

Midland Basset Hound Club

15 Class Breed Open Show

Marston Green Parish Hall

Marston Green, West Midlands, B37 7BT

Saturday 14th February 2009

Judge: Mr Dave Darley (Clavidar)

Thank You to the Committee for inviting me to judge this show. I would also like to say thanks to exhibitors for supporting me with this super entry in both Quantity and Quality. Some very close decisions on the day with some very nice youngsters, especially in bitches. I found four tails with, in some cases, major kinks. We still need to work on ribs. Eyes are now in the spotlight, I personally feel we should not show animals with Cherry Eye or with the subsequent repair technique. I had related animals with the same affliction. If the gland is protruding, the eye looks disfigured and if it is repaired or removed scarring is equally ugly.

CLASS 1 - MINOR PUPPY DOG (3 Entries)

1st : Isted & Melbourne's - Dearduenna Raffles

Nice Red & White baby boy. Raw as expected for one so young. Won this class on overall balance and soundness on the move. Nice gentle expression with a clean dark eye. Neat, true front with nice tight feet. Nice rounded quarters with good bend of stifle. Ample bone for size. Very well handled and acquitted himself very well.

2nd : Seddon's - Ribbleriver Show Me Off at Sedonia

Tri of good substance. Nice head, eye and condition. A little more mature than 1st Place and feels it. Not quite the profile balance though with angle of shoulder more acute and less of a bend in stifle. Nice ribbing and moved cleanly front and rear.

3rd : Thorne's - Moralach Tommy Zoom at Dyffrynsands

Pleasing type with nice head and dark, clean eye. Again not the profile balance of 1st Place for similar reasons as 2nd Place. Not quite the ribbing of 2nd Place and unfortunately limping slightly on the day. Baby, needs time.

CLASS 2 - PUPPY DOG (2 Entries)

1st : Storton's - Malrich Diesel

Nice young tri baby. Pleasing head with dark, clean eye and gentle expression. Nice bone for size. Nice tight elbows and feet. Still carrying a little of his puppy fat over the shoulder but long smooth ribbing. Nice bend of stifle. Moved clean and parallel both coming and going. Interesting to watch his development into an adult. Well Handled.

Best Puppy Dog and Reserve Best Puppy in Show

CLASS 2 - PUPPY DOG (Cont'd)

2nd : Brunskill's - Dereheath Son of a Gunnar for Kinleebrae

Different type to 1st Place. More athletic and elegant with nice shape and style. More my type than 1st in overall shape with nice length of neck although lacks a little upper arm. Good shape of head with correct plains. Eye nice shape but could be a little darker. In solid condition for one so young and can really cover the ground. If he maintains his outline, it will be interesting to see how he finishes when he bodies up. Well handled.

CLASS 3 - JUNIOR DOG (3 Entries)

1st : Isted & Melbourne's - Dearduenna Remy

Another real baby of 6 months but lovely type. Melting expression with very dark eye. Stood like a pro with nice static profile. Nice ribs, good bone for size. Moved with great reach and drive although a little erratic at times. Still a loose baby and will hopefully tighten into a really nice male.

2nd : Chambers' - Kortebin Westwood

A close contender for first place. Just lost out to 1 on bend of stifle although as he gets older this may well develop into the stronger back end. Super head with dark clean eye. Nice angle of shoulder and perfect ribbing. Moved very nicely but not quite the reach and drive of 1st. Interesting when he drops through in loin.

3rd : Mitchell's - Rakefoot Captin Jack

Red Blanket boy with nice head, bone and ribbing. The other two youngsters in this class beat him for overall balance. Tight elbow but a little steep in shoulder. A little long and straight in stifle although moved quite cleanly behind.

CLASS 4 - NOVICE DOG (2 Entries / 1 Absent)

1st : Chambers' - Kortebin Westwood

Second in Previous Class.

CLASS 5 - POST GRADUATE DOG (3 Entries)

1st : Storton's - Buzz Lightyear at Dereheath

Very impressive Red & White male who I have watched develop into a striking young man. Although still needs his final finish into an adult male, his construction is already there. Masculine head of great shape and melting dark lozenge shaped eyes. Nice length of neck, strong leading to good angle of shoulder and super tight elbows. Long smooth ribcage with perfect depth and good spring. Powerful thighs on nicely bent stifle. Not too low, perfect for me, allows him to completely out power everything else on the move. Moves true front and rear. Shown in super hard condition.

