

## London Bulldog Society Open Show June 8<sup>th</sup> 2014

I would like to thank the LBS for inviting me to judge their June Club show as well as everyone who entered their Bulldogs under me and for accepting my judgement with such sporting behaviour and applause. I was most appreciative of my stewards, for their efficiency and for keeping me on track throughout the day.

Anyone who judges Bulldogs faces the greatest challenge of all breeds as one has to evaluate health, breed type, correct outline, and overall balance with sound movement, so to find all this in the majority of exhibits at any show is difficult. At this show, type and quality was rather varied and some dogs who presented an agreeable picture standing, disappointed greatly on closer examination. My greatest concern was eye conformation, to be more specific the lower eye lid and in my opinion there was an unacceptably high percentage of dogs that had some degree of entropion, although no dogs presented with red or sore eyes on the day. Small close set eyes giving a piggy expression were also in evidence

There were some exhibits lacking in the required width and sweep of under jaw or length of skull, resulting in incorrect layback and head profile. I found an alarming number of wry jaws and surprisingly in some overall very respectable dogs. Ear set and shape was generally good, but from a health point of view many dogs would have benefited from cleaner ears. There is no excuse to present a dog at a show with thick black wax filled ear canals. Facial wrinkles were clean and dry in all but a few exhibits with only a couple showing excess tearing.

I had no concerns over tails, finding only one exhibit tailless and just a few with slightly tight tails. There were no lame dogs on the day but there is room for improvement especially rear movement.

The ambient temperature was very warm and I only found a couple of Bullies showing mild signs of respiratory problems, a great improvement in the show ring from 10 years ago. The majority of exhibits had open or slightly stenosed nostrils with only one with what I consider as closed nares. Temperaments were splendid throughout.

### Veteran Dog/Bitch 6 (3)

1. Blackgrove's Mightypride Solid Gold at Britishicon Over 7 years old and he still presents as a well muscled masculine dog with good bone and a shapely body. In excellent condition except his dirty ears, bright clean healthy eyes, good open nostrils. Moved well could have neater feet. Best Veteran

2. White's Hillplace Captain Scarlet at Purebully Another fit 7 year old presented in good condition. Better ear placement than 1, and cleaner ears, but I just preferred the overall head properties of my winner. Moved soundly

3. Dauphin-Simmons, Shantallah Morning Light.

MPD 1. White's Purebully He's The Governor. Red/brindle shown in excellent condition. At the moment he presents as more of the sporty type, being longer in leg than most but he is just a baby and his overall balance may change as he matures and drops into himself..

Wide open nostrils, typical skull and head properties developing well. Paddles a little in front movement but moves well behind.

PD 5 (2)

1. Garside's Iceglint I'm Ross. BIS, BD & BPIS. Standard size well balanced quality youngster. Classic head properties, not over done in any way. Clear dark eyes. Good pigmentation. Correct mouth and dentition. Large nose with open nostrils. Straight front with neat feet. Correct topline which he keeps it on the move. Plenty of rib and deep brisket with strong short coupled loins making for an excellent body shape. Moved soundly although rear movement a little untidy today which should sort itself out as he matures. Very promising youngster who deserved his wins today.

2. Jone's Queenrose King Louis, w/r, Pleasing well balanced head properties with clean eyes and, open nostrils. Well boned with a shapely body, moved well.

3. Fridlington & Kettlewell's Newrock Night Watchman at Albertwood

JD 5 (3) Two very different types.

1. Freeman's Kesupa Freemans Choice for Testwood Res BD , r/w Good balance between skull and foreface , not overdone . Good upsweep of jaw, clean eyes, and well placed fine ears. Excellent strong straight front and plenty of rib. Moved well.

2. Stutter's Linnist By My Side Good overall balance. Strong skull with well placed fine ears Large nose with open nostrils, I would prefer just a little more length of foreface and muzzle for improved balance of head. Moved soundly and very freely ,one of the best movers here today. I just preferred the expression and type of 1.

MD 1

Ayres Sealaville He's Elvis Quilatera. Lovely size and balance. Pleasing head properties with great width to foreface , I would have liked to see a better lower jaw alignment . Open nostrils. Front not his fortune but neat feet and black nails.

GD 2 (2)

MLD 3 (1) Again two very different types

1. Crisan's Culverhay Patriot. Placed first because he was a less exaggerated lighter built dog than 2. Presented in excellent condition. Good skull shape and dark pigment. Eyes set a little too close which spoils the expression. Moved soundly

2. Mackrell & Taylor's Goldfayre Secret Service Heavier built masculine dog. I preferred the more moderate wrinkling of head of 1. Open nostrils. Wide front, strong bone. Moved OK

OD 10 (3)

1. Harris's Mystar First to Fight BY Nobozz. Flashy well balanced dog , rather on the large side for me.. Excellent head properties with good balance between strong skull and foreface. Good layback with large nose and open nostrils. Another very good mover, sound and strong, owned the ring . I was surprised to find out after that he was still a puppy, a very big puppy!.

