

The Association of Bloodhound Breeders

Championship Show

5th September 2021

It is an honour to judge a breed show and I was delighted to accept the invitation to judge The Association of Bloodhound Breeders Championship Show at Tollerton Canine Academy.

After the seemingly endless months of Covid restrictions, it was wonderful to be with bloodhound enthusiasts again. There was a very friendly atmosphere with each prize winner receiving cheers and applause.

The bloodhounds were equally welcoming to me which demonstrated their excellent temperaments. Eyes were good with only one poor set. At times movement was difficult to assess but I believe that the sudden change in temperature may have been the cause. It was extremely hot in the ring.

It was pleasing to see a number of promising youngsters who will help to boost the entries at shows. Currently the numbers at shows have been worryingly low.

My top winners were splendid representatives of the breed being full of quality.

I must thank David Gore for being a most hard working and efficient steward, the officers and committee members and to Leonarda for her superb photos. It was a really enjoyable day.

Diana Dixon (judge)

CLASS 1 PUPPY DOG (0)

CLASS 2 JUNIOR DOG (1)

1st McKenzie's MOORLANDER DIOR

17 month black blanket in tip top condition. Pleasing head, clear eyes, correct bite and good length of leathers. Nice front, deep chest and well set stern. Owned the ring as he moved confidently and fluidly around. Must have a bright future.

CLASS 3 NOVICE DOG (2)

1st Pennington's MOORLANDER GUY LAROCHE

Litter brother to Junior Dog winner and another very promising boy. Good head, correct bite, clear eyes. Well placed shoulders and lovely top line. Presented in excellent condition and moved freely with his good handler. Another one to watch as he matures.

2nd Davis' MAPLEMEAD MARQUIS

Mature two and a half year old of quality. At his very first show and a little unsure of all the procedures. In super condition. Nice head, clear eyes, correct bite. Good reach of neck, length and level top line. He is a very well made hound. Movement was difficult to assess and he found it a bit confusing. If he takes a course of ringcraft training he could become a serious contender.

CLASS 4 P.GRAD DOG (0)

CLASS 5 LIMIT DOG (1)

1st Howie & Emrys-Jones MARKSBURY MALFOY

Mature two and a half year old with so much to like about him, Attractive head with good eyes, ear placement and correct bite. Good front and level top line. In great condition. Super temperament. Moved well but a shame he would not use his stern today. Expertly handled. RCC

CLASS 6 OPEN DOG (5)

1st Priestley's CH MAPLEMEAD MALAZAR of QUIKOTIC

Impressive hound who owned the ring the minute he entered it. Lovely head with good eyes, teeth, length of leathers. Made a super picture when stacked with strong bone, level top line, good angulation and feet. He did not disappoint on the move and flew around the ring with ease with his expert handler. A deserved CC & BOS. I am certain he has many more CCs coming his way.

A worthy Best in Show!

2nd Cudlip's HARVIDENE IN THE GHETTO

Another hound with good conformation from this kennel. Nice head with clear eyes, correct bite and length of leathers. Good front and strong hindquarters. Moved freely. A quality hound who was unlucky to meet 1 today.

3rd Jones' HARVIDENE DEVIL in DISGUISE

7 year old red boy with an outstanding coat. He is a real credit to his owner who handles him so well. He won the award for the Best Red.

CLASS 7 VETERAN DOG (1)

1st Priestley's CH RAILSIDE PLUTO at QUIKOTIC

It was great to see this incredibly successful hound again. I awarded him a CC in 2017 and now that he is 7 years old he is still in top condition. There is nothing which I could possibly add to all the critiques which have sung his praises. I hope he has many more years left. His show record is outstanding having won 37 challenge certificates to date! Many congratulations to his owners.

CLASS 8 WORKING TRIAL DOG (0)

CLASS 9 PUPPY BITCH (0)

CLASS 10 JUNIOR BITCH (1)

1st Harrington's MOORLANDER CACHAREL

Very pretty girl with super temperament. Overall good confirmation. Attractive head with sweet expression, clear eyes, correct bite and good length of leathers. Good front and strong hindquarters. Moved freely when she had settled. In excellent condition

CLASS 11 NOVICE BITCH (3)

1st McKenzie's MOORLANDER GIVENCHY

A really lovely 17 month black blanket who took my eye immediately. She made the perfect picture when stacked. Everything to like about her, so full of quality and promise. Excelled in head with clear eyes, correct bite and long leathers. Good reach of neck and strong hindquarters. Super front and good depth with great top line. Lovely temperament. Strong confident mover. A quality youngster who must have a bright future. RCC

2nd Cruickshank's BADINA DIANA

Pretty 2 year old with good head clear eyes, correct bite and ear length. Strong hindquarters and level top line. I would prefer a longer length of back. Confident on the move and well handled.

3rd Pennington's MARKSBURY MADHATTER

Well made hound with super temperament. Pleasing head with clear eyes correct bite and good reach of neck. Nice angulation. Expertly handled. Best Rescue.

CLASS 12 POST GRADUATE BITCH (2)

1st Cruickshank's BADINA DIANA

2nd Higginbottom's RAILSIDE QUEENIE

2 year old with good bone and nice depth. Level top line and strong hindquarters, Not moving at her best today.

CLASS 13 LIMIT BITCH (2) 1 absent

1st Rowland's HARVIDENE PRINCESS LEIA at CASTLEDEE

Pretty black blanket with good head, clear eyes, correct bite and ear length. Nice reach of neck and level top line. Moved well despite the heat. Well handled.

CLASS 14 OPEN BITCH (2)

1st Howie's CH MARKSBURY WHEEDLE VON JAEGERMANN

5 year old quality hound in super condition. Lovely head with soft expression, clear eyes correct bite and good length of leathers. Nice depth with level top line. Strong hindquarters. She moved so well with her expert handler. Delighted to award her the BCC

2nd Howie & Emrys-Jones CH MARKSBURY HESSIE

Another quality bitch from this kennel with all the winning attributes of 1. Lovely head and good body. Just lost on movement today but a very worthy champion.

CLASS 15 VETERAN BITCH (3)

1st Higginbottom's CH RAILSIDE PHYLLIS

In 2007 I awarded this lady BIS at a Club Show so it was a pleasure to meet her again. Despite her years she was looking good and can still show the youngsters how to win! I trust she has still many more years left.

2nd Shaw-Browne's CH KINGSHART ROSES MIMIC

Another quality worthy champion who was enjoying her day. In super condition and expertly handled she looked every bit the champion. Hope she will go on for a long time.

CLASS 16 WORKING TRIAL BITCH (1)

1st Watt's MAPLEMEAD DORIS

Great to see this hound as she is truly a worker! I understand the rat population live in great fear and trepidation! Not overdone in any way and in good hard condition. Nice expression with correct bite, clear eyes and length of leathers. Deep chest and level top line. She moved freely and was very well handled.

CLASS 17 BRACE

1st PRIESTLY'S brace

CLASS 18 STUD DOG (1)

1st McKenzie's TESSIDEZ BULLEN of MOORLANDER

CLASS 19 BROOD BITCH (0)