Best Dog and Reserve Best in Show

CLASS 5 - POST GRADUATE DOG (Cont'd)

2nd : Muttock's - Whinneywoods King George

Large, nicely boned Black Blanket tri. Stunning head with black eye and masculine expression. A little short in upper arm and steep in shoulder but very true in front with nice tight feet. Super ribbing carried well back. Strong quarters although a little straighter in stifle than 1st. Moved nicely but not the happiest in the ring. If he starts to enjoy the game, could look a different dog.

3rd : Gater's - Balmacara Orange Crusader for Kithalined

Red & White of nice type and overall balance. Nice shape of head with masculine expression though not the eye of 1 and 2. Nice strong neck of good length. Tight elbow, with good angle of shoulder. Neat front with tight feet. Not the ribbing of 1st and 2nd but nice powerful quarters. Moved soundly both fore and aft.

CLASS 6 - LIMIT DOG (4 Entries / 1 Absent)

1st : Storton's - Dereheath Moses

I love this dog for type. Masculine head with super expression and pitch black eye of perfect shape. His profile static balance is second to none with fantastic shape of hind quarters from all angles. Super smooth, long ribbing with perfect depth. Just the right amount of bone for his size and lovely tight front feet. A little short in upper arm but what he has he uses well. One of the best top lines of the day and powered around the ring. Contender for top honours.

2nd : Mitchell's - Rakefoot Dirty Dancing

Large Red & White Male with super bone and nice tight feet. Although not really my type, he has a nice head with very masculine expression. Not the balance of 1st, front nice and true with tight elbow. Super ribbing. Could be more rounded in the stifle and lacks a little rear angulation. Moved very well for a big dog.

3rd : Thorne's - Jasper Daisy's Boy at Dyffrynsands

Nervous Red & White boy that could have had a higher place. Nice head although not the most masculine. Eye dark with correct shape. Neat front with lovely tight feet. Ribbing well rounded, smooth and carried well back. Not the bend of stifle of 1 but adequate and uses them well on the move. Got very worked up by his nervousness. Needs work.

CLASS 7 - OPEN DOG (3 Entries / 1 Absent)

1st : Luxmoore-Ball's - Tanneron Abraham Lincoln

Another dog that I really love for type. My favourite male head of the day. Masculine expression with melting dark eyes of super shape. Super head plains with ideal amount of loose skin, not exaggerated. Nice length of neck on a perfect length of back. The little more length won him the class. Nice bone all round and nice ribbing. Again, another dog that has super balance when stacked. Moved truly, fore and aft. Well handled. Reserve Best Dog

CLASS 7 - OPEN DOG (Cont'd)

2nd : Ellrich's - Malrich Eisenhower JW

Close decision for class. Very balanced dog that actually out moved 1. Not quite as masculine in head but still a lovely shape with good plains and nice dark eye of good shape. Strong neck of good length. Tight elbow giving true front with nice tight feet. Good ribbing and top line. I would like him just a shade longer in back. Does have a super profile though and really motors soundly around the ring. Nice Dog.

CLASS 8 - VETERAN DOG or BITCH (3 Entries / 1 Absent)

1st : Haynes' - Harebolt Echo ShCM

A dog I have seen for many years and can teach some of this entry what Hard Condition really means!! Red Blanket dog of 9 years old. Has the body of a younger dog and can certainly move like one. A credit to his owner, shown in pristine condition. Nice tight elbows from a muscular shoulder. True, tight feet on well boned front. Super ribbing. Not the lowest dog and really powers from his quarters. **Best Veteran in Show**

2nd : Haynes' - Nedlaw Clementine At Harebolt

Mother of 1st place and can say nearly exactly the same for her critique. Again totally belies her age of 11 and a real credit to her owners. Hard to make a decision between the two. Although he has 2 years on his side, I gave it to 1 because he out sparkled his mother on the move.

Overall Dog Results

Best Dog	Storton's - Buzz Lightyear at Dereheath
Reserve Best Dog	Luxmoore-Ball's - Tanneron Abraham Lincoln
Best Puppy Dog	Storton's - Malrich Diesel
Best Veteran Dog	Haynes' - Harebolt Echo ShCM

CLASS 9 - MINOR PUPPY BITCH (6 Entries)

1st : Ellrich's - Malrich Olympic Hope

One of my favourite Classes. Big hopes for this bitch. Bare 6month tri baby that looks like a finished bitch. Stunning Outline with ideal angles in both shoulder and quarters. Super Feminine head with lovely shape. Dark, almond shape eye completing melting expression. Fabulous bone, nice true front with super tight feet. Long, smooth ribbing carried well back. Strong level topline, ideal length of back and nice balanced hind construction. Moved very soundly with super reach and drive. Very close for top honours.

