

THE BASSET HOUND CLUB – Breed Championship Show – 7th July, 2018

INTRODUCTION

Many thanks to the organisers and to my steward for making this show such an enjoyable event!

I was delighted by the turnout, as well as by the general quality of the exhibits. Few hounds showed any exaggerated features, and I didn't note any particular skin problems. The conformation of eyelids was also generally better than one sees on the Continent, as well as the ground clearance, which seems to have increased somewhat since I last judged in the UK, an encouraging development since this is important for the breed's hunting ability. Regarding structure, I was struck by the number of hounds with rising top-lines, and insufficient rear angulation, whereas I was rather expecting shoulder conformation and length of upper-arm – which are difficult to achieve in a breeding programme – to be the main concerns. So much for preconceived ideas! Only two exhibits presented any teeth problems, which are also difficult to breed out if they are present in one's bloodlines. Finally, one of the points which I feel breeders should keep in mind is temperament and socialisation: a couple of exhibits exhibited signs of stress, and were voluntarily withdrawn from the competition.

CLASS 11 VETERAN BITCH

No. 5 – CH Switherland Imajean – A substantial, correctly proportioned, well-balanced 7-year old R/W bitch with a pleasing outline. Excellent bone and substance. Feminine head with a slightly open, but sound eye. Correct leathers and scissor bite. Strong arch of neck, inserting smoothly into withers. Sufficient forechest and correct front angulations. Slightly overbuilt in the rear, she could do with a little more angulation behind, and shorter rear pasterns to level out her topline. I would also prefer a little less skirt, but this is a mature bitch, so I did not fault her for this. Shown in top condition, she moved well for her age, with plenty of drive!

CLASS 12 MINOR PUPPY BITCH

No. 31 – Burnvale Hope Diamond -Very promising young black blanket puppy, just 6 months old on the day of the show. Nicely balanced, with a sweet head and expression. Correct scissor bite. Excellent reach of neck, flowing into a level topline. Excellent forechest for her age, and well-angulated in front and rear. Still needs to develop in ribcage, and to drop, as she is a little leggy at the moment. Moved soundly on a loose lead.

No. 24 – Beckshound Bewitched – Much more mature 9.5 months-old puppy. Typy R/W girl with a pleasing head and a slightly more open eye than the previous exhibit. Correct bite. Needs a little more angulation in front, as well as a tad more bend of stifle, which would level her topline. Easy mover.

CLASS 13 PUPPY BITCH

NO. 28 – Diheath Queenie – An attractive R/W bitch, with a lovely feminine head and expression., well set and draped leathers, narrow throughout. Good fore-chest and front angulation. Enough bone for size. Excellent ribcage and depth of body. Good reach of neck inserting smoothly into withers. Slightly soft in topline, and a little overbuilt in the rear: I would prefer a bit more bend of stifle. Moved well from the side, and coming.

NO. 23 – Malrich Paris Carver - A typy dark tricoloured puppy with good bone and substance for her size. Feminine head and expression, but I would prefer a slightly longer and deeper muzzle. Excellent leathers. Good reach of neck and shoulder layback. Correct forechest and ribbing, good depth of body, and ground clearance. Slightly overbuilt in rear, she needs a little more bend of stifle to level her topline. Moved well, with drive.

CLASS 14 JUNIOR BITCH

NO. 27 – Clanwillow Amber Delight for Braemoray – They say that good things come in small packages: this typy little R/W bitch is beautifully balanced, and presents a pleasing outline with sufficient bone for size. Well-proportioned head with a feminine expression, I would have preferred a slightly darker eye. Well-constructed front and rear. Excellent forechest, with a long, well-sprung ribcage. Moved soundly.

NO. 42 – Diheath Bob – a beautiful, mature-looking R/W puppy registered in Junior class, with an appealing, feminine head and expression. Excellent pigmentation. Correct bone, and substance. Elegant arch of neck with correct layback of shoulder. A little heavier in body than my class winner, and very slightly overbuilt in the rear. Prominent forechest and correct ribcage. I would just prefer a little more ground clearance, as well as a trifle more bend of stifle. Nice easy mover with sufficient reach, and excellent drive.

NO. 54 – Switherland Alexis – No notes, sorry

CLASS 15 YEARLING BITCH

NO.41 – Timpetoes Ukulele – A fit-for-function hound, with correct breed type, excellent ground clearance, and a feminine head and expression. Excellent bone and substance. Prominent forechest and good layback of shoulder. Needs a slightly longer upper arm, and more bend of stifle, which would straighten her topline. I would also prefer somewhat better sprung ribs. Moved freely, with sufficient reach and drive.

