

Pennine & Scottish French Bulldog Association Championship show 11 April 2026

Thank you to the Officers and Committee of the P&SFBA for inviting me to judge the Championship show held in conjunction with the SUBC in Edinburgh. Much has been said about the health of French Bulldogs and Judges today are required to complete and submit a Judges Health Monitoring form to the RKC. In completing this form the following are my observations.

Breathing: I am pleased to say that there were no dogs on the day struggling to breathe.

Eyes: I found only 1 dog with protruding eyes. Many with light eyes, this detracts from the overall look. Most peds had 1 or both eyes unpigmented and some when eyes wide open were showing excessive pink, something that spoils the look.

Tails: 4 dogs presented with almost no tail.

Finally and most disappointing for me is that I was presented with some dirty dogs. If you are going to pay to enter a show and spend money on fuel and time to travel then surely you present your dogs clean and groomed.

All this said I thoroughly enjoyed my day, I thank all exhibitors for their sporting attitude in accepting my choices. To my stewards Graham and Richard, thank you again and to all Frenchie enthusiasts I wish you all success in the future.

Baby Puppy D - No entries

Baby Puppy B - 2

1st Foley's Leyenda's Lil Miss Magic BBPIS

2nd Lowe's Leyenda Madame Coquette

What a pleasure to see two 5 month old babies strutting their stuff, both performed with aplomb, not showing any signs of worry and rocksolid on the table. I have combined this critique as they are litter sisters and so alike. Good shape of head with round dark eyes, correct ear set making a pleasing picture, Bodies cobby and well developed for age, I preferred the leg length of 1st over 2nd. Two promising puppies who should both do well as they develop, well done to both.

Minor Puppy D - 3

1st Wildman & Davis' Wildax Rowendale Houdini

7 month old substantial dog with plenty of bone, pleasing head shape with dark eyes, correct ear placement and well padded muzzle. Good front and shoulder placement, straight forelegs and cat like feet. Gentle roach and showing nice tuck up with well muscled quarters. He drove around the ring well and was handled sympathetically to show off his features. BPD, BPIS.

2nd Hopkins & Freil's Wildax Rowendale Onyx

I found out afterwards that he is litter brother to 1st. Another sturdy well made brindle puppy dog, lovely head with dark eyes, correct ear placement and soft padded cheeks

and muzzle. Cobby body with good front, straight forelegs and nice feet. Gentle roach and tuck up, satisfactory rear angulation, correct tail and quarters. Moved well.
3rd Ross' Muggshotts Bop Till You Drop by Franstelgo's

Puppy D - 2

1st Kelly's Mabeaute Augusta at Squireborn

10 and a half month old pied dog. He has a good shape of head and ear placement, strong neck flowing into well placed shoulders, gentle roach and good rear angulation all combined to enable him to move with drive and purpose around the ring.

2nd Kenyon's Bearox Taco for Desquire

9 month old red fawn dog, well up to size, nice shape of head, good ear placement which he used well, would have preferred darker eyes. He did not have the drive on the move of 1st.

Junior D - 2

1st Cund's Chelmbull Olijah Top Gun

15 month old brindle pied boy. He stood alone in the class, however of such quality he was and would be difficult to ignore. Substantial body, not hard but perfect for his age, lovely double hood, set off a picture with well placed ears, dark eyes and well padded cheeks. Good front, chest and nice straight forelegs, gentle roach and tuck up, good rear angulation and well let down hocks - moved well and was a strong contender for RDCC.

Yearling D - 3

1st Hutchinson's Oschalben Olympus JW

19 months old brindle. Nice shape to head with well placed ears, padded cheeks and dark eyes, he followed me, I like that! Shorter in back than 2nd, however presented a pleasing profile with straight forelegs, gentle roach and good tuck up. He moved well out and back.

2nd Fawcett & Smith's Chelmbull Star of the North at Zilnor

21 month old brindle. A close decision between 1st and 2nd. Quality boy with lovely head properties, slightly longer in body than 1st but nevertheless a pleasing profile was presented, I was splitting hairs on the decision I would have preferred a better tail.

