

Critique from judge Dale Hick for our Champ Show held in April in conjunction with Scottish Utility Breeds

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Thank you to Jackie and the club for giving me the opportunity to judge a club show. This was my 3rd time awarding CCs in easily one of my favorite breeds. They are a total joy to judge. I found the bitches on the whole stronger in quality and filling in the health monitoring form following the appointment I found there to be hardly any red flags which has to be a positive for the breed. The main comments were in the 'tail box' in which I said I've hardly seen tails covering the anus in all my years of judging the breed, I'm not sure how you are going to achieve this but good luck!

DOGS MPD (6,1) 1 Smith's Scandal Blockbusterfrenchies at Bellicose (Imp HRV), 7 month old, nicely brindled, decent size and nicely balanced, masculine makings with attractive head, uses his well placed ears well and already. He has a good strong neck, with arch, a very easy on the eye topline, and good moderate angulation on the rear. Super front and a tidy front set up. He moved well in the class and dog challenge, but at the end of the day he refused to play ball any longer! Exciting puppy though, BPD. 2 Walton's Ravendane Paddington Bear, 6 month old brindle again fairly well balanced with a pleasing head for his age, still developing and with good bone in front. Ribs sprung, gentle topline and moved wed. 3 Hogan's Baclaudi Finn Iston.

PD (2) 1 Fawcett & Smith's Chelmbull Star of the North at Zilnor, brindle, 10 months old, good body, unexaggerated topline over well sprung ribs, good bone in front and good moderate rear angles. Head nice, square and flat between well used ears and a nicely developed underjaw. Moved well. 2 Thornton's Zimblistic Spooky Charm Delightbull, 8 month old pied, unfortunately with a bit of ticking through the white, good head and clown like in expression, a touch longer cast than 1, and not the rear angulation but had a straight front comprising of good bone.

JD (3) 1 Hickin & Rankin's Wildax Mr Bojangles, 13 month old brindle, sturdy lad with a masculine head and expression, eyes could be a touch darker but strong muzzle and good ear placement. Lovely arched length of neck which holds head proudly and a gentle rise over the loin, albeit a touch longer than ideal. Super rear angulation, and strong straight front. Chest with good depth and ribs well sprung. Moved well. 2 Wildman and Davis's Wildax Rowendale Tickety Boo, another sturdy boy, 12 months old in a clear fawn jacket, full of bones a substance, a touch shorter on the leg but with a super male head, lightly wrinkled on the forehead, ears smaller but used well. Lovely broad padded muzzle and well pigmented black mask. Strong neck, straight front and good feet. On the move I'd of just liked a bit more umph and I think getting later in the day it was taking its toll. 3 Hanslow's Jiankang Adonis Burenperro

YD (1) 1 French's Bincombefarm Morsmordre JW, light brindled 22 month old, good for shape and balance, nice head with well used ears and dark eyes. Muzzle square and underjaw with good upturn. Uses his neck well, his topline is unexaggerated and he is moderately angled on the rear. He moved with precision and confidence.

ND (1) 1 O MCCarroll's Franstelgo's Future Bet, 21 month old nicely brindled, quite short in back, rounded bum and tail set on low. Enough leg length for size and good depth of chest. Head fairly square, loving expression, ears of good size although carried a touch low. Feet could be a tad tidier.

GD (2) 1 Roach's Roalice Master Mouse, sturdy male, brindle, lovely head, ears of good size and held parallel to each other with good flat skull in-between. Muzzle broad and well filled, eyes

round and full of expression. Good neck, nicely arched and gentle topline with slight rise over the loin. I'd probably prefer a touch shorter in length but moderate angulation on the rear and a good straight front with ample bone. Moved nicely and sets up well. 2 Ross's Franstelgo's High Roller, 4 year old fawn male with strong masculine head and full of strong bone and substance to match. Head square, eyes round and neat ears placement, used well. Lightly wrinkled forehead, just not quite the width of lower jaw of 1. Strong neck, topline a bit flat but super musculature and good rear angles which he uses well on the move.

PGD (3,1) 1 Wilson's Leyendas King Of The Ring, 2 year old fawn, broad in skull between nicely held ears of good size but lacks a bit of width in muzzle, neck short but strong, with unexaggerated topline on a relatively short back. He had a decent spring of rib, with depth a cut up into his short loin. Front straight, moderate angulation on the rear and moved well enough. 2 Vearncombe & Hale's Ruption Knightcott Back To Black, 3 year old nicely brindled, masculine with a good rib and topline with rise. A touch longer cast than 1, but with good bone. Strong neck and good broad skull, just a little heavy over the nose. Moved at speed.