2nd : Luxmoore-Ball's - Tanneron Missunderstood

Another exciting bitch. Very much my type with the outline I love. Super head with lovely expression. Dark eye of ideal shape. Stunning length of neck leading to nice angle of should and tight elbow. True front, neither wide nor narrow with tight feet. Smooth, long ribbing of perfect depth. Level topline leading to nice, strong back end. Moved very soundly but needs the training normally associated with this handler.

3rd : Luxmoore-Ball's - Tanneron Misstical

Litter sister to 2nd and almost twins in construction. A shade smaller in size. Ribbing rounded and of perfect depth but not carried as far back as her sister. Everything else pretty much identical to her sister including movement. Equal comments on training.

Res : Cooper's - Tanneron Missfortune

VHC : Harrison's - Ribbleriver Big Bottom Girl

CLASS 10 - PUPPY BITCH (5 Entries / 2 Absent)

1st : Newman's - Woferlow Tooty Frootie

In today's climate, a little overdone. This said this tri bitch is beautifully constructed. Lovely head and expression. Ideal angle of shoulder with nice length of upper arm. A low bitch but very true in front. Lovely ribbing and perfect rear construction. I hope as she matures she grows into her skin a little because judging beneath the furnishing, one of the best movers here today.

2nd : Harrison's - Ribbleriver Thunder Thighs

Nice honest bitch with a lovely head. When stacked correctly has nice static profile. Front true but not the upper arm of 1. Good ribbing, both smooth and long. Could do with a shade more bend of stifle but quite adequate. Moved true and freely.

3rd : Cartwright's - Longmynd Tangarine Promise

Red & White bitch of nice type. Very nice front assembly. Good angle of shoulder with forechest fitting nicely into crook. True, tight feet. Nice head with good plains eye shape and ear set. Another nice rib cage. A little straight in stifle and would like her a little more angulated between hock and stifle. Moved nicely.

CLASS 11 - JUNIOR BITCH (6 Entries)

1st : Newman's - Woferlow Jelly Baby

A Red & White bitch that really excites me. Lovely balance and profile. One of my favourite heads of the day, feminine with super plains. Pitch black eye of perfect shape gives melting expression. Nice shoulder angle and length of upper arm giving lovely forechest fitting perfectly into crook. Lovely ribs, perfect length and depth. Rear construction second to none. Comes alive on the move. True all round with the most fantastic reach and drive. In all, a very hard bitch to fault. Nearly gave her Best Bitch but lets see her hold together when she makes the transition into an adult. Would take her home!

Reserve Best Bitch, Best Puppy Bitch and Best Puppy in Show

2nd : Griffiths' - Chrizbee Lady of Shalott

Another super bitch unlucky to come up against 1st. Would normally cruise this class under me. Fantastic outline with a profile to die for. Lovely head and expression, wouldn't change anything. Very neat front construction, again with nice forechest. Lovely rear construction with nice bend of stifle and angles. Moved really nicely, true fore and aft but winner will be very hard to beat in reach and drive, even by mature adults. Not quite the ribbing of 1st either.

3rd : Dilley's - Birichino Brook Leys

Nice tri bitch with nice feminine head and dark eye. Good overall balance with nice rib cage. A little short in upper arm but nice, true front. Not quite the bend of stifle and rear angulation of 1st and 2nd but what she has she uses well on the move. Moved really nicely both fore and aft and very well handled.

Res : Mitchell's - Rakefoot Gangster Moll

VHC : Brunskill's - Dearduenna Patachou for Kinleebrae

CLASS 12 - NOVICE BITCH (2 Entries)

1st : Pate's - Barratini Ruth Rendell of Stockcroft

A bitch very much my type. Lovely head with very pretty expression. Lovely length of neck with nice angle of shoulder. Would like a shade more upper arm but still fills her front well. Nice true front with nice tight feet. Good ribs both smooth and long. Nicely bent stifle with good angulation. Moved with nice reach and drive but try and maintain an even pace throughout movement.

2nd : Walker's - Whinneywoods Royal Jewel

A nice tri bitch with good profile outline. Pleasing, pretty head with dark eye. Good length of neck. Not quite the shoulder angle and like 1st, a little short in upper arm. This gives a slight narrowness in front although it is true with nice feet. Nice smooth ribbing, carried well back. Stifle a shade longer than 1 and not quite as rounded. Moves a little narrow but true in front. Nice even movement behind.