3rd Cox's Halloxwishes Ernesto Cruz

Novice D - 1

1st Cox's Halloxwishes Ernesto Cruz

18 month old brindle who stood alone in this class. A little long in body for me and top line could be better.

Graduate D - 1

1st Cox's Halloxwishes Spirit Dante

18 month old brindle dog who stood alone in this class. Broad head, would have preferred tighter eyes and better ear placement, slightly long in body but good tail.

Post Graduate D - 2

1st Bonsall's Bestfrenchie Pirat at Muggshotts

2 year old quality pied boy presenting a pleasing picture both from front and in profile. Pleasing head, eyes, ears combination with good padding on cheeks. A good chunky body, nice front and straight forelegs. Good topline with gentle roach, rear angulation. Moved well.

2nd Cox's Halloxwishes Spirit Dante

Limit D - 8

Class of the day where all dogs placed were of quality and it was down to my personal choice on the day. I love to be challenged!

1st French's Bincombefarm Morsmordre JW

Excellent 2 year old brindle boy. My surprise of the day, quality dog handled to perfection. If I took the breed standard and stood in front of this dog it would be a series of check/yes, added to this picture he moved faultlessly. I seriously considered him for the DCC, however on the day he was up against possibly the best dog in French Bulldogs today but a well deserved RDCC. Well done.

2nd Roach's Roalice Master Mouse

Another excellent darker brindle dog of 2 years old. I think these 2 boys may change places regularly. Again quoting the breed standard doesn't seem sufficient for this boy as he has it all. So close with 1st in every aspect and also handled to perfection. Top drawer performances from these 2 dogs and handlers because 3,4 and 5 were not far behind.

3rd Timm's Olijah Dare to Dream JW

Open D - 3

1st Timm's Ch Olijah Going in Deep JW

Dark brindle male who stood out, he is one of those dogs that demands attention. I wrote on the day "perfect" and it is not often you can say that about a Frenchie.

Beautiful gleaming dark brindle coat, head is classic with dark eyes and lovely ears giving an expression that was difficult not to admire. His head in profile is exquisite. No part of his body is exaggerated, proud stance, good chest and shoulder placement and classic straight front legs and the best cat like feet of the day. Moved with purpose and handled to match. Outstanding quality dog DCC & BIS. Well done.

2nd Bryant's Ch Archness the Audacity. JW

Another top quality brindle boy. Nothing exaggerated, his head size and shape are in perfect balance with his neck and body. He followed me with his dark eyes and used his ears to produce a classic "look at me" Frenchie look. Handled sympathetically, he moved purposefully with straight front and rear.

Veteran D - 2

Bryant's Ch Kingfriend Mr Godwin JW

Stood alone in this class, however he is a top quality male. His head is brilliant, dark eyes, correct ears and plenty of padding, strong front and chest. Beautiful cat like feet, he didn't disappoint in profile either with a gentle roach, strong tuck up and good quarters, moved very well, belying his years. BVD.

Minor Puppy B - 1

1st Hucker's Muggshotts Billet Doux

Just 6 months double hooded pied baby who caught my eye although she stood alone in this class. Gleaming clear coat with plenty of body for her age, no exaggerations. I love a nice pied and this little girl performed beautifully for her owner handler. BPB. Well done.

Puppy B - 2

1st Bonsall's Muggshotts Lovebug

Just 6 months dark brindle puppy, I found out after judging that she is the litter sister of minor puppy winner. A puppy of promise having everything in proportion, beautiful dark eyes, correct ear set and perfect shaped head, good front, neck and in profile gentle roach and tuck up.

2nd McInnes' Mabeaute Makybe Diva

10 and a half month old brindle girl with a nice shape of head with dark eyes, arched neck and good padding. Body slightly long for me. Moved well.

Junior B - 3

1st Westmorland's Aldhammill's Lucie Locket at Gailbulls

14 month pied girl with a balanced head and body with no exaggerations, she moved well with straight front and nice quarters.