LD (4,1) 1 Ross's Franstelgo's Low Rider, not quite 2 and lots to like. Super short and compact body without hindering his ability to move. Fab spring of rib and gentle roach over super short loin as required. Neck a touch short but thick and strong. Good front with strong bone and nice width of chest between. Head lovely too, my notes actually saying 'Gari like' a past frenchie of mine, so I could picture it straight away. Everything where it should be, with good ear placement and a sweet, yet cheeky expression. I can see this boy easily picking up green cards on other days. 2 Roach's Roalice Major Mouse, another nice lad, 2 years old and brindle. Different to 1 as not quite as compact but still possessing an overall nice outline, unexaggerated in topline, well rounded in rib, good arched muscular neck and strong boyish head with round dark eyes and well placed upright ears and nice wide muzzle and jaw. Good bone, straight in front and ok for rear angulation too. 3 Walton & Jones's Vanitystone Born To Love

OD (2,1) 1 Smith & Pratt's Ch Khanin Gunner Make It, 22 month old dark brindle, a good sound dog whose appeal is his short compact shape and big strong head. Most definitely male, head large and square with ears of good size, set apart and carried up well, good flat space between, short wide muzzle with well filled cheeks and fab width of jaw to suit. Neck strong with arch, topline roaching without exaggeration and tail set low on. Well rounded ribcage, tucking up underneath into the correct short loin and correct angulations in front and rear. He is also kept in fab hard, muscular condition, DCC & BOS.

VD (3,2) 1 Cund's Ch Chelmbull The Aviator, 8 year old brindle that I have never had the pleasure of going over until now. Easy to see how he has done the winning he has and I dare say he could still take the big green cards now as he is just turned out immaculately, with such an easy on the eye outline with super rear angulation which moves him as well as the much younger entrants today. His coat is short and smooth, he has a good straight front assembly and tidy feet. Head also lovely, as expected, with the most perfect ear set and parallel positioning which he uses in his focused, determined expression at all times. Close call but Res CC today, followed by BVD and ultimately BVIS.

BITCHES MPB (5) 1 Morrison's Xandene Caramel Fudge, 8 month old flashy fawn, sturdy frame and good body coverage and condition. Coat soft and short. Gentle topline, thick neck and strong yet feminine head. Ears on the smaller side and front could be a touch tidier, but fab for bone and substance and quite proud on the move. 2 Ward's Oschalben Odessa, 6 ½ month old and a little untidy in the mould at the moment but overall a nice balanced shape. Head

proportions good with nice sized ears, used well, and good round dark eyes. She moved well. 3 Hogan's Baclaudi Peni Lee

PB (2) 1 Foley's Leyenda's Par Te Time Rebel, what a super 8 month old pup, very hard to fault and so clean in outline and easy on the eye with no exaggeration. Lovely pale fawn colour, black mask with black nails to boot. She is short coupled, had a very gentle roach, to be picky she has no tail, like many, but a lovely sprung ribcage, good rear angulation and a straight front with ample bone for her feminine frame. Nicely arched neck and textbook head a sweet yet clown like expression aided by those full round eyes and slight upswept jaw. If she keeps her balance as she matures, she should pick up green cards. BPB BPIS. 2 Vearncombe & Hale's Ruption Knightcott Hells Bells, another smart youngster of 9 months, a bit more up on the leg than 1 but with a good topline, strong neck and attractive head qualities. Nice and tidy front assembly with width of chest also. Strutted her stuff well.

JB (5) 1 Cund's Chelmbull Forget Me Not, 10 month old brindle out of the top drawer, shapely outline with well sprung ribs and correct in topline. Good for muscle and body condition, thick strong neck, with a good square head and neatly positioned ears. Super width of jaw, padded muzzle and alert in expression. Moved and handled well. Narrowly lost out in the puppy challenge, she had just a tad more loin than the winner, but is in no way 'long'. 2 Rankin's Wildax Ultra Violet, brindle bitch, at this stage of the day wasn't wanting to play ball completely, touch longer cast than winner but with attractive head, dark round eyes and good ear placement. Well sprung ribcage, good width of chest, straight in front and strong rear angles. Once settles she moved well. 3rd Ms Z Hendry's Castleallen Rising Star IKC

YB (5) 1 French's Bincombefarm Serpentsortia JW, 22 month old pied of good proportions throughout. She has perfectly placed ears which she uses well and lovely round dark eyes and I think being pied she oozes the clown like expression. Just lacking a bit of pigment on the eye rims but she has a good width of jaw and open nostrils. Neck and topline correct with good angles and muscle tone on the rear. Straight in front and shows her socks off for her handler. 2 Cole's Membully Bedazzled With Myntie JW, 18 months old, a touch longer in frame but with good topline and well rounded ribcage. Not the rear angulation of 1 but nice and straight in front with tidy feet. Head attractive, round in the eye and good ear size and placement, quite sweet and soft in expression with good width of muzzle. 3 Roach's Roalice Mega Mouse

NB (2) 1st Ms Z Hendry's Castleallen Rising Star IKC, 16 month old fawn pied, good for size, dark round eyes, probably on the smaller size, lovely ears which are placed and used well. Could fill under the eyes a little yet but has good width of skull. Neck thick set with slight arch and topline with a gentle curve to low set tail. Good for balance, short in loin, straight in front but I'd like just a bit more angulation on the rear. Still moved well. 2 Curran's Cabbrieli's Rivers Lucky Seven, 2 year old sturdy girl, dark fawn colour, short smooth jacket. Squarely headed, flat between the ears. Decent neck length, topline unexaggerated. Ribs sprung, giving good width in front, but quite straight on the rear.