NO. 30 – Burnvale Wilone Diamond – A typy tricoloured bitch, with a functional structure, and a correctly proportioned head. I would prefer slightly less sunken eyes, and a scissor bite, as well as more bone for her size, and tighter feet. Moved correctly

NO. 22 - White Diamond with Malrich – A R/W bitch with correct type and proportions but a slightly plainer head, and shorter muzzle than her rivals. Moved wide in front, and threw her left rear leg out a little on the move.

CLASS 16 NOVICE BITCH

No. 35 – Burnvale Xtra Edition – A substantial, typy, `mature-looking grizzled tri bitch, with excellent proportions and balance. Excellent bone. Strong head with well-set leathers, narrow throughout. Good reach of neck and shoulder layback but a trifle short in upper arm. Correct topline, but needs more bend of stifle. Correct depth of body carrying a little more skin on her undercarriage, which optically reduces her ground clearance. Nice short rear pasterns which she used to advantage to power around the ring.

CLASS 17 POST-GRADUATE BITCH

No. 1 – Nelgus Cinnamon Spice - A mature, well-balanced tri bitch with excellent proportions, size, and bone, and with a pleasing head and personality. Sufficient forechest and front and rear angulations. Moved well, with good reach and drive.

No. 60 –Buckadoe A Little Bit Topsy.-. Another functional hound with excellent bone, and a pleasing head and expression, although I would have preferred narrower leathers with more curl. Correct in body, with well laid-back shoulders. A bit short in upper arm and needs a little more bend of stifle to level her topline. Excellent bone for size. Moved well.

No. 7 –Sedonia’s Bumblebee at Beckshounds – A compact tricolour bitch with very good breed type, but a little deep in body and close to ground. Excellent bone. Feminine head and expression, good reach of neck and correct shoulder layback. A little short in upper arm. Level topline, and correct quarters. Moved with drive but needs more reach.

CLASS 18 LIMIT BITCH

No. 38 – Drawdell’s Molly Malone at Brushdew - A beautiful, harmoniously constructed broken tri bitch with excellent breed type, as well as a lovely head, feminine expression and correct leathers. Elegant arched neck inserting smoothly into wither and a strong topline, sound front construction with a prominent forechest, and ground clearance. Excellent bone and substance, correct ribbing, and well-knuckled feet. I would have liked slightly more rounded hindquarters. Moved very well and a strong contender for the top spot! Res. CC

No. 53 - Wellsbayview Athena in Springvalley – An attractive R/W bitch with a pleasing, unexaggerated type, and good overall balance. Pleasing feminine head and expression. Not quite as much forechest or ground clearance as my class winner, and slightly overbuilt in the rear, but showed and moved well.

No. 18 – Blackvein Hasty at Bazbourne – A more substantial Black blanket tri with correct type, and bone I would have preferred a little more depth of muzzle, reach of neck, as well as more forechest. Excellent depth of body, but a little closer to ground than the previous contenders. Nicely rounded hindquarters. Moved freely, but could have done with more front reach.

No. 16 –Bromp Miss Velvet at Longmynd – RES.

CLASS 19 OPEN BITCH

No. 59 – Barrenger Harmony – A most attractive, typy R/W bitch with excellent overall balance., and correct bone and substance for her size. Beautiful feminine head with dark eyes, and a most appealing expression, framed by finely draped leathers which just tipped the balance for the CC today. Elegant, strong arch of neck with excellent shoulder layback and correct length of upper arm. Prominent forechest. Well-sprung, deep and long ribcage. Correct ground clearance. I would have preferred just a trifle more bend of stifle, however, she moved soundly in the class today, with excellent reach and drive. Bitch CC. Sadly the heat got to this girl in the final competition for best of breed, and she subsequently lacked the energy she showed in the class.

No. 17 – CH Longmynd Will O’ The Wisp – A typy, unexaggerated back blanket bitch with correct proportions, and a very attractive head, but a trifle straighter in her front construction, and with a shorter upper arm than my class winner. I would have preferred a smoother flow of neck into her level topline. Sound hindquarters with short rear pasterns. Moved with a bit less reach than her class rival, but with good drive,

No. 55 – CH Switherland Smart Cookie – Another well-balanced quality R/W bitch with a pleasing balance and outline. Excellent bone and substance. Prominent forechest. Well-sprung ribs. A little masculine in head, but with excellent leathers, narrow throughout. I would have preferred a firmer topline, and a little more bend of stifle. Just preferred the previous contenders’ style in this strong class.

CLASS 15 BREEDER’S BITCH Absent

BITCH CC: NO. 59 - Barrenger Harmony

RESERVE BITCH CC: NO. 38 - Drawdell’s Molly Malone at Brushdew

BEST PUPPY BITCH : NO. 42 – Diheath Bob, a puppy registered in junior class, who came second in that class, but whom I preferred to her less mature litter sister in the puppy class.