CLASS 13 - POST GRADUATE BITCH (9 Entries / 2 Absent)

1st : Newman's - Bernice Von Der Kreuzbrieter to Woferlow (Imp)

Very correct black blanket tri. Altogether very hard to fault. Lovely feminine head with lovely shape of eye and nice expression. Perfect length of neck sitting on one of the best shoulder angles of the day. Good length of upper arm giving very neat well filled front. Super feet. Very nice ribbing with nothing to fault. Nicely rounded stifles with good angulation. One of the soundest movers but could be even more eye catching with a little more animation. Could do very well in current climate.

2nd : Thorne's - Delmas Holly at Dyffrynsands

Another black blanket tri of lovely type. Nice head with good eye and expression. Nice shoulder and upper arm but all will struggle to beat 1st. Very nice ribs with good depth. Not the angle of pelvis of 1st thus not the profile balance. Rounded stifle with reasonable angulation. Moved nicely but needs some handling practice.

3rd : Hirst's - Dereheath Delilah At Kejana

Pleasing tri bitch again of a type I like. Very nice head with lovely eyes. Super length of neck with good shoulder angle. A shade short in upper arm and a little uneven in front. Ribs smooth and carried well back but could be a little longer in brisket. Not quite as bent in stifle as 1st but well angulated. Moved very well and well handled.

Res : Brunskill & Freer's - Switherland True Class

VHC : Seddon's - Waratorhill Jezabel at Sedonia

CLASS 14 - LIMIT BITCH (2 Entries / 1 Absent)

1st : Storton's - Dereheath Jezebel

A bitch I have always liked. Love her head and expression. Nice dark eye again with lovely shape. Super length of neck leading to nicely laid back shoulder. Good length of upper arm giving well filled true front on nice tight feet. Perfect ribbing carried well back. Nicely bent stifle with good rear angulation. Really nice profile balance. Moved very true with nice reach and drive. Contender for top spot.

CLASS 15 - OPEN BITCH (7 Entries / 2 Absent)

1st : Luxmoore-Ball's - Woferlows Cherry Ice for Tanneron JW

Compact tri bitch with very nice profile and balance. Very feminine head with dark eye of ideal shape. Lovely expression. Nice strong neck of good length. Good shoulder with reasonable upper arm. Nice deep forechest fitting nicely into crook. Perfect bone for size with true front and nice tight feet. Nice level topline, quite compact with smooth ribbing carried well back. Super strong quarters with nice bend of stifle and rear angulation. Flashy mover, really covers the ground. Moves parallel fore and aft with really nice drive. Took **Best Bitch** and **Best in Show** on maturity, balance, condition and eye catching movement.

CLASS 15 - OPEN BITCH (Cont'd)

2nd : Ellrich's - Malrich Bubbles

Black tri bitch also compact and of good balance. Another personal favourite with a head I really like. Dark Eye of lovely shape. Nice head plains and nice ear set of good length. Good strong neck on well laid shoulders with nice length of upper arm. Best forechest of the day filling crook well. Perfect ribbing, both depth and length. Good strong quarters with nice angulation. Moved with great power and drive. Could have taken top honour but spoilt her chances carrying too much weight today.

3rd : Brunskill's - Harvidene Carman Maranda

Another strong contender with a shape and style I really like. Nice feminine head with lovely eyes. Best length of neck in the class, long and strong. Nicely laid shoulder with good upper arm. Another nice keel fitting well into crook. Neat front. Nice ribbing that's well rounded and carried well back. Tapers away a little in loin but ideal length of back. Nice quarters with good angles. Nice bit of ground clearance lets her cover ground effortlessly.

Res : Haynes' - Balmacara French Dream At Harebolt

VHC : Mitchell's - Rakefoot Milky Way

Overall Bitch Results

Best Bitch	Luxmoore-Ball's - Woferlows Cherry Ice for Tanneron JW
Reserve Best Bitch	Newman's – Woferlow Jelly Baby
Best Puppy Bitch	Newman's – Woferlow Jelly Baby
Best Veteran Bitch	Haynes' – Nedlaw Clementine At Harebolt

Best in Show Results



**Our Judge - Mr Dave Darley with his
Best in Show
Luxmoore-Ball's -
Woferlows Cherry Ice for Tanneron JW
&
Reserve Best in Show
Storton's - Buzz Lightyear at Dereheath**



**Mr Dave Darley with his
Best Puppy in Show
Newman's - Woferlow Jelly Baby
&
Reserve Best Puppy in Show
Storton's - Malrich Diese**



**Mr Dave Darley with his
Best Veteran in Show
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