

The Basset Hound Club Breed Championship Show

Saturday, 9th November 2019 – The Royal Court Hotel, Coventry

First I want to thank The Basset Hound Club for the kind invitation to judge bitches at the prestigious 65 Years Anniversary championship show. Beautiful Bassets, wonderful hospitality, a great Anniversary dinner Saturday evening, lovely music and great company from all our Basset acquaintances. I love my judges' gift, the lovely jacket with the Basset Club logo and the towels, thank you so much!

I was very, very pleased with most of my entries and I truly enjoyed my judging. I am very keen on soundness in the Bassets and was very happy to see that all entries had sound, well shaped eyes with no problems. None of the entries had too many wrinkles either. Most had just the right amount of wrinkles both in the head, on the body and legs. Most ribcages were correct well rounded. No dogs were excessive low to the ground in body. I did not observe any skin problems/hair loss or dermatitis in the skin folds. Temperaments were generally happy & friendly. In some cases toplines could have been better and on some dogs I would have like to have seen more powerful movement with longer steps and more drive. A few did not want to carry their tails on the move. But in general I was very satisfied with my entry and think that the breed is in a very good state in the UK.

VB (3,1)

1st Newman's CH Woferlow Tinker Bell. 9 years old, still in very good condition, beautiful feminine head & expression, well set ears, long neck, sound and well angulated front, correct length & depth of body, excellent topline & tailset, well angulated behind, sound free movement.

2nd Hirst, Storton & Melbourne's Diheath Marmite at Kejana. 7 years old, strong feminine bitch, lovely head & expression. Good length of neck, well angulated front, deep body. Topline could be straighter. Enough bone. Very good movement.

MPB (7,3)

1st Ellrich's Malrich Bambini Bellini. Attractive black tri puppy girl, well developed for age, beautiful head & expression, well set long ears, well proportioned body, well angulated front & back, moves freely.

2nd Jennings' Culdows Hot Pepper. Very nice feminine head & expression, well set ears, good length of neck, correct length & depth of body, topline could be a bit stronger, well set tail, well angulated front & back, moves well.

3rd Coultas' Kiara Megara van Grunsven. Nice young female, correct feminine head & expression, well set ears, long enough neck, well developed body, still a bit soft in topline, moves freely.

PB (11,4)

1st Armstrong's Lauralee A Kind of Magic. Just 9 months old, very well developed for her age, beautiful feminine head & expression, well set ears of correct length, good length of neck, well angulated front & back, correct body, correct topline & underline with nice skirt, effective smooth parallel movement.

2nd Watkins' Blackvein Enigma. Nice head & expression, well set ears, good length of neck, correct front, well developed strong body, well set tail, nice free movement.

3rd Williams' Sedonia's Dream Tripper at Bonnybassets. Feminine head & expression, well set ears, correct bone & substance, well angulated behind, could be a bit longer in body, moves well.

JB (3,1)

1st Archer's Armadio Chicago Fire in Roamanbay. Beautiful young bitch, lovely head & expression, could be slightly wider in underjaw, well set long soft ears, good length of neck, well angulated front, enough bone for her size, straight topline and well proportioned body, well set tail, well angulated behind, sound free movement.

2nd Culyer-Dawson's Diheath Cola Cube. Nice young bitch, correct feminine head & expression, well set ears, long enough neck, correct body proportions, well set tail and moves well.

YB (4,1)

1st Coultas' Deucecoupe Marquesa. Beautiful, feminine and strong. Nice head & expression, well set ears, long enough neck, well proportioned body, correct topline and tailset, would prefer the tail to be a little longer, free & sound movement.

2nd Pearson's Armadio Im on Fire JW. Well developed and strong bitch, very nice head & expression, well set ears, correct front, long enough neck, well proportioned body with a straight topline and parallel underline, strong bone, could have a bit more power in her movement.

3rd Melbourne & Murray's Diheath The Jean Genie. Very nice head & expression, well set ears, long enough neck, correct front, well developed body, straight topline, well angulated behind, could be a bit more settled in movement.

NB (2,0)

1st Archer's Roamanbay Red Hot Chili Peppa. Strong & well developed bitch, feminine head & expression, well set long ears, enough long neck, correct front,

strong bone, correct topline & underline, good length & depth of body, well set tail but she should carry it higher when moving.

2nd Rowland's Harvidene Cosi Fan Tutte at Castledee. Very feminine expression but the head could be stronger with a bit wider muzzle and wider skull. Well set ears, long enough neck, bone could be stronger, correct length & depth of body, acceptable topline, moves with drive.

PGB (5,2)

1st Robinson's Bushoby A New Moon. Nice feminine bitch, correct head & expression, well set ears, long enough neck, corrects front, well developed body, nice topline & tailset, well angulated behind, free movement.

2nd Williams' Brompt Lola Brown. Strong compact feminine bitch, quite nice expression but the ears could be a bit longer, long enough neck, solid body, nice topline & tailset, well angulated behind, moves well.

3rd Johnston's Burnvale Wilone Diamond. Nice feminine head & expression, fairly long neck, well proportioned body, nice topline & underline, well angulated behind. Movement could be more parallel.

LB (11,1)

1st Williams' Brompt Bertha Brown. A very, very beautiful feminine bitch, everything fits together. She has a most lovely head & expression, well set soft ears of correct length, dark eyes, long enough neck, absolutely correct front, prominent breastbone, well rounded ribs, correct length & depth of body, straight topline, well set and carried tail, well angulated behind, strong bone, movement is free & sound with plenty of drive.

2nd Alchorne's Nelgus Cinnamon Spice. Beautiful feminine well proportioned bitch. Lovely head & expression, well set ears of correct length, long neck, correct front & strong bone, very well proportioned body and well set tail, well angulated behind, moves with excellent drive and reach.

3rd Newman's Sedonia Cristal Rose. Nice feminine strong bitch, correct head & expression, well set ears, enough long neck, strong well developed body of correct length, well set tail, sound & free movement.

OB (11,2)

1st Melbourne & Hudson's CH Diheath Bob. Beautiful strong feminine bitch, very nice head & expression, well set ears, long enough neck, well angulated front, well developed body of correct length & depth, correct topline & tailset, well angulated behind, strong bone, sound free movement with excellent drive.

2nd Blevins' Blevwils Ravishing Rita. Lovely feminine bitch, very elegant. Pleasant head & expression though the skull could be a little more domed, long neck, well angulated front, excellent topline & tailset, correct length & depth of body, would prefer slightly stronger bone, moves free & easy with plenty of drive.

3rd Freer's Switherland Gussaci. Elegant feminine bitch, Nice head & expression, long enough neck, correct topline & tailset, well proportioned body, well angulated behind, sound free movement.

Breeders B (4,2)

1st Blevins' IR CH Blevwils Right Impression. Very lovely elegant bitch, beautiful head & expression, well set ears, long neck, well constructed front, correct topline & tailset, well proportioned body, well angulated behind, enough bone, moves sound & free.

2nd Cartwright's CH Longmynd Will'O The Wisp. Strong feminine bitch, excellent head & expression, well set ears, long enough neck, well angulated front, solid body of correct length & depth, acceptable topline, well angulated behind, could have a little more power in movement.

Bitch CC: William's Brompton Bertha Brown

Reserve Bitch CC: Newman's CH Woferlow Tinkerbelle

Best Puppy Bitch : Armstrong's Lauralee A Kind of Magic

Birte Scheel

Judge