JUDGE Mrs J Beare

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Report on Dog judging

It was an honour to be invited to judge this show, hounds were shown inside due to the ongoing heat wave. Presentation on the whole was very good & the breed must be congratulated on their achievement on being removed from the KC breed watch category 3.

Veteran Dog (1,0)

1st. Ellrich's – Ch. Malrich Sir Ruff Diamond. There is no surprise that I love this dog having given him veteran group 3rd only a few months ago. R/W boy with a stunning masculine head, super eye & expression, the very best of fronts with clean arched neck & good layback of shoulder. He has a firm topline, good tailset & well muscled quarters. He is sound & true & carries his 8½ years lightly. Delighted to award him the RCC & that my co-judge agreed to award him RBIS & BVIS.

Puppy Dog (2,0)

1st. Melbourne & Murray's – Diheath Baldrick. Pleasing head & eye on this 11 month old R/W boy. Super neck & shoulder, good keel, ok front & feet. Lovely topline & hindquarters, he has good depth & spring of rib. He moved soundly with a good stride but carried his tail a little too proudly for my preference. BPD.

2nd. McDowell's – Malrich Red Grant. Lovely head, eye & expression on this red blanket birthday boy. Pleasing forehead & topline, good depth of chest & set on of stern. His well made quarters allowed him to move out well & he was shown in gleaming coat & good condition.

Junior Dog (4,1)

1st. Newman's - Woferlow Han Solo. Tri boy of 15 months, he has a beautiful head, eye & expression, super neck & shoulder, good front & neat feet. He has a level topline, good underline & well made quarters with well let down hocks. Good length & set of stern, he moved soundly with drive.

2nd. Jones' - Qubo Avaleur du Sabre met Clanwillow (Imp Bel). R/W boy with a pleasing head & eye. Good forehead, level topline, good bone & substance & he has good depth & spring of rib. He moved out well with a good stride.

3rd. Malrich Red Grant.

Novice Dog (1,0)

1st. Johnston's - Burnvale Xplorer. R/W boy with a pleasing head & expression, reachy neck into good topline & quarters. Ok front & feet, good set on of stern, he wasn't co-operating with his handler on the move.

Post Graduate Dog (4,0)

1st. Allchorne's - Nelgus Thyme Bomb JW. Tri dog with a beautiful head shape, kind eye & expression & lovely leathers. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulder, pleasing front, good depth of chest & spring of rib. Excellent topline & underline, his quarters are well made & muscled. He moved soundly with drive & was shown in excellent jacket & musculature.

2nd. Melbourne & Murray's - Diheath Wreckless Eric. Heavier type boy with a pleasing head & expression, good front & feet, good depth of chest & he is well ribbed back. Level topline & good underline, he has well made quarters which allowed him to move out well.

3rd. Johnston's - Burnvale George Gently. Finer boy with a pleasing head, ok forehead, good topline & quarters. Moved out well but didn't use his stern.

Limit Dog (1,0)

1st. Newman & Titley's - Buckadoe Tom Collins. Attractively marked tri mottle boy with a pleasing head & expression although I would prefer a darker eye. Good neck, shoulder, front & feet. Excellent topline, good underline, well set on stern & lovely quarters with a good turn of stifle. He has good depth & spring of rib & he moved out soundly all ways.

Open Dog (4,1)

1st Freer's- Ch/ItCh. Switherland Smart Image. R/W boy with an exquisite head & expression. Superb neck & shoulder, good front & feet, level topline & he is well ribbed back to strong loin. Good tailset & carriage of stern, his quarters were so well made & well muscled with a good turn of stifle & well let down hocks. He presented a beautiful picture on the stack & moved soundly out & back with excellent footfall in profile. His coat & conditioning was 1st class & he demanded the CC. I was delighted the referee agreed with me to award him BIS.

2nd. Meier's - Ch. Timpetoes Lewis. Tri boy with a pleasing head & eye, good front & feet, not the neck of my winner. He has an excellent topline, tailset & quarters. Moved out well.

3rd. Williams' - Brompt Brian Smart. R/W boy with a good head & eye. He has a good front, feet, neck, shoulder & topline. Well-made quarters he moved well but not with the verve of my winners.

Breeders Dog (1,0)

1st Armstrong's - Ch. Lauralee Code Red. Blanket tri boy with a lovely head, eye & leathers giving a kind expression. Super neck, shoulder & topline, his tailset was spot on & his quarters were so well made & muscled. He is so sound out & back, moves with great style & footfall in profile. Shown in gleaming coat & hard condition.

Progeny (1,0) – Judged jointly with Jacqueline Beare.

1st Ch. Malrich Sir Ruff Diamond. This lad certainly stamps his mark on his progeny, very typey line up.

SERENA PARKER