2.Thomas & Godfrey's Kingrock Rudolf. Excellent for size and substance. Classic head with well set fine ears. Dark clean eyes. Nostrils could be more open. Presented in super condition. Neat feet. Moved OK.

3..Davies Flash Zach Kismond ShCM

SBD 2

1. *Sealaville He's Elvis Quilatera*

2 *Newrock Night Watchman at Albertwood*

MPB. 11 (5)

1.Davies Shiloh Disco Dancer Kismond .Super br/w coat. Promising youngster of the right size for age. Classic head developing along correct lines, flat skull with well set fine neat ears, delightful feminine expression. Large nose with open nostrils, dark clean eyes of correct shape, size and placement. .Enough bone and substance for her age, correct straight square forequarters, good neck length. Well balanced overall with nice topline, straight, well set tail. Neat feet sound pasterns. Sound movement for a puppy. BPB

2.Lampen's Smackerjacks Pure Class at Rosco. Larger solid bitch with plenty of bone and substance. Head properties developing along good lines, with balance between skull and foreface. Open nostrils and broad nose. Excellent outline. Backend a bit beefy at the moment. Strong pasterns. Moved soundly

3.Takarangi's Ragmarte Kahu at Ruakuri

PB 10 (6)

1.Crisan's Kingrock Carla, Standard size. Feminine head, developing nicely. Good length of skull, dark clean eyes, correct fine, well set ears and good sweep of underjaw, , Open nostrils. Needs to mature in body but well off for bone and rib, strong pasterns and neat feet, Correct topline, moved well.

2.Weller's Rokoluck Dolly Rocker for Geenawell. More mature in body than I. Pleasing head but could do with a little more width to underjaw. Nostrils slightly stenosed. Moved soundly.

3.Winter's Britishrose Queen Of hearts at Silobull

JB 10 (4)

1.Davies Kismond Honolulu Sunset JW Right for size , compact and well boned , Excellent balance between skull and foreface. Feminine expression and well placed clean dark eyes. Good ear set & placement. Broad nose with open nostrils. Straight front with sound pasterns. Good tail. Moved soundly.

2.Sainsbury;s Seehurst Some Like It Hot. Good type with well balanced head and body. Classic head properties with broad underjaw. Large nose with open nostrils. Good pigment and dark eyes. Preferred the lower eyelid conformation of 1. Good topline and tail.

3. Fridlington & Kettlewell's Jackarhys Queen Of Hearts at Albertwood

MB 6 (2)

1.*Shiloh Disco Dancer Kismond*

2.*Jackarhys Queen Of Hearts*

3. Johnson & McArdle Florence Of Luconevar

GB 9 (8) 1. Burnby & Hopcraft Raljo Miss Hannah at Burncraft. Standard size, well balanced outline.. Head and expression spoiled by slightly bulbous eyes. Good fine ears placed well. Moved soundly.

#### MLB. 4

1. Jay's Edstrong Jubilee Queen. Presented in excellent condition throughout. Ideal size and pleasing outline. Well balanced feminine head properties, large nose and wide open nostrils. Clean dark eyes of good shape and set. Correct layback & good turn of jaw, sound square front with correct shoulder placement. Deep chest, large barrel rib, plenty of bone, but I would have liked to see a bit more shape to her body as she was carrying a little extra weight. Lost out in the challenge because of this. Moved well
2. Renolds Biddle's One Moment In Time. Excellent type with great head properties and balance. Good wide upsweep of jaw. Lost out on lower eyelid conformation. Broad nose with open nostrils. Plenty of bone and substance.
3. Holmes' Lady Bloomingdales Beauty

#### OB 8 (1)

1. Mackerall & Taylor's Melcassics Miss Mayhem For Goldfayre Best Bitch & BOS. Standard size honest bitch, unexaggerated in any way. Pleasing head & expression, open nostrils, dark clean eyes, good width & sweep of underjaw, super front & bone, lots of rib, good hind angulation. Went well on the move
2. Blackgrove's Britishcon Kiss Me Quick Res BB. Another good honest type, Very good front with strong pasterns. Good topline. Preferred the more feminine expression of 1
3. Fridlington's Davembull Next Symphony at Albertwood

#### SBB 5

1. *Ragmarte Kahu at Ruakuri*
2. *Davembull Next Symphony at Albertwood*
3. *Arumus Fashio Ican at Quilatera*

#### Sp Elimination D/B 6

1. *Jackarhys Queen Of Hearts at Albertwood*

Judge Penny Rankine-Parsons