GB (3) 1 Roach's Roalice Maxi Mouse JW, brindle, just short of 2 years old, lovely square head with width of muzzle and jaw to suit. Round eyes, super ear placement, used well. Strong neck with arch, topline correct and unexaggerated, well rounded in rib, long enough in loin but not too long overall as still possesses a nice overall shape. Strong bone, tidy feet and moves well. 2 Walton & Jones's Ravendane Olive Oil, 2 year old brindle, not quite as strong in rear angulation but good for overall condition with a square skull and well positioned ears and decent width of

jaw. Chest deep and good bone. Topline typical with tail low set. 3 Curran's Cabbrieli's Silver Shadow

PGB (6,1) 1 Korennaja's Rowendale Christmas Pudding, 28 month old, nicely brindled, lovely for size and balance as well as classic in outline. I remember seeing this bitch as a youngster from a distance and thinking she looked lovely then. Ticks many boxes, short, compact, unexaggerated, very correct in topline with good sound quarters and a feminine head and expression, square with superb ear placement and the loveliest of round eyes. She has good width and depth of chest and is short in loin. She shows and moves a treat, green card quality. 2 Foley's Leyenda's On A Mission, 23 months old, overall body shape good, although a little flatter in topline. Head shape good, square, decent width of muzzle and underjaw, ears set well, but today she was picking and choosing if she wanted to use them to her advantage or not! Good for bone and muscle tone and moved well. 3 Thornton's Zimblistic Paris.

LB (9,2) 1 Hickin's Boule And Onuba Dream Girl (Imp ESP), 2 year old dark brindle, well schooled and showing off her clean rear angulation. She does have a bit of length but I forgave this in a lot of bitches. Topline correct, both width and depth of chest, with a tidy front and feet. Nicely arched neck, strong yet feminine head with super ear placement which she uses at all time. Moved soundly. 2 Vearncombe & Hale's Ruption Knightcott Back In Black, 3 year old, good for bone, nice head proportions and ear placement. Eyes of good size, and round, just a touch lighter. Neck of decent length, topline typical without exaggeration, a little bit more up on the leg than 1 and lacking a bit of pigment on the nails. Moved nicely around the ring and showed well for her handler. 3 Ross's Franstelgo's Dirty Money It was lovely to see this bitch here under me again today. When I first awarded CCs in 2021 in the breed, I remember her darting out of a cold windy outdoor ring to a warm blanket on a chair!

Ob (8,2) 1 O Timms's Ch Budbulls Maximum Impact For Olijah JW (Imp SRB), without question, the strongest class of the day, most of this class should be champions if they aren't already. This 2 ½ year old girl blew me away today, brindle of lovely colour in her best short smooth jacket, on a perfectly balanced frame. Her head was beautifully square, ears perfectly set, upright and forward facing and just the right size for her. Good wide skull, large round dark eyes, open nostrils, nicely padded muzzle with width of jaw to match. Neck plus arch, hand room under the chest between a super straight front, tidy feet and dark nails. Well rounded rib, unexaggerated roach and short strong loin. She uses her well muscled rear and positive angulation to power her around the ring. She floats round! BCC & BIS today. 2 Cund's Ch Chelmbull Eternal Flame, 4 year old bitch, of equal quality, frenchie through and through, super strong head without compromising femininity, so square with super ear set and carriage, arched length of neck which she presents well, typical topline, perhaps a fraction more loin than 1, lovely rounded rib cage and good straight front with tight tidy feet. Her rear assembly just as it should be and her showmanship at all time spot on. In a class like this the Res BCC was hard to overlook. Also RBIS. 3 Cund's Ch Chelmbull Moon River

vb (2) 1 O Timm's Eastonite Moana JW OSW AWS, 7 year old brindle, lighter shades, and I have to say well and truly on form. Her topline is on the flatter side but there is no denying her short compact frame with the soundest of workings, so cleanly angled in profile and moving true in all directions. She is certainly square headed, of good proportions and uses her parallel erect ears at all times. If she was my veteran, I would be proud to take her out. BVB 2 Thornton's Bountiful Bess, 9 year old brindle who I have seen before and actually really admire for her breed type and sweetest of heads and expressions. She has the mostly lovely round eyes and uses her well sized ears well. Her coat is short and soft and I love the frosting on her muzzle which just adds

to her charm. As daft as it sounds, the 'youth' and ring [presence of 1 was hard to get by today.
Still, a lovely old girl who deserves to be in the ring.

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