RRCQ Championship Show 12th June 2010

Judge Ms Editha Newton (UK) Critiques

My thanks to the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Qld for their invitation to judge and hospitality.

I would also like to thank the exhibitors for entering and accepting my judgment with courtesy.

I found the quality of the exhibits to be quite consistent and the temperate wonderful. This has left a lasting impression on me.

Some of my class winners could have changed places on another day. I tried to look at the dog as a whole and found my Best in Show winner just to have that bit more spark in the final run-off.

The property classes were good fun but much more exacting on the brain. Heads were my personal preference, gait had to speak for itself, there were no bad ridges and on the whole exhibits all had wonderful feet.

Baby Puppy Dog

1st Sanyati I Am Legend

Good length of head, nice earset, good length of neck, well angulated shoulders, nice return of upper arm, well held topline, good tailset, moved soundly.

2nd Elangeni Sole Man

Needs practice with its owner, but has nice bone, not quite as elegant as first, not quite as long in body, will mature into quite a nice young male.

Minor Puppy Dog

1st Isilwane State Of The Union

Lovely head, nice expression, good length of neck, well laid shoulder, return of upper arm, enough give in pastern, pleasing depth of chest, super topline which held well on the move, nice rear angles, perhaps not quite as much muscle tone.

2nd Kipsigis KZ Zuka

Slightly chunkier in body mass, head not quite as nice as first, like the lay of shoulder, bit dippy in topline, excellent muscle tone.

3rd Padmuri Sharp Shooter

A little inexperience which spoiled himself, very very sound to and fro, pleasing head, good length of tail.

Puppy Dog

1st Starridge Zeppelin Al

Well boned male for nine months, wouldn't like to see too much more growth, a little bit throaty, little bit more return of upper arm, good depth of chest, reasonable infill, a little bit bum high at the present, good muscle, quite sound to and fro.

Junior Dog

1st Riginal Doolin Dalton Al

Sound in movement, pleasing head, good infill at front of forechest, straight legs, some depth of chest, well held topline in profile, balanced angles.

2nd Ch Asrij Outrageous Fortune Al

Slightly less depth of chest giving a cathedral front, actually preferred head on second with longer neck, but not quite as sound to and fro.

3rd Chilolo MB Jack Daniels Al

Topline not to my taste, perhaps over-angulated in the rear at this time, quite pleasing in front construction.

Intermediate Dog

1st Ch Rex Ventors Rare Edition (Imp Swd)

One of the better held toplines on the move and when stacked, also presents himself well when free stood, good front with good depth of chest, would prefer a little more forechest, but good lay of shoulder, nice body shape, good topline, enough angles at the rear.

2nd Adbesare Special Moments

Nice head, good neck, good depth of chest, a little bit wide between the elbows, well held topline, enough angles at rear, just preferred the profile movement of one.

3rd Marmatia Gunella Gusto

Slightly dippy in topline when stacked, good head, good strength of bone, a little wide between the elbows, very good muscle tone to the rear.

Australian-Bred Dog

1st Gr Ch Ballahond Moola Bayou

Stunning mover in profile, however although he has nice front with elbows under perhaps he's slightly over-angulated in the rear and covers an awful lot of ground, very long in rib cage.

2nd Ch Chiboa Cahan Corcoran

Better body shape but not as well angled, very well muscled on the shoulders, pleasing head.

3rd Ch Chilolo WC Red Hot Bentley

Too wide in front but good head, most dogs have had a good lay of shoulder, return of upper arm not so great, beautiful muscle tone, lovely coat condition.

Open Dog

1st Ch Churingaloge Memphis

A moderate dog not overdone in any way, well held topline, good angles both fore and aft, reasonable head, good length of neck, lovely underline, moved very soundly.

2nd Ch Chiboa Cahan Guaire

Would prefer a little more pigment around the head, however a well held topline, slightly more angulation to rear, reasonable forechest and infill, good feet.

3rd Gr Ch Chilolo EB Show No Mercy Al

An absolutely stunning coat in beautiful condition, just found him a little heavy in the forequarters and possibly over-angled in rear but essentially the best of the profile movers.

Veteran Dog

1st Gr Ch Riginal Do U Get Excited ET Al

Nicely presented veteran, very moderate, moved well, good head, nice teeth, good topline, good underline, lovely chest depth of, enough muscle in rear.

2nd Gr Ch Ballahond Kada Phantom ET

Slightly finer in frame, but not detracting from his overall appearance, moved well and in profile was my winner.

3rd Gr Ch Marmatia Naadir Dejan

Heavier all through, didn't move quite as soundly as the first two forward and back, but looks well for age.