2nd Foley's Darclee Miu Miu for Leyenda

14 month old with pretty head and well padded muzzle. Good reach of neck. Body ok but a little flat in topline. Moved ok.

3rd Howarth's Gizyjo Honeymoon

Yearling B - 7

Good class with quality girls in all placings.

1st Timm's Olijah Coming For You JW

18 month old brindle girl who looked a picture, up to size with balanced proportions, no exaggerations. Feminine head with dark eyes and good ears used well. Arched neck flowing into good shoulders, a gentle roach with nice tuck up. Ample muscle development and moved and handled well. Considered her for the RCC.

2nd Hucker's Oschalben Olissa at Bevanray JW

19 month old quality brindle girl with a beautiful head and expression, dark eyes and well used ears. She stood square in front with a deep chest and straight legs and lovely feet. In profile well balanced with a deep chest and ample tuck up, a gentle roach and good rear angulation with well let down hocks. All of this was confirmed by her lovely movement.

3rd Cund's Ch Chelmbull Forget Me Not

Novice B - 5

1st Westmorland's Aldhammill's Lucie Locket at Gailbulls

2nd Kelly's Casemate's Dream Maker

Fawn girl of 16 months, good head and ears, cobby body and good rear angulation.

Would have preferred darker eyes.

3rd Lowe's Kenleap Morar

Graduate B - 3

1st Hendry's Castleallen Rising Star

2 year old pied girl with good proportions, nice head with dark eyes, cobby body with gentle roach. Good mover.

2nd Curran's Cabbrieli's Silver Shadow

3 year old fawn girl with ok head but would have preferred darker eyes. Longer in body than 1st.

Post Graduate B - 2

1st Cox's Princess Warrior Mulan at Halloxwishes

4 year old brindle girl of average size, ok head with dark eyes, ears could have better placement. Body ok and moved ok.

2nd Ross' Franstelgo's No Action

2 and a half year old brindle girl who was larger than 1st. Head is ok with dark eyes but on the day her expression was spoilt by her ear placement. Body ok, reluctant to move so difficult to assess movement.

Limit B - 8

A quality class with all placed dogs being good examples of the breed, easily the best girls class of the day.

1st Roach's Roalice Mega Mouse JW

A powerhouse of a brindle girl, everything you could expect to see when you read the standard, in addition her energy and connection with her owner/handler was emotional to see and experience. The best female class of the day headed by the best female. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to appraise this lovely French Bulldog. BCC & RBIS. Well done.

2nd Krall's Khanin Shine on Jafrak

Another 2 year old girl of quality who pushed hard for 1st. A dark brindle who exudes style. She has a beautiful shaped head, dark eyes and well placed and used ears. She commanded my attention. Good reach of neck into strong shoulders, in profile good roach, tuck up and rear angulation. She moved well and the decision was very close.

3rd Bryant's Archness the Vivacious

Open B - 4

1st Cund's Ch Chelmbull Eternal Flame

Brindle girl who presented a picture both from the front and in profile. She stood square with a lovely classic shaped head, dark eyes and excellent ear placement. Good reach of neck flowed into strong shoulders with a deep chest. In profile a gentle roach and ample tuck up, sound rear angulation with well let down hocks, all of this provided her with the drive going out and back. RBCC

2nd Hogan's Ch Ashstaff Secret Whisper for Baclaudi. JW

Dark brindle girl with excellent qualities throughout. Beautiful dark eyes and ear placement giving a very pleasing look. Gleaming cobby body with deep chest, ample tuck up and showing a gentle roach. Moved effectively.

3rd French's Ch Bincombefarm Serpensortia JW

Veteran B - 2

1st Mavro-Michaelis' Merrima's Imorose Shoebridge

What an honour and privilege to see this young lady today. At the very end of a long day for everyone she shone in the ring. A fawn girl close to 10 years young she has lovely dark eyes and well placed ears. Her body was tight and belied her years. She moved collectedly with her owner/handler. BVB

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