**.

2nd : Freer's - Switherland Dream Edition

I have admired this girl from the ringside for a long time and wasn't disappointed. Broken tri from a smaller mould than one. Lovely head qualities, most appealing expression, dark eye of correct shape, deepest of lips, long well set curling leathers, good reach of neck, neat forechest, nicely angled even front fitting well into crook. Long rounded ribs and strong level topline rear nicely angulated and muscled quarters. Tight feet and good bone throughout. Super parallel movement positive showing both reach and drive.

Reserve Bitch CC.

3rd : Cudlip's - Blevwils Free 'N' Easy At Harvidene

Res : Newman & Mease's - Woferlow Tinker Bell

VHC : Cartwright's - Longmynd Velvet Promise

CLASS 24 - BREEDERS BITCH (4 Entries / 1 Absent)

1st : Freer's - Switherland Classic Charm

Tri, Pleasing head qualities, with well-defined stop and occiput eye colour and shape correct. Nice length to leathers, set on low. Good arch to neck. Well angulated front and back with ample sternum. Just a little narrow for me would prefer more width across her. Ribs well sprung and reaching well back giving good length to body and nicely angulated fore and aft. Tight feet, moved out with purpose gait free and parallel.

Judged jointly by our Judges

CLASS 25 - CLASS 25 - BRACE (2 Entries)

1st : Hirst's -

Dereheath Delilah At Kejana / Diheath Marmite at Kejana

2nd : Webb's -

Dalpino Wolf Scholl for Suaisa (Imp) / Bassjoy Tutti Frutti at Diadene

Overall Bitch Results



Our Judge - Mrs Tina Watkins with her
C.C. Bitch : Armstrong & Rodgers' - Ch. Switherland Red Image
&
Reserve C.C. Bitch : Freer's - Switherland Dream Edition



Mrs Tina Watkins with her
Best Puppy Bitch : Green's - Sedonia's Razamataz To Braithwell
&
Best Veteran Bitch : Feetham's - Ir Ch. Kimbleholme Make A Wish

Judge: Mrs Tina Watkins (Blackvein)

Best in Show Results



Our Judges with their
Best in Show : Armstrong & Rodgers' - CH. SWITHERLAND RED IMAGE
&
Reserve Best in Show : Ellrich's - CH. MALRICH KING OF DIAMONDS



Our Judges with their
Best Puppy in Show : Cudlip's - PARIS LADY BARNETTS AT HARVIDENE (IMP CZ)
&
Best Veteran in Show : Feetham's - IR CH. KIMBLEHOLME MAKE A WISH