Baby Puppy Bitch

1st Adbesare Ma Xmas Ivy

Well constructed, beautiful lay and return of upper arm hope it stays, nice pleasing head, good length of neck, enough angles to rear, moved very soundly for such a young age.

2nd Isilwane Beersheba

Another with a forechest at this age, elbows well under body, nice depth of chest, well angulated to rear, good strength of bone.

3rd Taiping Take A Chance

A really baby puppy but having said that moved very soundly forward and back, just lost out on maturity to the other two.

Minor Puppy Bitch

1st Huntingridge Send In The Clone AI

Absolutely stunning, very all together, nice front angles, has a forechest, good depth of chest, nice head, pleasing underline, balanced angles both fore and aft, lovely front column of legs, moved beautifully.

2nd Lasimba Smooth Operator

Also has a forechest so good return of upper arm, balanced angles to rear, nice depth of chest, just not quite as all together on the move as the first.

3rd Chilolo CT Ride The Heat Wave

Lovely head, good length of neck, pleasing topline, slightly possibly over-angulated behind at this stage and rather wide at the front

Puppy Bitch

1st Isilwane Keeper Of The Flame

Very nice elegant puppy bitch, good head, good strength of bone, lovely front, straight columns, well angulated, moved soundly to and fro and held topline well in profile.

2nd Adbesare Lunar Eclipse Al

Good length of shoulder and good length of return of upper arm, however the angle was too acute which led to a crunched up front construction. Good forechest and good depth of chest, a little bum high but good rear angles, moved soundly to and fro.

3rd Lasimba Smooth Sailing

Too straight all through, very narrow behind when moving away.

Junior Bitch

1st Chilolo MB Nova Go To Whoa Al

Pleasing head, good teeth, nice length of neck, well laid shoulder, good depth of chest, good topline, balanced angles fore and aft, moved soundly and a pleasure to watch in profile.

2nd Huntingridge Spirit Of Katana

Of similar type not quite as well developed in the chest region, still quite nice angles behind, a little straight in return of upper arm, moved better than third.

3rd Riginal Take It Easy Al

Rather large bitch, very well muscled, nicely put together but at the moment bum high.

Intermediate Bitch

1st Veldthund Safiya

Well put together, well balanced angles, moved soundly, moved just as she should have done with a great topline in profile, lovely head, just very shy to be gone over however this did not detract from the quality of the dog.

2nd Kodust Cuz I Can AI

A little straighter in angles, well held topline on the move, nice underline, good head, sound when going to and fro.

3rd Chilolo WC Burnt Tua

Slightly heavy in front, little bit wider between the elbows, nice topline, but unfortunately to and fro were not her fortune

Australian-Bred Bitch

Very nice strong class, had to make a cut, very pleased with the quality in here.

1st Ch Marmatia Jali Zahra

Good length of neck, pleasing head, reasonable lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, good depth of chest, lovely topline when stacked, balanced angles, well held tail on moving, nice feet.

2nd Sanyati Persephone

Very similar, being quite uncooperative with its owner, good length of neck, nice lay of shoulder and return of upper arm, slightly longer cast, balanced angles, very nice.

3rd Ch Riginal Flaunt It

Slightly heavier in shoulder than first two, but moved soundly forward and back.

Open Bitch

1st Ch Ridgesetter Magic Berri

Elegant, well angled, elbows under, good topline, good underline, well set tail which kept down on the move, nice profile, lovely head expression.

2nd Sanyati Athena

Very similar, good feet, good bone, a toss-up between one and two.

3rd Ch Adbesare Midnight Mist

Slightly shorter in ribbing, but lovely angles, well held head, nice earset.

Veteran Bitch

1st Gr Ch Ballahond Rikkara Cool ET

Very elegant, moved well, plenty of bone, absolutely full of enthusiasm, nice angles, very pleased with her.

2nd Churingaloge Sunline

Not quite as angulated at the rear, but still very elegant, looks as though she could do a day's work.

3rd Ch Starridge Catchme Ifucan

A little more chunky, not quite as elegant, plenty of rear angles.

But they all went very well, very pleased with those.

Neuter

1st Rothridge Shakarri

A bitch of outstanding proportions, nicely balanced in all quarters, lovely head, good front, straight columns, moved very nicely.

2nd Ch Ballahond Yutu Ice Fame ET AI

More elegant than winner but slightly over-angulated behind, having said that her profile movement was absolutely stunning.

3rd Gr Ch Marmatia Donala Milika

Showing her age a little by being rather wide at the front but body shape and underline excellent.